

The Pastor's Corner

Just a reminder that the second offertory this week is for the mission appeal made to us the weekend of July 9 and 10, 2011. Funds offered will be sent to the Redemptorist Order for missionary work they perform. This offertory is part of our assistance to the Universal Church in worldwide evangelization. It's good to remember that we are not only a parish church here at St. Landry, but also a part of a local Church, the Diocese of Lafayette headed by Bishop Jarrell, and the Universal Church, with the successor of St. Peter, the Pope, at it's leader. We have obligations to all three levels, and as a parish we have done well in supporting them all.

In that regard, I'm happy to announce that we have exceeded our goal for the Bishop's Services Appeal, which funds should be paid to the poor and vulnerable of the diocese at a level we could not do as a parish (for example, the New Life Center which provide refuge for abused woman and children). Our parish offertory has increased, which has made many more things possible in our parish from a resources standpoint, particularly with our buildings and grounds. Many thanks for your generosity, and I hope we can be as generous for the mission appeal. Take care and 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.

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 it to the church office at Valentin Hall; or contact one of the council members listed on the front of the church bulletin.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

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Reading I 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
 Solomon asks for an understanding heart.

Psalm 119 "Lord, I love your commands."

Reading II Romans 8:28-30
 God predestined us to be conformed to the image of the Son.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52
 The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.

In today's first reading the Lord asks Solomon, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Rather than asking for riches and long life, Solomon humbly asks for an understanding heart. This becomes a real treasure for him. In the Gospel, the kingdom of God is compared to a great treasure buried in a field and a pearl of great price. Let us be attentive to the treasures God shares with us through the proclamation of the living word.

Bulletin Bites

"The kingdom of God is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

What treasure would we go sell all of our possessions to buy? It would seem that such a treasure would have to be more valuable than all of our current possessions. Consider Bill Gates and Warren Buffet. What treasure could possibly be worth more than their billions of dollars? It is something we all want. It is something we all can have. It is something that will last forever. It is eternal life in an intimate relationship with the Almighty and Eternal God who created us. That is the Greatest Treasure. Jesus has already secured it for us. We must be careful not to lose it. We must be aware that everything we have comes from and belongs to God. He wants us to use it for our own benefit and enjoyment, but not to get so attached to anything that we cannot let it go or use it for others. Bill Gates and Warren Buffet both give a major portion of their wealth to provide food, education, housing, clothing and health care for millions of people in need. Do you think they might want the Greatest Treasure? Do we want the Greatest Treasure?

Woman-to-Woman Catholic Conference

As the host of EWTV's *Women of Grace*, Johnnette Benkovic is a leading authority on contemporary issues from Catholic perspective. Through a series of three talks, Benkovic will bring women to an understanding of the unique and important role they play in their family, faith, and society. With compassion and guidance, Mrs. Benkovic helps women recognize that they are the moral leaders of society.

The conference will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the Cajundome Convention Center from 8:00am -4:00pm. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and include lunch. Deadline to purchase tickets is October 8. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** Women of ALL FAITHS are welcome to attend.

For more information or to register, please visit www.catholicwomen-conference.org or call Michelle Roberts at 337-356-6971.

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. Upcoming dates are August 19-21, 2011 and November 4-6, 2011. These are the last two sessions for 2011. For 2012 dates and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettecece.org OR call Jimmy & Tammy Bergeron at 337-706-8880.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon us"

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office is sponsoring a "The Spirit of the Lord is upon us" Conference on July 29-31 at the Immaculata Center. It begins on Friday at 6:30pm with Fr. Tom Dilorenzo, a healing priest from Massachusetts and ends with Mass at 10:45am on Sunday. For more info. Call 256-3773.

On Saturday, July 30th there will be a workshop from 8:30am until 5:00pm. Call Kayla Raffray 337-849-5611 for more information on this subject or email at kayla.ann26@hotmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



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. Courvelle; Brian J. Dendy (Deployment), Wilbert Speyzer; Beatrice "Bea" Boudier

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

Monday, July 25 12:05 pm Father Leger
 Ollie & Buddy Bordelon

Tuesday, July 26 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
 Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, and Allen Jr.

Wednesday, July 27 12:05 pm Father Nunez
 Karla S. Miller (BD)

Thursday, July 28 12:10 pm Father Leger
 Richard Williams, (BD)

Friday, July 29 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
 Ruby Pitre

Saturday, July 30 8:00 am Father Leger
4:00 pm Father Brady

Sunday, July 31 8:00 am Father Brady
 Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard; Youle & Theresa Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Eddie DeKerlegand and Olivier & DeKerlegand families; Maryina T. Courvelle; Brian J. Dandy (Deployment); Marcel LeBlanc

10:00 am Father Brady
 Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marion Smith; Frank Miller; J.Y. & Novella Reed (WA); M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin; Brock Manuel

5:00 p.m. Father Brady
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****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

Regular Collection\$6,390.15
 Maintenance/Repair.....\$60.00
 Bisshop's Services Appeal\$1,077.12
 TOTAL\$7,527.27

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

Second Offertory Collection Today
Mission Appeal

Second Offertory Collection
Week of July 31
Opelousas Catholic Foundation

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).

Religious Ramblers

Two great Religious Rambler trips to close out the year. I hope you'll give strong consideration to join us! Invite others to share the Religious Ramblers experience!!

October 7th-9th—First Friday Mass in Baton Rouge; Oktober Fest in Cullman and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Ala. December 2nd-4th-Dickens on the Strand Festival in Galveston. Bonnie Wyble 942-6940.

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Gervis "BB" Babin, Anna Lee Beadle, Steve Biennu, 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, Garrett Lanclos, Vanessa Landry, Renella Lavergne, Brittany LeBlanc, Elvie 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, Helen Richard, Leroy Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Lauren Sebastien, Novella Sebastien, Patrick Stewart 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.

Pray for our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin, Christopher Briley, Brandi Darbonne, Jacob DeKerlegand, Brian James Dendy, Dakin Doyle, Clint Duhon, . Eric Hart, A.J. Korn, Garrett Ryan Lanclos, Andre Ledoux, Benjamin Pitre, Danny Pitre, Joshua Thomassée, Julian Waltz.

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.

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, July 24	10:55am	Choir Practice For 10:00am Mass
Monday, July 25	5:30pm	Choir Practice for 5pm Mass
	6:15pm	Rosary at Fr. LaFleur
Saturday, July 30	8:00am	Mass in Valentin Hall

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.

Toothpaste	Toothbrushes	Shampoo
Shaving Cream	After Shave	Combs
Razors	Deodorant	Wash Cloths
Bath Soap	Socks	Playing Cards
Religious Medals	Prayer Cards	Pens or Pencils
Hard Candy	Religious Books	Puzzle Books

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.

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

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

Vocation Supper for Young Men

There will a Vocation Supper for Young Men on Wed., Sept. 28 at 6:30pm at Bishop Michael Jarrell's residence. The deadline to register is Sept. 22. Call 337-261-5690 for more information.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....For farmers in the USA
 CHAPELSpecial Intentions

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IV Sarah Wagley, Week of July 30, 2011
Group V Betty LeLeux, Week of August 6, 2011