

The Pastor's Corner

Yesterday morning our very own Dwayne Joubert was installed as an acolyte at the Immaculata Chapel in Lafayette. We congratulate Dwayne and his family as he took this step in his diaconate formation. It is the last formal step in Dwayne's formation prior to his ordination next year as a Deacon. We are very much looking forward to his ordination. It is good to stop and thank God for Dwayne's vocation, to thank Dwayne for responding to God's call, and to thank his family for their willingness to support Dwayne while he has been in formation. The diaconate formation program is challenging and requires a great deal of time and effort on their part. My hope is that we as a parish continue to pray for Dwayne's clear discernment as he enters his final year of formation and that we are blessed with another deacon in August of next year.

This weekend, we also welcome home at the 4pm Vigil Mass, the alumni of the Catholic Schools of Opelousas. It is always a pleasure to have them visit us each year at homecoming and we hope that their visit is enjoyable and brings back fond memories of their days at Holy Ghost, AIC and Opelousas Catholic. We want to thank them for their continued support of Catholic Education through our Catholic Schools!

Fr. James Brady

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

Pope Benedict's Intentions for October

GENERAL: For the terminally ill, that in their sufferings they may be sustained by faith in God and by the love of others. MISSION: That the celebration of World Mission Sunday may increase in the People of God the passion for evangelization and the support of missionary activity through prayer and economic aid for the poorest Churches.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

A Journey to Healing for Anyone Hurting After Abortion

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is an opportunity for any man, woman, couple, grandparent or sibling who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. This weekend retreat provides participants the opportunity and space to enter the grieving process; identify effects the abortion has had and release deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt that frequently accompany an abortion experience. This unique retreat process is designed specifically to help retreatants experience the gentleness, mercy and compassion of Jesus as they walk the journey from pain to forgiveness.

Participants re-connect on a spiritual level with the children who have been aborted and give them honor and dignity through many special exercises as well as in a memorial service. Those who journey through their grief allow God to transform their experience into one that brings hope, liberation and peace.

When: November 4-6 Friday, 6:00pm—Sunday, 3:00pm Pre-registration is required.

For more information and/or to register, call Karol or Trista at 261-5607.

Bishop's Services Appeal

Each one of us is called through our common Baptism, to be a light to the world and to do our share in implementing the victory Jesus won on the cross.

While we cannot always be the one to comfort the grieving, bring hope to the socially oppressed, teach the young and reach out to those in need, we can --through our generosity--ensure that our Diocesan Church is strong and vibrant so that it is able to meet the needs of so many in the year ahead.

The Bishop's Services Appeal provides the financial lifeblood for a broad range of ministries, apostolates and outreach programs... Your generous gift can and will make a difference to the least among us.

Your generous gifts in His name will give praise to the Heavenly Father and make you a co-worker in his sanctifying and redemptive works.

Please respond to Bishop Jarrell's letter, by using a pledge envelope found here in church, by giving on www.diolaf.org (click on online giving) or call 337-2615641. Thank you.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

October 16, 2011

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Reading I Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

We are to worship God alone, The God who calls us by name.

Psalms 96 "Give the Lord glory and honor."

Reading II 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

We have received the gospel not only in word, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Today, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God is the Lord, and that there is no other. Saint Paul draws our attention to the fact that we are loved by the God who chose us in Christ. In the Gospel, as Jesus argues with the Pharisees, he readily admits that there are other priorities in life, like paying taxes, but it is God who should be "number one" in our attitudes and actions. As we listen to the rich words of today's scriptures, let us ask God to strengthen us in our resolve to follow Christ with all our hearts.

RCIA

The RCIA class for this week will be held on Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30pm in Valentin Hall.

This week we will be discussing what we mean by the Communion of Saints, also Heaven, Hell and Purgatory.

Catholics who have not been confirmed; Catholics wishing to learn more about their Faith and anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism and/or joining the Catholic Church are invited to join these classes.

For more information contact Deacon John Miller at 942-2911.

"Voices from the Past"

St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery Tours

Travel back in time to a place where the voices from our past will give you a reflection of times gone by. The one hour tour of St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery gives one a perspective of how our past has shaped our present and reflects into the future generations of community.

The St. Landry Catholic Church Parish and Opelousas Little Theatre are pleased to bring this reenactment for your enjoyment of the Civil War time. Tours are \$10 per person, will be limited to groups of 15 (wear walking shoes), conducted hourly, are not handicapped accessible and young children under 10 years of age are not suitable (because of safety).

The Saturday tours are October 15th at 6, 7 & 8pm. And the Sunday tours are on October 16th at 2 & 3 pm.

For more information call 942-8318.

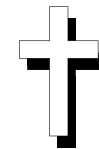
Cemetery Blessings

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Location. Saturday, October 29 5:30pm Myrtle Grove; Sunday, October 30 2:00pm Bellevue Memorial; Tuesday, November 1 4:30pm St. Landry Cemetery

Thank You

Friends of the Bereaved, Thanks for honoring our dad with a Mass intention. Through all the love, prayers and support from friends like you, our healing has begun. Love, The Doucet Family

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, Oct. 15. 8:00 am Father Brady

4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon

James E. Martin (BD); Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally; Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Hal Guillory; Larry J. Fournier; Georgia P. Guidry

Sunday, Oct. 16. 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon

Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard; Youle & Therese Fontenet; Martin J. St.Amand; Eddie DeKerlegand and Olivier & DeKerlegand families; Maryina T. Courvelle; Arthur Fontenet and Eva F. Johnson; Marcel LeBlanc

10:00 am Father Brady

Wilfred, Annette, Richard, and Marian Smith; Daniel and Louise Lagrange; Novella F. Reed (DA); M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Frank Miller; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Irl White; Charles Roy (Choo Choo) Doucet

5:00 p.m. Father Brady

St. Landry Church Parishioners; Harold Savoy

Monday, Oct. 17. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

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Wednesday, Oct. 19. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

Anthony Fontenet (BD); Aimee Guidroz (BD)

Thursday, Oct. 20. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

Friday, Oct. 21. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

Joan Brady (BD)

Saturday, Oct. 22. 8:00 am Father Brady

4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon

Velma and Gail Boss; Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Georgia P. Guidry

Sunday, Oct. 23. 8:00 am Father Brady

Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard; Youle and Therese Fontenet; Martin J. St.Amand; Willard Andrepont and Gertrude A. & Alvin Marks; Amar, Maryina and A.B.Courvelle Sr.; Souls in Purgatory; Arthur Fontenet and Eva F. Johnson; Marcel LeBlanc; Ernest Meche

10:00 am Father Brady

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Brock Manuel; Frank Miller

5:00 p.m. Msgr. Melancon

St. Landry Church Parishioners; Marie Grace Soileau; 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, Amount. Regular Collection \$7,497.34; Maintenance/Repair \$380.00; Assistance to Poor \$250.00; Bishop's Services Appeal \$30.00; Opelousas Catholic School \$10.00; TOTAL \$8,167.34

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Second Offertory Collection Today

World Mission Sunday

Second Offertory Collection

Week of October 23

Opelousas Catholic Foundation

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Table with 2 columns: Date/Time, Activity. Saturday, Oct. 15 6, 7, & 8pm Cemetery Tours; Sunday, Oct. 16 10:55am Choir Practice for 10am Mass; 2 & 3pm Cemetery Tours; Monday, Oct. 17 5:30pm Choir Practice for 5pm Mass; 5:30pm CDA Rosary at Grotto; 6:15pm Rosary at Fr. LaFleur Monument; Tuesday, Oct. 18 6:30pm RCIA; Friday, Oct. 21 8:40am Elem. Living Rosary/Gym; Saturday, Oct. 22 8:00am Mass in Valentin Hall

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Registration is now open for First Penance; First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please come by the office during business hours and bring a copy of the child's Baptism record. For more information, call 942-6552. Classes will begin in January.

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Gervis "BB" Babin, Anna Lee Beadle, Steve Bienvenu, Nita Bordelon, Keith Borne, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Leanna Briley, Dr. Dan Buller, Holly Burleigh, Brandon Castille, Nelson "Shorty" Castille, Raylyn Chapman, John Clary, Shelton Daigle, Thom Daly, Lou D'Avy, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Becky F. Diesi, Harley Doucet, Olivia Doucet, Sophie Doucet, Lane W. Dugas, Helen Duplichain, Vickie Duplechain, Kacey Dupre, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenet, George Gremillion, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Frances Hargoder, J.B. Hargroder, Margie Hebert, Agnes Kidder, Janet Castille Lanolos, Garrett Lanolos, Vanessa Landry, Norma Jean Leger, Pat LeBlanc, Jean Leger, Theresa Mallet, Dale Martin, Michael E. McKinney, Laura Miller, Brandy Monde, Julie Mouton, Lonnie and Cindy Ortego, Gil Ortego, Joyce Ortego, Marty Ortego, Yvonne F. Pellerin, Helen Richard, Leroy Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Lauren Sebastien, Novella Sebastien, Patrick Steward Jr., Thomas Stoute, Tommy Strange, James Touchet, Lena Trahan, Paul Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Annette Voorhies, Brandy Willingham, Warren Wylie, 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; Jacob DeKerlegand; Brian James Dendy; Dakin Doyle; Clint Duhon; Eric Hart; A.J. Korn; Garrett Ryan Lanolos; 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.

OC Corner

Fans are encouraged to attend the OC-False River Academy game on Thursday night to cheer on the Vikings! It is "Senior Night" for the athletes and their parents. The winner of the \$10,000 raffle will also be drawn and announced that night.

OC is blessed in having such a large number of alumni attending Homecoming.....thanks everyone!!

Congratulations to the 2011 Grand Marshall of the parade, Mrs. Jill Artall and to the Court members, Alexis Ardoin, Elizabeth Bragg, Jasmine Berzas, Talliyah Biagas, N'Kendra Kimble, Kathryn McKissick, Emily Noel, Victoria Peck and Peyton Taylor.

Around the Diocese

Individually directed retreats October 27-November 2. Please call the Jesuit Spirituality Center at 662-5251 for more information.

Thursday, October 20 Loss After Loss The Complexities of Grief in Later Life

As we age, we face multiple losses which impact us with each single event as well as through the effect of multiple losses itself. Losses may include the death of a spouse of many years, increasing loneliness as friends and family die, health issues, financial limits, loss of energy and/or loss of residence. The Center for Loss and Transition is pleased to announce that on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 10:00am in the Hospice of Acadiana Conference Center, Dr. Sarah Brabant will speak about some of these losses, the impact of multiple loss and ways older persons can acknowledge and facilitate grief in later life.

Thursday, October 20 The national Director of the Marian Movement of Priest will be at Queen of Angels at 7pm, to conduct a Cenacle of Prayer. For more info. call Carmella @ 942-4129.

Sunday, October 23 Life Chain @ Lafayette Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. 1:30pm to 3:30pm on West Congress in front of Cajun Field.

Wednesday, October 26 Vocation supper for young Women at 6:30pm at Bishop Jarrell's Residence. Deadline to register is 20 October.

Saturday, October 29 11th Annual Diocesan Campaign Against Poverty Workshop. 8:30 am registration with program from 9:00am until 2:00pm. For more information Call 261-5545.

SANCTUARY LIGHT CHURCH.....All priests on retreat, especially our Pastor. CHAPEL.....Faithful Departed

ALTAR SOCIETY Group II..... Pap Roy, Week of October 22, 2011 Group III..... Becky Reed, Week of October 29, 2011