

The Pastor's Corner

As we have discussed in several of the recent homilies, beginning the First Sunday of Advent of this year (November 27, 2011) we will implement the new translation of the Roman Missal. It is an opportunity for us to renew the spirit of our worship and better understand the parts and movements of the Holy Mass so that we can better understand the depths of God's Love for us in the Holy Eucharist. In order for us to better worship God, we need not only to open our hearts and souls to receive Him, but also must prepare our minds. This preparation and opening of our hearts, souls and minds can help us to fully embrace the beauty and depth of the new translation and improve our community and individual worship at Mass.

Beginning next month the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Lafayette will sponsor workshops to teach about the new translation, preparing our minds so we can open our hearts and souls to God. We are blessed that Msgr. DeRouen, Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Angels here in Opelousas, is a trained liturgist and the Director of Diocese of Lafayette Office of Worship. Through that office, he is offering these workshops in different places in the diocese. One of the workshops will take place here in Opelousas on Saturday, September 10 from 9:30am to 11:30am at the parish hall at Queen of Angels, which is very convenient for us here at St. Landry. All are welcome, and I hope you are able to come that day as we prepare for the implementation of the new translation. If not, there are 3 other dates out of town which are listed in the announcement in this bulletin. All information needed to register is contained there. May God continue to bless you and our parish family.

Fr. James Brady

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

Pope Benedict's Intentions for August

GENERAL: That the World Youth Day taking place in Madrid may encourage all the young people of the world to root and find their lives in Christ.
MISSION: That Christians of the West, docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, may re-encounter the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.

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.

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. November 4-6, 2011 is the last two sessions for 2011. For 2012 dates and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettecee.org OR call Jimmy & Tammy Bergeron at 337-706-8880.

Thank You

Dear Friends of the Bereaved,
 Thank you for the delicious sandwiches and cookies brought to Hal's visitation. They were enjoyed and very much appreciated.
 May God bless and keep all of you close.
 Hal Guillory Family

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

August 28, 2011

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Reading I Jeremiah 20:7-9

God's word has brought me derision.

Psalms 63 "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Reading II Romans 12:1-2

Discern what is the will of God.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Take up the cross and follow the Lord.

Today, the prophet Jeremiah cries out in anguish to the Lord. Even though he has grown weary, he knows that he must speak out again in the name of the Lord. Saint Paul reminds us to discern the will of God for us, what is pleasing and perfect in God's sight. Jesus focuses on what that will is for his disciples and for us: all who follow must be willing to take up the cross. We often find this challenge too difficult to accept. Let today's sacred word give us the strength we need to respond to the Lord's call.

LIFE AWARENESS WEEKEND

Thinking about life as a priest or brother? Come to a Life Awareness Weekend to discern if you are being called to a religious vocation. It is open to single Catholics from ages 17-45. It will be held at St. Charles Center in Moss Bluff, LA, on Sept. 16-18. The fee is \$25.00, but there are scholarship funds available for those who cannot pay. Call 337-261-5690 for more information.

Woman-to-Woman Catholic Conference

As the host of EWTN'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-sconference.org or call Michelle Roberts at 337-356-6971.

Volunteers

The office staff is compiling a list of volunteers to answer the phones and take messages on Friday morning. Generally it will be for the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, from 8:15am to 12:00noon.

If you are interested, please call 942-6552 to submit your name. Thanks.

September Regional Workshop

Introducing the New English Translation of the Mass coming in Advent 2011

Presented by Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen
 Director of the Diocese of Lafayette Office of Worship
EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

All workshops on Saturday mornings
 9:30am - 11:30am

(One evening workshop on September 29th)

Sept. 10 Our Lady Queen of Angels, Opelousas, La.

Sept 17 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Iberia, La.

Sept. 24 Assumption of Blessed Virgin, Mire, La.

Sept. 29 Our Lady of Fatima, Lafayette, La. 6:30pm

Oct. 1 Our Lady of Fatima, Lafayette, La. 9:30am

Please register in advance through your local church parish.
More info call Darlene Savoy at 337-261-5505.

Individually Directed Retreats

The Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau is pleased to offer individually directed retreats on; September 6-15; September 19-28; October 3-12; October 17-26; October 27-November 2.

For a registration form call 337-662-5251 from 8am-noon and 1pm until 5pm

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, Aug 27 8:00 am Father Brady
 Paul Hidalgo

4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon
 James E. Martin; Joseph & Ruby Lalonde; Velma and Gail Boss; Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Cleo and Thelma Aucoin; Hal Guillory; Paul Ronald Hidalgo; Larry Fournier

Sunday, Aug 28 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon
 Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Eddie DeKerlegand and Olivier & DeKerlegand families; Brian J. Dendy (Deployment); Maryina T. Courville; Ruby Pitre; Arthur Fontenot and Eva F. Johnson; Marcel LeBlanc; Joey Prather; John Allen Dupre

10:00 am Father Brady
 Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Frank Miller; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Brock Manuel; Marie Grace Soileau; Elliott Schimpf; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Mamie Terrebonne; Ravis Lavergne

5:00 p.m. Father Brady
 St. Landry Church Parishioners; Perrault-Edwards Family, Harold Savoy

Monday, Aug 29 12:05 pm Father Brady
 Ollie & Buddy Bordelon

Tuesday, Aug 30 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
 Clayton Titard (DA); Eva F. Johnson (BD)

Wednesday, Aug 31 12:05 pm Father Brady
 Una Moreau

Thursday, Sept. 1 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
 Joseph (BD) and Ruby Lalonde; Ann Tuminello (DA); Mayance & Wanda Dupre (WA)

Friday, Sept. 2 12:05 pm Father Brady
 Ruby F. Pitre; Hal & Joan Guillory (WA)

****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	\$6,288.36
Maintenance/Repair	\$66.00
Needy	\$27.00
Opelousas Catholic School	\$1.00
International Disaster	\$1,937.00
TOTAL	\$8,319.36

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Thank you for your generosity!

Special Offertory Collection Today
Opelousas Catholic Foundation

Second Offertory Collection
Week of September 4
St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 28	10:55am	Choir Practice for 10:00am Mass
Monday, August 29	5:30pm	Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass
	6:15pm	Rosary at Fr. LaFleur Monument
Friday, Sept. 2	8:40am	All School Mass
	12:05pm	First Friday Mass
Saturday, Sept. 3	7:45am	Benediction
	8:00am	Mass In Valentin Hall

13th Annual Rosary Congress

St. John Berchman's Catholic Church will begin their 13th Annual Rosary Congress after the 8am Mass on Monday, October 3rd. The Rosary and silent meditations will begin at 9am and continue every hour for 24 hours a day until 7:30am on Friday, October 7th. The closing Mass will be on Friday, October 7th at 8am., followed by a breakfast reception.

We especially encourage youth groups, confirmation students, and religion classes to consider spending time with God during our Youth hour at 5pm every day. For those interested in the French Rosary, it is recited every evening at 6pm.

For additional information contact David or Debra Menard at 337-407-1741.

Memorial Donations

Friends of the Bereaved received a \$25.00 donation in memory of Hal Guillory.

A \$25.00 donation in honor of St. Anthony.

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Gervis "BB" Babin, Anna Lee Beadle, Steve Bienvu, Nita Bordelon, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Leanna Briley, Dr. Dan Buller, Holly Burleigh, Brandon Castille, Nelson "Shorty" Castille, Raylin Chapman, John Clary, Shelton Daigle, Lou D'Avy, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Sal Diesi, Harley Doucet, Olivia Doucet, Sophie Doucet, Lane W. Dugas, Helen Duplichain, Vickie Duplechain, Kacey Dupre, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenot, George Gremillion, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Frances Hargoder, J.B. Hargroder, Margie Hebert, Agnes Kidder, Janet Castille Lanclos, Garrett Lanclos, Vanessa Landry, Norma Jean Leger, Dale Martin, Michael E. McKinney, Babs Meriwether Michael, 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 Sebastian, Novella Sebastian, Patrick Steward Jr., Tommy Strange, James Touchet, Lena Trahan, 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 Thomasse, Julian Wiltz.

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.

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.

Upcoming Retreats:

Individually directed retreats:
 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

OC Corner

Entertainment Books 2012 will be available through the OC Development Office. The purchase price of \$30 can easily be recovered by the money saved through the many discount offers. Call 942-5404 ext. 105 for more information.

The Catholic Schools of Opelousas Alumni Association membership letters have been mailed out to those on the school's database. Please consider a membership in celebration of your Catholic education! If any graduate of AIC, Holy Ghost, or OC did not receive a letter, please call 942-5404 ext. 105.

There will be an "Open House" for parents of students in grades 6-12 on Wednesday at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.
 Please Attend!!

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).

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

St. Landry Catholic Church is offering free adult religious education classes with scripture and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Classes will begin at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. The classes are to be held in Valentin Hall, located behind the church.

Anyone interested in learning about the Church or are interested in becoming a Catholic is welcome.
 For more information call Deacon John W. Miller at 337-942-2911.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHProtection from natural disasters
 CHAPEL.....Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group II..... Pap Roy, Week of September 3, 2011
Group III..... Irene Soileau, Week of September 10, 2011