

The Pastor's Corner

Last week at Christmas, we thanked God for his Love of us in sending His Son to live among us, by which He gained for us our salvation. Hopefully, our focus last week was one of appreciation of God's Love, and that His Love for us will prompt us to return the favor by turning away from our sins, following His commands, and entering into a prayerful relationship with Him. As we end the Christmas octave, our focus shifts to the celebration of Our Blessed Mother, another gift God has given to us. In our Blessed Mother, we see the gift of humanity to itself, that is, she is a gift to us, and we are all called to be gifts to each other by being a light in the world carrying Jesus' peace to each other, just as she did.

In that regard, I want to thank all of you for your kindness to me over the past year, and especially during this Christmas Season. Your generosity to me is quite humbling and is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, there are too many of you to thank individually for all that has been done, so please accept this note of appreciation. I am very blessed to be your pastor, and I thank God for allowing me to be so. Please continue to pray for me, and I will continue to pray for you. May you have a blessed 2012!

Fr. James Brady

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

Pope Benedict's Intentions for January

General: That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

Mission: That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Holy Spirit Praise Rally:

Saturday, Jan. 14, with Fr. Hampton Davis of Our lady of Peace in Lafayette.

Registration begins at 9:30am in Fusilier Hall at Immaculata Center. The day will consist of a Mass and 2 sessions with Fr. Hampton.

Registration fee is \$5.00 and lunch is on your own. Call the Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office at 337-265-3773 for more information.

Bus to Baton Rouge March for Life

Acadiana Right to Life is chartering a CALCO/HOTARD bus to go to the La. Life March in Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 21, 2012.

The bus will be at the La. AVENUE MALL, near I-10 for pickup at 8am. The return to Lafayette will be no later than 2:30pm.

Cost is \$12.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Contact Suzanne Tierney @ 235-4327 or Jackie Richard @ 981-1596 for more information.

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!

Points of interest include Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Gethsemane, Mount of the Beatitudes; Jordan River; Mediterranean Sea; Mount Tabor; Cana and Jerusalem.

The group will be 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.

Space is limited. For more information call 337-291-1933.

FLOWER DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF

\$25.00 Ervin & Marcylee Thibodeaux and Louis & Regina Burleigh
\$25.00 Dr. Robert "Cotton" Purser

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

January 1, 2012

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Reading I Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Psalm 67 "May God bless us in his mercy."

Reading II Galatians 4:4-7

We, too, are the sons and daughters of God.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Mary reflected on all these things in her heart.

On this newest day in history, one of scripture's most ancient blessings is invoked upon God's covenant people--and, because God's salvation in Jesus is for all people--on all nations of the world as well. In that world, in this New Year, we are called to bear special witness, for as Paul reminds us, in Christ we are God's adopted sons and daughters. Therefore, as God's word is proclaimed, let us, like Mary, reflect in our hearts on the Christmas mystery we have celebrated. Like the shepherds, let us share with others the good news of God's enduring peace revealed in Jesus.

New Diaconate Class

The Diocese of Lafayette is planning to form a new diaconate class and is currently making plans for it. Interviews will occur early next year at the diocese.

If you are interested in the diaconate program, please call Fr. Brady to make an appointment for an initial interview here at St. Landry so he can provide you more information.

Thanks
Father Brady

**John Paul the Great Academy
Annual Veritas Lecture and Gala Dinner**

Renowned nationwide for his commitment to Catholic education, Archbishop Harry J. Flynn was Bishop of Lafayette from 1989 to 1994. His address will engage one of the most important questions of our age: How can Catholic schools positively impact the secular world around them? Based on his 50 plus years of service as priest and bishop, Archbishop Flynn's insight will inspire all to serve the common good.

The evening will also feature celebrity emcee Raymond Arroyo, host of EWTN's The World Over and one of the most influential laymen in the Church today. To highlight the importance of what Archbishop Flynn and Raymond Arroyo discuss the evening will conclude with a brief showcase of students' musical talents, as well as with a commentary by Dr. Kevin Roberts, founder of the Academy.

Friday, February 10, 2012 at the Cajundome Convention Center.

Tickets \$59.00 per person until January 15th and \$79.00 thereafter.

For ticket information visit www.JPGAcademy.org or call 337-889-5346.

Recently Celebrated Marriage Vows

**Zachary and Danielle LaJack Liner
And
Ryan and Mallie LaFleur Brignac**

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

Prayer for Cancer Patients

Mighty God, Send your loving angels to those whose lives are affected by cancer.

Give them strength. Give them faith. Give them hope. Help them to realize that wherever this road may lead them, it will be less difficult in the company of those they love.

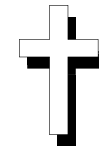
May they never forget that each day is a precious gift from you. Amen

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VI..... Norma Hargroder Week of January 7, 2012

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MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, Dec 31..... 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon

4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon

Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Georgia P. Guidry; Kurt Cormier; Sal Diesi Jr.; Una Moreau; James E. Martin; Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Steve & Ronnie Ardoin and the Rider family; Hal Guillory; Ernest Meche; Beverly Faul; Theresa (DA) & Eli Speyrer; Raymus, Mary & Beedy Herpin and Geraldine Bellard Herpin; Hoffman family; Claiborne Ryder; Armand & Jeanne Bellard; Special Intention; Wayne Dupre; Terry Dupre; Frank Noemie and Jimmy Greco

Sunday, Jan. 1..... 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon

Lloyd, Evelyn & Carolyn Arnaud and Hilary Dupre; Arthur Fontenot and Eve F. Johnson; Marcel LeBlanc; M/M John FaKouri, John Jr., and Jacob; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Richard LeBlanc (BD); Martin J. St. Amand; Earl & Frances Mistrot; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; M/M Jules Gaspard & Marilyn DeCuir; Harry & Frank Dubord

10:00 am Father Brady

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; M/M Alton Soileau and Sonny; Charles Roy & Geraldine Doucet; Elvin & Ena Ortego; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Irl White; Earl & Frances Mistrot; James & Callie Palmer; Clement Net Sr.; Alma DeJean and Hester Richard; Sal.Sr., Marie and Frank Diesi; Marie and Martin Roy

5:00 p.m. Father Brady

St. Landry Church Parishioners; Earl & Frances Mistrot; Harold Savoy, Mary Grace Soileau

Monday, Jan. 2..... 12:05 pm Father Brady

Sal Sr., Marie and Frank Diesi; Donald St. Amand (BD)

Tuesday, Jan. 3..... 12:05 pm Father Jaison

Byron Fournier (BD)

Wednesday, Jan. 4..... 12:05 pm Father Brady

Lilly G. Hollier (BD)

Thursday, Jan. 5..... 12:05 am Father Brady

Charles Roy Doucet; Arthur Fontenot (DA)

Friday, Jan. 6..... 12:05 pm Father Brady

Joseph Lastrapes

Saturday, Jan. 7..... 8:00 am Father Brady

4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon

Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Georgia P. Guidry; Larry Fournier; Wayne Dupre (DA); Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally; Ronnie J. Vidrine; Hal Guillory; Beverly Faul; Agnes Stoute; Wayne Dupre (DA)

Sunday, Jan. 8..... 8:00 am Father Brady

Marcel LeBlanc; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot

10:00 am Father Brady

Margaret V. Martin; Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Sal Diesi Sr.; Charles Roy and Geraldine Doucet; Joseph Lastrapes; Ezra & Velma (DA) Martin and Denise Hull; Lilly G. Hollier (DA)

5:00 p.m. Msgr. Melancon

St. Landry Church Parishioners; 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

Regular Collection.....	\$7,475.62
Maintenance/Repair.....	\$75.00
Opelousas Catholic.....	\$1,107.32
Christmas.....	\$2,204.00
TOTAL	\$10,861.94

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Second Offertory Collection Today
St. Landry Parish Maintenance Fund**

**No Second Offertory Collection
Week of January 8, 2012**

OC Corner

Congratulations to the students participating in the Accelerated Reading program!! Top readers in junior high for the second nine-week period are Alexander Cravins, Kaitlyn Semien, and Samantha Dupre. In 9th grade, the two receiving the most points were Tiffani Smith and O.D.Tomlinson

Friends and families in the community are reminded to continue to collect the UPC labels on Community Coffee products and Campbell's labels as well as General Mills box tops. Please forward them to OC to help Catholic education. Opelousas Catholic wishes all a Happy and Holy New Year!

**Welcome into the Catholic Family through
The Sacrament of Baptism**

**Caleb Joseph Barron
Son of
Allen James & Lori Ann St. Cyr Barron**

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 Lanclos, Dottie Lavergne, Olivia LeBlanc, Pat LeBlanc, Theresa Mallet, Dale Martin, Georgie Meche & family, 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 Sebastien, Novella Sebastien, Emmadine Soileau, Patrick Stewart 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.

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; 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.

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.CatholicComeHome.org/Advent

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Monday, Jan. 2	OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday, Jan. 3	6:30pm	RCIA
Wednesday, Jan.4	6:30pm	Parish Council
Friday, Jan. 6	7:00am	First Friday Adoration begins
Saturday, Jan. 7	7:45am 8:00am	Benediction Mass in Valentin Chapel

Attention Confirmation Students

The introduction class for confirmation will be held on Sunday evening January 15, 2012 at 6:15 pm.
A parent is required to attend the class with the student.
A Safe-environment presentation will be held on that evening.

Returned to Christ Through Death

The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of:

**Anna Lee Matte Stanford
And
Mildred Bertrand Lally**

Lord, grant that we may hold dear the memory of your servants, 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

Do Ordinary Things with Extraordinary LOVE!

"Love never gives up and its faith, hope and patience never fail."
Say Frequently:
I know me. I accept me
I love me. I forgive me.
God lives within me.
Spend 30 minutes a day in silence with eyes closed doing nothing.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHPrayer and peace filled year
CHAPELA blessed New Year for all
St. Landry Parishioners

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