

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend we will be hosting a missionary priest from the Warsaw Province of the Redemptorists. Here in Louisiana we have a significant connection to the Redemptorists as they did much missionary work here, including within our diocese and in New Orleans. Many of you are familiar and have a devotion to Blessed Seelos of the same religious order, and Blessed Seelos cause for sainthood is being pursued out of the Seelos Center in New Orleans. Our guest priest will explain the Redemptorists missionary work and how we can help financially in that mission. This is our yearly missionary appeal for the Universal Church coordinated through our diocese to help spread the gospel and assist in areas of material need. In a way, we're giving back for the assistance we received when we were a fledgling local church and the Redemptorists came to help us. The offertory for the mission appeal will take place at Masses during the weekend of July 23 and 24. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Fr. James Brady

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

Children, don't forget to get your bulletins from Fr. Brady after Mass.

GIFT LIST

- Rose Vestments (Chasuble, 2 Dalmatics, Burse)
Book Binding/Restoration of Historic Sacramental Books
Pew Cards for the New Roman Missal
Framed Print of "The Prodigal Son" for Confessionals (3)
Projector/Projection Screen
Ritual Books for Holy Communion to the sick

Pope Benedict's Intentions for July

GENERAL: That Christians may contribute to alleviating the material and spiritual suffering of AIDS patients, especially in the poorest countries.
MISSION: For the religious who work in mission territories, that they may be witnesses of the joy of the Gospel and living signs of the love of Christ.

Marriage Enrichment

"Our Time Together: A Revitalizing Couples Night, is the theme for our couples date night for those married 10years or less. This 3-evening series will provide you just that: a time together; a time to rest and time to revitalize. There will be candlelight, tablecloths, dinner and a guest speaker who knows how to help couples snatch closeness when it seems near impossible.

Couples date night will be held on September 2, 2011; October 7, 2011 and November 4, 2011.

For more information or to register contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 337-261-5653 or visit the website at www.diola.org.

Stewardship Expressions

Blessed Mother Teresa said, "Jesus offers his lifelong, faithful, and personal friendship, embracing us in tenderness and love." We are called to do the same in our relationships with God and neighbors.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of July 10, 2011

Page 181 in Missalette

Reading I Isaiah 55:10-11
God's word accomplishes its intended purpose.

Psalm 65 "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."

Reading II Romans 8:18-23
All creation eagerly awaits the glory of God.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23
Blessed are those who hear the word of God.

Friends, as the word of God is proclaimed in our midst today, we are called to ask ourselves a question: Do we believe that these words, proclaimed and written thousands of years ago, still have the power to save us, right here and right now? The Lord wants us not only to hear these words; he wants us to understand them. Only then will our hearts be drawn into the power of conversion. Let us be especially attentive to God's transforming word.

Bulletin Bites

"Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and be converted, and I heal them." Mt. 13:1-23

Jesus is quoting to the people a passage from Isaiah in which God is lamenting the hardness of the hearts of the people, despite all the good He has done for them. Jesus had healed the sick and the lame, restored sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf, raised the dead, and taught them by word and example to love God and to love their neighbor as themselves. They marveled at the wonders he had done, but they wondered about that 'love your neighbor' thing. They were intrigued when Jesus did things for people who were complete strangers to him without seeking or accepting a reward from them. But they did not seem to grasp that he expected them to do for others, neighbors and enemies alike, what he had done for them and to use all that God had given to them for themselves and for others. The people in the time of Jesus were apparently no different than the people in the time of Isaiah. Are we any different today? We are supposed to be. The Good News compels us to get to know and imitate Jesus.

Upcoming Retreats: Around the Diocese

Individually directed retreats:

July 14-23; August 1-10; August 22-31; September 6-15; September 19-28. For an application form to register call 337-662-5251, Monday-Friday 8am-noon & 1pm-5pm.

Married Couples

September 9-11 and October 28-30
Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House.
For more information call (337) 662-5410 or visit our website www.ourladyoftheoaks.com

Special Needs Cursillo for Women

Any female who needs a slower pace Cursillo experience is invited to attend on August 4-7, 2011.

Accommodations are provided for the handicap and elderly as well as anyone who requires special attention. Nurses will be on hand to administer medication and to help the needy.

A sponsor who has made Cursillo is required and needs to apply for the candidate who wants to make the weekend. Contact person is Gloria Matte--896-0524

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, July 9 8:00 am Father Brady
Bernard Joubert (BD)

4:00 pm

Jeanette Lalonde; Frank Greco (DA); Noemie F. Greco (DA); James E. Martin; Family of M/M Mentor Richard; Ray Thibodeaux; Joseph D. Marks; Healy Chautin, Mildred Duplechain

Sunday, July 10 8:00 am

Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard; Youle & Theresa Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Maryina T. Courvelle; Brian J. Dendy (Deployment); Bernard Joubert (BD)

10:00 am

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Frank Miller; Vernita Stelly; Ezra (DA) and Velma Martin & Denise Hull; M/M Kossuth Doucet; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; M/M Alton Soileau & Sonny; Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin

5:00 p.m. Msgr. Melancon

St. Landry Church Parishioners, Harold Savoy
Monday, July 11. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Una Moreau

Tuesday, July 12 12:05 pm Father Leger

Clayton & Eula (DA) Soileau

Wednesday, July 13 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.

Thursday, July 14. 12:10 pm Father Leger

Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 15. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

James D." Robi." Robison (BD)

Saturday, July 16 8:00 am Father Leger

Christian M. Miller (BD)

4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon

Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Lois Harmon

Sunday, July 17 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon

Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard; Youle & Theresa Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Rebecca Courvelle (BD); Willard Andrepont, Gertrude A. & Alvin Marks; Amar, Maryina and A.B. Courvelle Sr.; Souls in Purgatory; Eddie DeKerlegand and Olivier & DeKerlegand families; Brian J. Dendy (Deployment)

10:00 am Msgr. Melancon

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Sam and Helen Guillory; Chester, Maius and Myra Rozas; Olivier & Dully Fruge; Nestor & Etha Joubert; Daniel and Louise Lagrange; Frank Miller; Ernie & Steven McKinney; Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin; Brock Manuel

5:00 p.m. Father Leger

St. Landry Church Parishioners; Harold Savoy

**Celebrants subject to change

Confessions, Saturdays 2:30-3:30 p.m.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Regular Collection (\$7,800.40), Maintenance/Repair (\$1,923.34), Bishop's Services Appeal (\$3.00), Opelousas Catholic School (\$1.00), Peter's Pence (\$10.00), Funds for Needy (\$267.00), and TOTAL (\$10,004.74).

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

Second Offertory Collection Today

Catholic Communications

Second Offertory Collection

Week of July 17

Bishops Services Appeal

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Activity. Includes Sunday, July 10 (10:55am Choir Practice For 10:00am Mass), Monday, July 11 (5:30pm Choir Practice for 5pm Mass, 6:15pm Rosary at Fr. LaFleur), and Saturday, July 9 (8:00am Mass in Valentin Hall).

Welcome into our Catholic Family Through the Sacrament of Baptism

Bryce Hoang Huynh
Son of
Dung Thanh and Sharee Darbonne Huynh

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Gervis "BB" Babin, Anna Lee Beadle, Steve Bienvenu, Nita Bordelon, Jerry S. Bouchereau, Gerard Boudreaux, Deacon Eugene Brady, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Leanna Briley, Dr. Dan Buller, Holly Burleigh, June Carriere, Brandon Castille, Nelson "Shorty" Castille, Raylyn Chapman, John Clary, Lou D'Avy, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Harley Doucet, Olivia Doucet, Sophie Doucet, Lane W. Dugas, Vickie Duplechain, Kacey Dupre, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenot, George Gremillion, Craig S. Guillory, Hal Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Larry Hargroder, Margie Hebert, Agnes Kidder, Vanessa Landry, Renella Lavergne, Brittany LeBlanc, Elvie LeBlanc, Marcel & Pat LeBlanc, Norma Jean Leger, Dale Martin, Babs Meriwether Michael, Deacon John & Mrs. Laura Miller, Brandy Monde, Julie Mouton, Lonnie and Cindy Ortego, Gil Ortego, Joyce Ortego, Yvonne F. Pellerin, Ruby Pitre, Helen Richard, Leroy Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Lauren Sebastien, Novella Sebastien, Carrie Soileau, Patrick Steward Jr., Tommy Strange, Mammie Terrebonne, James Touchet, Paul Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Annette Voorhies, Brandy Willingham, Warren Wyble, Mike Young

It is Diocesan policy that to put someone on the Prayer List, you must first have his or her permission.

ENGAGED COUPLES

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend in preparation for your marriage. The next scheduled weekend is July 15-17.

For other dates and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettecee.org OR call 984-7954.

Pray for our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin, Christopher Briley, Brandi Darbonne, Jacob DeKerlegand, Brian James Denty, Dakin Doyle, Clint Duhon, A.J. Korn, Andre Ledoux, Benjamin Pitre, Danny Pitre, Joshua Thomasse, Julian Wiltz, Eric Hart.

Please call the office (942-6552) to add names. All Powerful God, we pray for your continued guidance and blessings on all who serve our country in the military.

Christmas in July

The Apostleship of the Sea ministry is collecting items to make small bags to provide each seafarer at Christmas. This small bag with toiletries, cards, pens, candy, etc. may be the only gift they will receive this year. The center relies on the generosity of the local communities to supply these items.

If you are willing to contribute to this ministry, please bring one or more of the listed items and put it in the box near the doors of the church. The Catholic Daughters will be collecting them every weekend in July.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Item, Item. Includes Toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Razors, Bath Soap, Religious Medals, Hard Candy, Toothbrushes, After Shave, Deodorant, Socks, Prayer Cards, Religious Books, Shampoo, Combs, Wash Cloths, Playing Cards, Pens or Pencils, Puzzle Books.

Married Couples Retreat & Cruise

Join Fr. Neil McNeil & Fr. Jude Halphen on October 22-27 for a 5 day cruise and retreat on Carnival "The Ecstasy" out of New Orleans.

The theme will be "How to Navigate the Waters of Married Life and to make the Most of the Vocation God has given you." Call 337-477-0835 to sign up (Globetrek Travel).

Sanctuary Light Church Chapel. Safety for all travelers. For all priests.

Altar Society. Group II: Pap Roy, Week of July 16, 2011. Group III: Irene Soileau, Week of July 23, 2011.

Welcome into our Catholic Family Through the Sacrament of Baptism. Bryce Hoang Huynh, Son of Dung Thanh and Sharee Darbonne Huynh.