

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend and next weekend I will be out on vacation, which started last week. I will be back for the weekend Masses July 30 and 31, 2011. Thanks to our visiting mission priest, I was able to travel to Philadelphia last weekend to attend the installation of my brother, who is also a priest, as pastor of St. Anne's Church. During my absence, the parish liturgies will be left in the capable hands of Msgr. Melancon and Fr. Leger. We want to thank them for being so generous with their time in covering all the masses for us. They will be assisted by our deacons, deacon candidate, seminarian and staff to make sure everything goes smoothly. Many thanks to them as well. Know that you will remain in my prayers while I'm gone, and I hope to remain in yours. God Bless!

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 10 years 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

Travelers from all parts of the world frequently visit our cities and churches. First impressions of people and places visited are gained often from simple and small acts of thoughtful kindness and conversation. We can find many common bonds in relationships, life experiences, travels, occupations and more as we meet and greet visitors. Be the one (s) to serve as an ambassador of kindness and welcome. Realize the benefits that can be shared in new and varied relationships.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of July 17, 2011

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Reading I Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

God gives repentance for our sins.

Psalm 86 "Lord, you are good and forgiving."

Reading II Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Let the seeds grow together until harvest.

Friends, through the use of parables the Lord Jesus opens our eyes to new understandings about the kingdom of God. As we listen to the scriptures today, let Saint Paul's words to the Romans remind us that the Holy Spirit comes to our aid as we prepare to listen to God's word. Let us welcome the action of the Holy Spirit right here and right now.

Bulletin Bites

"If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until the harvest."

Jesus knew his followers would live in a world that is full of temptations to do evil, to take the easy way out, to take advantage of others, to gain wealth and power. He knew we would be challenged to abandon our efforts to know Him and imitate Him to the best of our ability. Jesus also knew that one of God's greatest gifts to us is free will—the ability to choose between good and evil, to choose between doing right and doing wrong, to choose between being generous and being selfish. But Jesus taught us by word and deed that being his follower—a Christian—is not about feeling good, it is about doing good. It is not about looking right; it is about doing right. It is not about how much we acquire for ourselves, it is about how much we share with others. God creates us in this world with many temptations so we can demonstrate our love for him by seeking to discern His will and choosing to do His will. Our God is an awesome God.

Around the Diocese

Upcoming Retreats:

Individually directed retreats:

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

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group III..... Irene Soileau, Week of July 23, 2011

Group IV..... Sarah Wagley, Week of July 30, 2011

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, July 16 8:00 am Father Leger
Christian M. Miller (BD)

4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon

Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Lois Harmon; M/M Onezime Fontenot & Family; M/M Donate Guillory family & Harrison Fontenot family

Sunday, July 17 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon

Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard; Youle & Theresa Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Rebecca Courville (BD); Willard Andrepont, Gertrude A. & Alvin Marks; Amar, Maryina and A.B. Courville 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

Monday, July 18. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

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

Tuesday, July 19 12:05 pm Father Leger

Dwayne and Mary Joubert (WA)

Wednesday, July 20 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

Grace Fontenot (BD); Lois Harmon

Thursday, July 21. 12:10 pm Father Leger

Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 22. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

Una Moreau

Saturday, July 23 8:00 am Father Leger

Joanne M. Guidroz (BD)

4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon

Jeanette Lalonde; James E. Martin; Velma and Gail Boss; Roy Thibodeaux; Lois Harmon

Sunday, July 24 8:00 am Father Leger

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

10:00 am Father Leger

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Frank Miller; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Irl White; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin

5:00 p.m. Msgr. Melancon

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 (\$5,635.99), Maintenance/Repair (\$645.00), Funds for the Needy (\$38.00), Catholic Communication (\$1,491.24), and TOTAL (\$7,810.23).

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

Second Offertory Collection Today Bishops Services Appeal

Second Offertory Collection Week of July 24 Mission Appeal

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Event. Includes Sunday, July 17 (5:55am Choir Practice), Monday, July 18 (5:30pm Choir Practice, 6:15pm Rosary), Thursday, July 21 (6:00pm Cemetery Tour), and Saturday, July 23 (8:00am Mass).

Recently Celebrated Wedding Vows

Dustin and Nichole Gordon Miller

May the love and trust you enjoy, grow evermore in your lives.

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, Sal Diesi, 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., J.B. Hargroder, 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, Mamie 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. For dates and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayetteceec.org OR call 984-7954.

Pray for our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin, Christopher Briley, Brandi Darbonne, Jacob DeKerlegand, Brian James Dendy, 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 and Item. Lists items like 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.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The St. Landry Catholic Church Pastoral Council elections for 2011 will be held soon. The member term is a 3-year commitment with a meeting once a month, and its purpose is to advise our pastor on issues and events within the church parish.

If you, as a registered parishioner, are interested in being a candidate, please submit your name and a brief summary of your call to church parish involvement. You may drop your information in the collection basket; bring to the church office at Valentin Hall; or contact one of the council members listed on the front of the church bulletin.

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. Restful Summer for Teachers. World Peace. Includes candle icons.

Altar Society. Group III Irene Soileau, Week of July 23, 2011. Group IV Sarah Wagley, Week of July 30, 2011.