

The Pastor's Corner

Please mark your calendars for the evenings of Sunday, January 29, Monday, January 30, Tuesday, January 31 and Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Opelousas Catholic School and St. Landry Church, in conjunction with the national celebration of Catholic Schools Wee, are pleased to co-sponsor a mission those evenings given by John Angotti, who is nationally known for his music and evangelization. All of the Catholic Community of Opelousas is invited those evenings for worship, music and the presentation of the mission. The theme of the mission is "Believe, Belong, Make a Difference." This mission has been given in other cities in our diocese and should appeal to the young and the "more mature". On Sunday, January 29, the celebration of National Catholic Schools Week will kick off at the regular 5pm Mass here at St. Landry, and music for the liturgy will be provided by John Angotti and the Opelousas Catholic choir. On Monday and Tuesday, the mission will take place in St. Landry Church beginning with Mass at 6:30pm followed by the mission presentation at 7pm. On Wednesday, the mission will be held at the Opelousas Catholic gymnasium, beginning at 6:30pm with Mass, followed by the mission and a concert. I hope all of you are able to attend the mission and we look forward to welcoming Mr. Angotti and receiving the message he brings to us!!

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.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

December 24, 2011 Saturday, 8:00 a.m. in Valentin Chapel (Regular Weekday Mass)

Children's Christmas Vigil Mass

4:00pm Saturday, Christmas Eve

Instructions for children bringing gifts:

Please process in with Father Brady, before Mass begins. Meet at the inside entrance of the church at least 5 minutes before Mass to line up and process into church.

Please bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child. As you come into the altar area, bow before the altar and place your gift where shown, and then return to the pew with your family.

Christmas Vigil Mass

6:00pm Saturday

Christmas Day

9:00am Sunday

This is the only Mass on Christmas Day

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND

December 31, 2011

Saturday, 8:00am in Valentin Chapel (reg. weekday mass)

4:00pm Anticipated Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 1, 2012

Feast of Mary, Mother of God 8AM; 10AM; 5PM

Advent 2011 Penance Services

North Region

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

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

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

December 18, 2011

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Reading I 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

The kingdom of David shall endure for Ever before the Lord."

Psalm 89 "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Reading II Romans 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

About a thousand years before Jesus' birth, God responded to King David's desire to build the Lord an earthly house by promising that God would build a "house" for David, meaning a family and a kingdom that would forever endure. God's history-changing promise to the mighty King David was fulfilled in humble Virgin Mary, whose "yes" to God's mysterious plan forever changed human history. Paul reminds us of this truly amazing and unforeseen good news: God's saving plan, once thought restricted to the Chosen People of Israel, is, in Mary's child, open now to all peoples and nations without exception--even to us.

RCIA

The RCIA class for this week will be held on Tuesday, December 20 at 6:30pm in Valentin Hall.

This week we will be viewing Scott Hahn's Conversion Story. 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.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the American Bank and Trust Company for providing our parish calendars. They have been doing this for many years. Please remember to thank them whenever you can. The calendars are available at all doors of the church.

Mary, the Mediatrix of Advent Hope

As we wait, we remember...From our earliest days we were taught to honor Mary, the Mother of God, and to follow her example, her "yes" to the Angel's message from God the Father. As a community of faith, each year we recall the Advent and Christmas scenes that celebrate the wonders of God's great gift of Himself to us. We share in the profound hope of the Prophet Isaiah speaking on behalf of God's chosen people, and the entire human race, who longed for the coming of the Messiah. On that day a shoot shall sprout from Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.....Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted."

For us Mary was—and still is—the embodiment of Advent hope. She stands with us as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord. She speaks for us when she accepts the divine call to be a steward of God's love, one who receives gratefully, and nurtures and shares generously, all the gifts that she has received from a good and gracious God.

Let's use this Advent season wisely, as Mary would. Let's be open and attentive to God's Word. When He comes—in our prayer, in the Holy Eucharist, in our services to others and in many other hidden and unexpected ways—let's say "yes" to Him as Mary did. And let's share Him generously with others as faithful disciples and evangelists.

And when times are tough because of family illness, unemployment, emotional difficulties or problems at work, let's look to Mary our Advocate, Helper, Benefactress and Mediatrix. Mary, our mother in the order of grace, shows us the way to Jesus. She assures us that He will come again. She gives us hope.

O Mother of Holy Hope, pray for us this Advent season and help us to be faithful stewards of God's grace. Help us to wait patiently, and with joy in our hearts, for your son's return. May we do God's will always. AMEN.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT

Saturday, Dec 17. 8:00 am Father Brady

Good Samaritan

4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon

James E. Martin; Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Larry J. Fournier; Georgia P. Guidry; Annabel Moran Eckman

Sunday, Dec. 18. 8:00 am Father Brady

Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard; Youle and Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; A.B. Courville Sr. (DA); Arthur Fontenot and Eva F. Johnson; Marcel LeBlanc, Hal Guillory

10:00 am Father Brady

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Frank Miller; Jerry Chauvin; Doris and R.J. Philippe; Helen and Priscilla Kleinpeter; Gladys and Curby Hidalgo Jr.; Thomas Huckaby Sr. (BD); Sal Diesi Sr.; Charles Roy and Geraldine Doucet

5:00 p.m. Msgr. Melancon

St. Landry Church Parishioners; Marie Grace Soileau; Harold Savoy

Monday, Dec. 19 12:05 pm Father Brady

Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.; Loretta Hargroder

Tuesday, Dec. 20. 12:05 pm Msgr Melancon

Charles Roy Doucet

Wednesday, Dec. 21. 12:05 pm Father Brady

Lee (DA), Vivian and Kristie Artigue

Thursday, Dec. 22 12:05 am Msgr. Melancon

Alphonse Huckaby (BD)

Friday, Dec. 23 12:05 pm Father Brady

Joseph Lastrapes

Saturday, Dec. 24 8:00 am Father Brady

MASSSES FOR CHRISTMAS WEEKEND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

****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

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Your Stewardship To God

Feast of the Immaculate Concept\$945.00
Regular Collection\$5,702.87
Maintenance/Repair.....\$335.00
Flowers for Christmas.....\$95.00
Assist the Poor of the Parish.....\$21.00
Retirement for the Religious.....\$1,579.91
TOTAL\$8,677.91



Thank you for your generosity!

No Second Offertory Collection Today

Second Offertory Collection

Week of December 25, 2011

Opelousas Catholic Foundation

MANY THANKS!!!

The bake sale last week was a great success, and the youth group was able to raise all the funds needed for them to be able to make the trip to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated, and very much exhibits our support for the dignity of all human life. Please keep the group in your prayers for safe travel and a fruitful trip to our nations capitol!! Thanks again, FR. BRADY

FIRST TIME EVER

Catholic Ads are airing nationally on Prime-time TV, beginning December 16. Pray and spread the word by sharing the following link with all the Catholics you know:
www.CatholisComeHome.org/Advent

Flowers for Christmas

Donations for Poinsettias; trees and decorations are currently being accepted in the Church office in Valentin Hall. These monetary donations may be made in memory of someone or in Thanksgiving for answered prayers. The plants are averaging \$25.00 this year, but we will gladly accept however much you are able to give.

Thank you for helping to make your church look more beautiful during this Holy, Christmas season.

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, Roberta Bernard, 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, Thom Daly, Lou D'Avy, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Harley Doucet, Olivia Doucet, Sophie Doucet, Lane W. Dugas, Vickie Duplechain, Bessie Durio, Roy (Bubba) Elder, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, J. Bernel Fontenot, Linda and Terry Fontenot, George Gremillion, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Joy Harms, Margie Hebert, Agnes Kidder, Brittany LeBlanc, George LeBlanc & Family, Olivia LeBlanc, Pat LeBlanc, Theresa Mallet, Dale Martin, George Meche & Fly., 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, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Lauren Sebastian, Novella Sebastian, Emmadine Soileau, Patrick Steward Jr., Thomas Stoute, Yola Stoute, James Touchet, Lena Trahan, 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 OC Senior Samantha Darbonne who was voted 2nd place in the "Best School Mascot" poll for all Acadiana-area schools.

The Development Office has a few Entertainment books remaining for sale which would make great Christmas gifts. Call 942-5404 ext. 105.

OC students and staff will dismiss for Christmas break at noon on Wednesday and will return for classes on January 4th, 2012.

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 18th 10:55am Choir Practice for 10am Mass

Monday December 19th HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEACON MILLER

5:30pm Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass

6:15pm Rosary at Fr.LaFleur Monument

6:30pm ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE AT

QUEEN OF ANGELS

Tuesday, December 20th 6:30pm RCIA

Wed., December 21st 8:40am All School Mass

Friday, December 23rd OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 24th 8:00am Mass in Valentin Hall

Around the Diocese

Slammin' vs. Running Revs:

6th Annual Basketball Game on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 6:30pm. This year the game is sponsored by KC Council 1173 and hosted by Opelousas Catholic School.

There will be door prizes, an auction and raffles; and the KC's are asking your help by providing items. The funds raised will be used for Religious Vocations in the Diocese.

For more information call Charlie Roy at 337-942-9701.

Admission will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children (ages 5-18). Children under 5 years are admitted free of charge.

A Day of Recollection for those interested in

The Consecrated Life

What is the Consecrated Life? How do I know I'm called? What are the kinds of Consecrated Life?

For High School and College Age men and women on December 21, from 9am -3pm, at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St. Martinville.

Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information call Fr. Michael Champagne at 337-394-6550.

Walk In the Footsteps of Jesus

Join Acadiana area pilgrims on a journey of a lifetime as we walk in the FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS and His Apostles, February 9-18, 2012! Accompanied by a very knowledgeable, multi-lingual, and experienced Catholic pilgrimage guide. This experience is sure to be an opportunity to renew and appreciate your faith in preparation for Lent.

Spiritual Director is Fr. Michael Delcambre. For more information, call 337-291-1933.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHMost Blessed Christmas St. Landry Parishioners

CHAPEL.....God Filled New Year St. Landry Parishioners

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IV..... Sarah Wagley Week of December 24, 2011

Group V..... Betty LeLeux Week of December 31, 2011