

**The Pastor's Corner**

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, the end of the Church's liturgical year. This celebration is a reminder to us that Jesus can help us to overcome any problem we might have if we let Him reign in our lives. The primary goal of our life here on earth is to live with God in eternity in the next life. No matter what the circumstances in our lives here on earth, we always have the Hope of eternal life in heaven, and nothing on earth has the power to take that away from us if we always allow Christ to be our King. Today we celebrate this gift God has given to us, and we renew our motivation to live a life on earth worthy of the eternal life God has promised. Let us make our prayer that all of us will continue to grow closer to God in the coming year.

As I will be out of town this weekend, and Thanksgiving is this Thursday, please know of my prayers and wishes that you have a "Happy Thanksgiving" and enjoy the blessings God has given all of us over the last year!

*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.

**Come Home for Christmas**

As Advent approaches, we celebrate the coming of Jesus. During this particular season of the Liturgical Year, we are reminded of our family and friends who have drifted away from the church.

Once again, the Diocese of Lafayette will be sponsoring their annual "Come Home for Christmas Campaign." We want our brothers and sisters to return home to be with their spiritual family.

We encourage you to participate in your parish program by submitting to the office (in a sealed envelope) the name of a special friend or family members that you would like to invite to Come Home for Christmas. Please submit the names and addresses by December 5th.

**Mass for Survivors of Violence**

Violence hits all communities, all income and age groups, and it also tests our faith. We have a responsibility to respond. Acadiana has had its share of violence, domestic abuse, serial killings, stabbings and the list goes on.

Please help us reach out to those individuals and families who have experienced the pain and hurt of losing a loved one through a violent act. The Catholic community cannot ignore the moral and human costs of so much violence in our midst.

A special Mass for survivors of violence will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 2:00pm at the Immaculata Chapel, 1408 Carmel Dr. in Lafayette.

Bishop Jarrell will be the celebrant of the Mass with a reception to follow. Grief counselors will be available at the reception for consultation and referral should the need arise.

**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 Courville, 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.

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

November 20, 2011

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**Reading I** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
The shepherd-king seeks the lost and heals the injured.

**Psalm 23** "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

**Reading II** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
Christ our king has conquered death.

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46  
The Lord will come in glory to separate one from another.

The image of the shepherd is at the same time comforting and challenging, for the shepherd gently tends the sheep but must also judge between one sheep and another. As the word of God is proclaimed today, let us pray that we will heed the words of the Good Shepherd and care for those who are in need.

**RCIA**

The RCIA class for this week will be held on Tuesday, November 22th @ 6:30pm in Valentin Hall.

This week we will be discussing what the Sacraments are and the graces they give us. Also Baptism and Confirmation as well as the new translation will be explained.

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.

**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.

**THANKSGIVING**

Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving. We will have Mass at 9am as a community. Last year it was heartening to see so many make time on a busy secular holiday to come thank God for the blessings we have received over the last year. I hope that as many of us who are able will come for Mass and begin Thanksgiving Day at the 9am Mass! For those of you who are traveling know of our prayers for you for a safe trip!

Thanksgiving is also a time of charity towards those who may not be as fortunate as some of us are. Traditionally, we have collected an offering for ICON at Thanksgiving and on Ash Wednesday. ICON provides food and other necessities for the poor. We will continue to have these offerings for ICON.

In addition, over the last few months, the Parish Advisory Board (Parish Council) has been considering reaching out to our local community to help those in need. The board unanimously agreed that since we are doing better financially, as a Church community, we should also help financially, institutions that help those in need. The board chose three additional charities that we intend to support as a parish in addition to ICON. Namely, these three institutions are The Lighthouse Mission for Men and the New Life Center for Women, which help men and women, respectively, to get back on their feet in a way consistent with human dignity, and The Boys/Girls Club, which helps children that may not have stable family environments by providing a safe environment for their recreation and learning. Please also support these groups by your prayer as well, as they work to institute the Gospel mandate of Jesus to help the poor.

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Group VII** ..... Gwen Fruge, Week of November 26, 2011

**Group I**..... Lois Joubert, Week of December 3, 2011

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT**



Saturday, Nov 19. .... 8:00 am **Msgr. Melancon**

4:00 pm **Msgr. Melancon**  
James E. Martin; Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Lois LeBlanc Harmon; Marcel; Larry J. Fournier; Georgia P. Guidry; Sal Diesi Sr.

Sunday, Nov. 20. .... 8:00 am **Msgr. Melancon**  
Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Evelyn Arnaud; Maryina T. Courville; Arthur Fontenot and Eva F. Johnson; Marcel LeBlanc

10:00 am ..... **Msgr. Melancon**  
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Daniel & Louise Lagrange; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Frank Miller; Anna Nhiem Pham Do; Charles Roy & Geraldine Doucet; Joseph Lastrapes; Edwin & Marvin Broussard; Rose Lormand

5:00 p.m. .... **Msgr. Melancon**  
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Marie Grace Soileau; Harold Savoy

Monday, Nov. 21. .... 12:05 pm **Msgr. Melancon**

Tuesday, Nov. 22. .... 12:05 pm **Msgr. Melancon**  
Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.

Wednesday, Nov. 23. .... 12:05 pm **Father Brady**

Thursday, Nov. 24. .... 9:00 am **Father Brady**

Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard; M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr., and Jacob; Vern Marie Guidroz (BD); Eddie DeKerlegand and Olivier & DeKerlegand families; Clayton & Mary Titard; Lloyd, Evelyn & Carolyn Arnaud and Hilary Dupre; Marcel LeBlanc; Jerry Chauvin, Doris & R.J. Phillips; Helen & Priscilla Kleinpeter; Gladys and Curley Hidalgo Jr.; Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Steve & Ronnie Ardoin and the Rider family; Kurt Cormier; Sal Diesi Sr.; Clyde Pitre; Harry Hebert; Ruby Pitre; Elvin and Ena Ortego; James & Callie Palmer

Friday, Nov. 25. .... 12:05 pm **Father Brady**

Saturday, Nov 26. .... 8:00 am **Father Brady**

4:00 pm **Father Brady**  
Terry Dupre (DA); James E. Martin; Wilfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally; Velma & Gail Boss; Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Georgia P. Guidry; Annabel Moran Eckman

Sunday, Nov. 27. .... 8:00 am **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 .....\$5,696.95  
Maintenance/Repair.....\$440.00  
Assistance to Poor.....\$35.00  
Flowers for Christmas.....\$200.00  
TOTAL .....\$6,361.95

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Every Gift Comes From Above.*



**Second Offertory Collection Today**  
**Campaign for Human Development**

**Second Offertory Collection**  
**Week of November 27**  
**Opelousas Catholic Foundation Fund**

**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 Lanclos; 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, Bobby Bourgeois, 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, 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 Lanclos, Garrett Lanclos, Olivia Lanclos, Norma Jean Leger, Pat LeBlanc, Jean Leger, Theresa Mallet, Dale Martin, Michael E. McKinney, Gloria Miller, Laura Miller, Brandy Monde, Julie Mouton, Lonnie and Cindy Ortego, Gil Ortego, Joyce Ortego, Marty Ortego, Yvonne F. Pellerin, Carl Pitre, 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 senior scholar athletes N'Kendra Kimble and Ben Fincham who are OCS nominees for the Wendy's High School Heisman Awards. This honor is based on their academic and athletic achievements along with their outstanding character and leadership qualities.

OCS invites prospective families to a special Open House on Nov. 30th at 5:30pm to learn more about a quality Catholic education in 2012-2013.

May all friends of Opelousas Catholic have a special Thanksgiving filled with the love of family!

**REMINDERS OF THE WEEK**

Sunday, Nov. 20	10:55am	Choir Practice for 10am Mass
Mon. Nov. 21	5:30pm	Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass
	6:15pm	Rosary at Fr.LaFleur Monument
Tuesday, Nov. 22	6:30pm	RCIA
Wednesday, Nov. 23	NOON	OFFICE CLOSED
	1:00pm	Staff & Volunteer Luncheon
Thursday, Nov.24	9:00am	Thanksgiving Mass
		OFFICE CLOSED
		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!
Friday, Nov. 25		OFFICE CLOSED
	12:05pm	Noon Mass
Saturday, Nov. 26	8:00am	Mass in Valentin Hall

**SHOPPE D'NOEL**

Shoppe 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 (until Friday, Dec. 2 at 11:45am); Roy Motors; Tricia's Shear Textures; Grolee Elem. School. Boxes are available in the foyer. Call Yvonne L. Normand at 337-308-3474 for more information.

**Recently Celebrated Marriage Vows**

Brian Thomas and Natalie Nicole Fontenot Stout

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

**Returned to Christ Through Death**

The St. Landry Church Parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the family of:

**Loretta Wheaton Hargroder**

O Lord, grant to those who have died the joy of your presence, and us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

CHURCH .....Thanksgiving for all our blessings

CHAPEL .....Christian Unity

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