



MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Bobby Aymond, Gervis "BB" Babin, Dennis Bahr, Anna Lee Beadle, Roberta Bernard, Steve Biennu, Nita Bordonel, 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. Djesi, 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 Fontenet, Linda and Terry Fontenet, George Gremillion, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Angela Hargroder, Frances Hargoder, Joy Harms, Margie Hebert, Agnes Kidder, Janet Castille Lanclos, Garrett Lanclos, Olivia Lanclos, George LeBlanc & Family, Norma Jean Leger, J.C. LeJeune, 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

The OC Piano Masters program will hold their Christmas Recital at Prompt Succor Nursing Home on Monday, Dec. 5th at 3:30pm.

An all-school mass will be held on Thursday in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 8:40am in St. Landry Catholic Church.

Congratulations to OC fifth grader, Maddie Braham, who will be performing in "The Nutcracker" ballet in Lafayette!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 4	10:55am	Choir Practice for 10am Mass
Mon. Dec. 5	5:30pm	Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass
	6:15pm	Rosary at Fr.LaFleur Monument
Tuesday, Dec. 6	6:30pm	RCIA
Wednesday, Dec. 7	5:30pm	Anticipated Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
	6:30pm	Parish Council Christmas Social
Thursday Dec. 08		FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
	8:40am	All School Mass
	12:05pm	Noon Mass
	5:30pm	Evening Mass
	6:30pm	Altar Society Christmas Social
	7:00pm	KC Meeting
Saturday, Dec. 10	8:00am	Mass in Valentin Hall

Thank You St. Landry Church Bereavement Committee

Thank you for the wonderful food you sent for J. L. Sebastien family and friends.
We appreciate your thoughts and kindness.
Love, Karen, Norma and family

Around the Diocese

An Advent Day of Prayer for Women to be presented by Father Jerry Mesley on Monday, December 5th from 8:00am - 3:30pm. The cost is \$25.00 and will be held at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau. Please call 662-5410 for more information.

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; Andrea Ledoux; Benjamin Pitre; Danny Pitre; Trevor Reilly; Zach Reilly; Joshua Thomassee; 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.

Returned to Christ through Death

The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of:
J.L.Sebastien; Earl Armand; Robert Nicholson Sr.

Lord, grant that we may hold dear the memory of your servant, never bitter for what we have lost nor in regret of the past, but always in hope of the eternal kingdom where you will bring us together again. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

Safe Environment Presentation
1st communion students and parents

When: Tuesday, December 6, 2011 - Time: 6:00 pm
Where: Valentin Hall

Saturday, Dec 3 8:00 am Father Brady

4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon
Ronnie J. Vidrine; M/M Robert Going Sr.; James E. Martin; Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Larry J. Fournier; Georgia P. Guidry; Sal Diesi Sr.; Annabel Moran Eckman

Sunday, Dec. 4 8:00 am Father Brady
Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard; M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr., and Jacob; Youle & Therese Fontenet; Martin J. St. Amand; Maryina T. Courvelle; Arthur Fontenet and Eva F. Johnson; Marcel LeBlanc; Jessie Mae Dupre;; Sarah Joubert (BD); Jeanne-Marie Boullion (BD)

10:00 am Father Brady
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; M/M Alton Soileau & Sonny; Frank Miller; Jerry Chauvin, Doris and R.J. Philippe; Helen and Priscilla Klempeter; Gladys and Curby Hidalgo Jr.; Charles Roy and Geraldine Doucet

5:00 p.m. Msgr. Melancon
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Harold Savoy; Loretta Hargroder; Joseph Bernard Crofton Jr.

Monday, Dec. 5 12:05 pm Father Brady
Una Moreau

Tuesday, Dec. 6 12:05 pm Father Jaison
Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr

Wednesday, Dec. 7 12:05 pm Father Brady
Willard Andrepont (BD)

5:30 p.m. Father Brady
Mary R. Joubert (BD)

Thursday, Dec. 8 8:40 am Fr. Brady
All School Mass

12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard; Joseph & Ruby Lalonde; Evelyn & Bob Batton; Marcel LeBlanc; Sal Diesi Sr.; Ezra (BD) & Velma Martin and Denise Hull (BD)

5:30 p.m. Father Brady
Marie Grace Soileau; Joseph Bernard Crofton Jr.

Friday, Dec. 9 12:05 pm Father Brady
Una Moreau; Inez L. Mott (DA); Lester (BD) and Judy LeJeune

Saturday, Dec. 10 8:00 am Msgr Melancon
Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Georgia P. Guidry; Sal Diesi Sr.; Annabel Moran Eckman, Earl Armand

Sunday, Dec. 11 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 Marion Smith; Vernita Stelly; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Frank Miller; Jerry Chauvin, Doris and R. J. Philippe; Helen and Priscilla Klempeter; Gladys and Curby Hidalgo Jr.; Charles Roy and Geraldine Doucet

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

****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	\$5,760.60
Maintenance/Repair.....	\$315.00
Assistance to Poor.....	\$21.00
Flowers for Christmas.....	\$1,098.00
Opelousas Catholic Foundation	\$767.40
Endowment.....	\$400.00
ICON	767.40
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$8,931.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Second Offertory Collection Today
St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund

Second Offertory Collection
Week of December 11, 2011
Retired Religious Fund

THANK YOU!

Dear Fr. Brady and Friends of the Bereaved,
Thank you so much for the special Mass in honor of my mother, Cecile DelBuono.
Thanks for being so kind and being there in our time of need.
Sincerely,
Dianne D. DeJean and Jack DelBuono Jr.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

December 4, 2011

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Reading I Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Psalms 85 "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
We await new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
Make straight the paths of the Lord.

Today's Collect has just invited us to "learn heavenly wisdom," and the scriptures present Advent's serious message, in Isaiah's prophetic call to reshape our lives, in Peter's ominous reminder of the world's end, and in John the Baptist's stark summons to repentance. At the same time, though, "the Lord makes the glory of his voice heard in the joy of our hearts," in Isaiah's picture of God as a caring shepherd gently carrying us home, in Peter's reminder of God's patience and desire for the salvation of all people, and in John the Baptist's promise of the gifts that will be given to us by the One who comes after him.

RCIA

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

This week we will be viewing a video of "The Father's Gift" by Scott Hahn. This video speaks of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Very interesting. A "must see"!

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.

Advent 2011 Penance Services
North Region

"Be watchful! Be Alert! You do not know when the time will come."

Church: St. Charles Borromeo (Grand Coteau)
Date: Tuesday, Dec. 6 Time: 7:00pm

Church: Holy Ghost (Opelousas)
Date: Tuesday, Dec. 13 Time: 6:00pm

Church: St. Joseph (Plaisance)
Date: Thursday, Dec. 15 Time: 6:20pm

Church: Our Lady Queen of Angels (City-wide)
Date: Monday, Dec. 19 Time: 6:00pm

Church: St. Thomas More (Eunice) Tri-Parish
Date: Monday, Dec. 19 Time: 6:00pm

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.

NOTE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS DEC. 14!!!

The Pastor's Corner

As we move into the Second Week of Advent, the theme of the Gospel moves from being vigilant and alert for the coming of Christ. This vigilance is both in the sense of our preparation for our judgment, and hopefully our ultimate communion with Him in Heaven at the end of our life here on earth, and in the sense of being vigilant in our current relationship with Christ here on earth, by practicing our faith and growing in virtue.

This week, however, the movement of our heart should be one of repentance and seeking the forgiveness of our sins, as preached by John the Baptist in preparation of the coming of Christ. In that regard, we as Catholics are privileged to have the Sacrament of Confession (also referred to as the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance). During Advent, in preparation for receiving the Grace God wants to give us in Jesus' Incarnation at Christmas, Sacramental Confession is highly recommended. Besides the opportunity for Sacramental Confession in each of our four parishes in Opelousas at their regularly scheduled time, there will be a special city wide Penance Service at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 6pm. Besides the pastors of each of the parishes in Opelousas, there will be outside confessors available. The experience of God's Mercy in Sacramental Confession is something we should regularly desire and seek, especially during this season of Advent.

Many thanks to all who donated goods and money over Thanksgiving for those who are in need. The outpouring was generous, so please know of the appreciation of those who will be helped during the holiday season.

Fr. James Brady

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

Pope Benedict's Intentions for December

GENERAL: That the nations of the earth, through knowledge and mutual respect. May grow in harmony and peace.

MISSION: That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that their dignity may always be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

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.

Living Rosary

The Junior Catholic Daughters will have a living Rosary on Sunday, December 11, following the 5:00pm Mass.
Any child wishing to participate may call Mary Joubert at 594-8408.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....Denise Hull
CHAPEL.....Ezra Martin

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group II..... Pap Roy, Week of December 10, 2011
Group III..... Becky Reed Week of December 17, 2011