

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend has been designated as the follow up weekend for the Bishop's Services Appeal ("BSA"). The Bishop is sending a letter to those of us who have not responded to the first mailing. If you have not received a letter from the Bishop regarding the BSA, please give the office a call so that we can make sure our census information is up to date. Pledge/donation envelopes will be placed in the pews this weekend for your convenience. Also, if you prefer, the Diocese has a secure online giving link at www.diola.org. The BSA supports many programs in the Diocese of Lafayette that provide services to St. Landry Church and our parishioners that we, as a single parish, do not have the resources to provide. I want to thank all of you for having supported the BSA in the past in such a generous manner!

The Opelousas Catholic workday took place this weekend. The Freshmen Class worked Saturday morning under the direction of Deacon Diesi and helped to spruce up the grounds. Many thanks to the students who participated and the faculty and staff at Opelousas Catholic.

Finally, I will be out of town next weekend for a short break before we begin the Advent Season. Many thanks to Msgr. Melancon for making this possible by his willingness to: fill-in". Of course, please keep me in your prayers, and be assured you will remain in mine!

Fr. James Brady

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

Pope Benedict's Intentions for November

GENERAL: For the Eastern Churches, that their venerable tradition may be known and appreciated as a spiritual treasure for the entire Church.

MISSION: That the African continent may find in Christ the strength to fulfill the path of reconciliation and justice, indicated in the second Synod of Bishops for Africa.

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.

Bishop's Services Appeal

Many in the Diocese have responded generously to the Bishop's Services Appeal. This as enabled:

- Poorer parishes to remain open.
- The Diocese to provide sacraments and maintain a Catholic presence in faith communities.
- Children from all walks of life to receive Catholic teachings in a Christ centered environment.
- Chaplains to care for the ill, the elderly, the lonely, the dying, the grieving and those in prison.
- Family life to be strengthened and the young to be kept active and engaged in the faith.
- Elderly priests to be able to enjoy a peaceful and dignified retirement.
- Our seminarians to be well educated to effectively serve and minister in parishes and other apostolates.

These are but a few examples of how your generous Pledges will be placed in the service of Jesus Christ.

The parish goal is to have every family participate to the best of their ability. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to respond we ask that you do so now. Please respond to Bishop Jarrell's letter, by using a pledge envelop found here in Church, by giving online @ www.diola.org (click on "online giving") or call 337-261-5641. Thank You!

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

November 13, 2011

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Reading I Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
The value of a worthy woman is beyond measure.

Psalms 128 "Blessed are those who fear the Lord."

Reading II 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
The parables of the talents.

While we await the coming of the Lord we are entrusted with responsibilities according to our gifts. We are the bride of Christ, and our bridegroom desires that we be as the worthy wife found in the book of proverbs, a woman who reaches out her hands to the poor and extends herself to the needy. In today's Gospel we find a master who entrusts his servants with various responsibilities. Not all the servants prove to be worthy of that trust. Let us pray that we may be found to be good and faithful servants on the day of the Lord.

RCIA

The RCIA class for this week will be held on Tuesday, November 15t 6:30pm in Valentin Hall.

This week we will be discussing the six commandments of the Church and how they affect our daily lives.

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.

**MINISTRY OUTREACH
EVANGELIZATION**

If you feel that you are being called to do something a little extra to aid in bringing those fallen away Catholics back to the Church, please join us this Saturday, Nov. 19, for a faith-filled morning of joy and happiness by bringing the light of Christ to our community. We will begin our Outreach Saturday with a Mass at 8:00am, then coffee and donuts. At approximately 9:00am we will begin with a short meditation and instruction on Outreach. At 9:30am we will break into groups with maps and handouts in hand, and then hit the neighborhood until noon when we return to Valentin Hall for sharing and closing prayer. God bless, Deacon Sammy Diesi.

Around the Diocese

Now through Nov. 30

Cathedral Museum Exhibit
An extensive exhibit of Historical Artifacts of our Catholic Faith is currently being held at the Cathedral Museum in Lafayette. This collection of artifacts includes many antique rosaries that are 100 years old and antique reliquary items; mainly from Italy and Western Europe. There is also a permanent venue for area Catholic Religious Artists to exhibit their work. Currently there are also Religious Icons.
Hours are M-Th. 9-12 & 1-4 and Fri. 9-12. Call 232-1322 for more information.

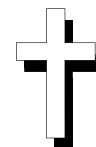
Nov. 16

Holiday Self-Care
The holidays can add stress for those who are grieving; join us for ideas on caring for oneself during this demanding time.
Wednesday, November 16 at 6pm at Hospice of Acadiana Conference Center at 2600 Johnston St. Lafayette.

Nov. 20

Dine Around
Join us for a monthly social outing w/ others who have lost loved ones. This month we will meet at Olive Gardens. Pre registration is required. Call Molly Vincent at 251-1614 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, Nov 12. 8:00 am **Father Brady**

4:00 pm **Msgr. Melancon**
Family of Hugh & Lula Bihm; Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Georgia P. Guidry; Kurt Cormier (DA); Elvin & Ena (DA) Ortego

Sunday, Nov. 13. 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon
Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St.Amand; Willard Andrepont, Gertrude A. and Alvin Marks; Amar Courvelle; Maryina and A.B.Courvelle Sr.; Souls In Purgatory; Eddie DeKerlegand and Olivier & DeKerlegand families; Arthur Fontenot and Eva F. Johnson; Marcel LeBlanc

10:00 am Father Brady
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Souls In Purgatory; Vernita Stelly; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Frank Miller; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Anna Nhiem Pham Do; Sal Diesi Sr.; Charles Roy and Geraldine P. Doucet; D. Ortego

5:00 p.m. Father Brady
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Harold Savoy

Monday, Nov. 14. 12:05 pm Father Brady

Tuesday, Nov. 15. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Tricia Guidroz (BD); Euna McGill (DA)

Wednesday, Nov. 16. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Joe Bono (DA)

Thursday, Nov. 10 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Willis Ashford

Friday, Nov. 18 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Alvin J. Fontenot & Family; Edna Gaspard (BD)

Saturday, Nov 19 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon

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James E. Martin; Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Lois Harmon; Marcel LeBlanc; Larry J. Fournier; Georgia P. Guidry; Sal Diesi Sr.

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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	\$8,583.30
Maintenance/Repair.....	\$2,507.05
Endowment Fund	\$400.00
Assistance to Poor.....	\$183.00
Opelousas Catholic Foundation	\$1.00
World Mission Sunday	\$1.00
TOTAL.....	\$11,675.40

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

No Second Offertory Collection Today

Second Offertory Collection
Week of November 20
Campaign for Human Development

Pray for our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin; Christopher Briley; Jacob DeKerlegand; Hunter Dubuc; Brian James Dendy; Dakin Doyle; Clint Duhon; Eric Hart; A.J. Korn; Garrett Ryan Lanclous; Andre Ledoux; Benjamin Pitre; Danny Pitre; Trevor Reilly; Zach Reilly; 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.

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Bobby Aymond, Gervis "BB" Babin, Dennis Bahr, 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, Cathy Dupre, Bessie Durio, Roy (Bubba) Elder, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, J. Bernel Fontenot, Linda and Terry Fontenot, George Gremillion, Jackie Sharp Griffin, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Angela Hargroder, Frances Hargoder, Joy Harms, Margie Hebert, Agnes Kidder, Janet Castille Lanclous, Garrett Lanclous, Olivia Lanclous, 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, 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.

OC Corner

Congratulations to the elementary "Christian Students of the First Quarter": Evan Landreneau, Alexis LaFleur, Kade Bidstrup, John Schwartzburg, Jacques Vidrine, Brady Hernandez, Camron Harvey, Gabe Tett, Mary Collins, Lora Charles, Alyssa Chachere, and Kaitlyn Jason.

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 12	8:00am	Workday at St. Landry for OC Students
Sunday, Nov. 13	10:55am	Choir Practice for 10am Mass
Mon. Nov. 14	5:30pm	Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass
	6:00pm	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (New) in Church
	6:15pm	Rosary at Fr. LaFleur Monument
	6:30pm	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (Current) in Church
Tuesday, Nov. 15	6:30pm	RCIA
Thursday, Nov. 16	8:40am	All School Harvest Mass
Saturday, Nov. 19	8:00am	Mass in Valentin Hall

SHOPPE D'NOEL

Shope D'Noel serves nursing home residents with the experience of holiday shopping, and is coordinated by the Opelousas Sunrise Rotary organization.

This event is made possible from community donations of new and gently used items. Suggested donated items are lotions, figurines, fashion pins, ties, scarves, children's toys, books, picture frames, etc. **NOTE: No candles or candleholders.** Gift wrapping paper and tape are great helpers for wrapping the gifts at the gift wrapping tables.

Donations are accepted at the following locations: Valentin Hall; Roy Motors; Tricia's Shear Textures; Grolee Elem. School. Boxes are available in the foyers.
Call Yvonne L. Normand at 337-308-3474 for more information.

DOLL AND TOY FUND

The Catholic Daughters of America are sponsoring the Doll & Toy Fund again this Christmas. New toys are given to needy children in the Opelousas area.

Monetary donations, payable to "Doll & Toy Fund", should be mailed to: Doll & Toy Fund c/o Janis Courvelle, 1826 Edwards St., Opelousas, La. 70570.

New, unwrapped toys may be brought to Valentin Hall from 8:45am until 11:50am and 1:15pm until 3:45pm., Monday through Thursday. On Friday only until 11:50am.

THE SPIRIT OF LOVE PREVAILS AT CHRISTMAS.

Please support this worthy cause to help children have a MERRY CHRISTMAS morning. Call 789-0971 for info.

SANCTUARY LIGHT
CHURCH...A safe & restful vacation for Fr. Brady
CHAPEL.....For all Veterans

ALTAR SOCIETY
Group VI... Norma Hargroder, Week of November 19, 2011
Group VII Gwen Fruge, Week of November 26, 2011