

The Pastor's Corner

Next weekend, we will mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the federal Supreme Court Decision that required states to legalize abortion. Ever since then, for some 40 years, the Catholic Church has been in the forefront of the movement to overturn the decision. More importantly, though, our Church has been in the forefront of trying to change the minds and hearts of individuals and our society about abortion. We do this in several ways, not the least of which is to publicly protest the injustice of abortion. In that regard, I will be traveling to Washington, D.C. next weekend to participate in the Pro-Life rally with seniors from Opelousas Catholic, and will be out of the parish next Sunday and most of the following week. The rally is the longest sustained annual civil rights protest in our nation. On a local level, we can all participate in the Opelousas March for Life next Saturday, January 21, at 10am beginning at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church. Participation in this local march is little enough for us to do to raise awareness of abortion and make sure it never becomes the "status quo" in our society. I look forward to seeing you there.

On a more personal level, and in Christian charity, we all have a duty to help those who participate or have participated in abortion to see the immorality of the act, be they the mothers, the fathers, the doctors or the nurses. We should not be afraid to voice the right thing to do and try to persuade the hearts and minds of those who participate or have participated in abortion. Additionally, we have a duty to help those who have participated in abortion to heal, especially on a spiritual level, as no sin is greater than God's mercy. Project Rachael is a program designed for men and woman who have participated in abortion to provide healing of the wound left by the abortion. If you know of anyone who might benefit from this program, please inform them of the program's availability so that they, who oftentimes are also victims of abortion, might begin the healing process. For information, they can call our office, or can contact the Diocese of Lafayette.

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.

RCIA

The RCIA class for this week will be held on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30pm in Valentin Hall.

This week the class will be discussing Contrition, Confession and how to make a good confession.

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.

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, Fr. Brady

Evangelization

For the past two months our Saturday Outreach has been meeting on the third Saturday of the month but because this coming weekend is the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade abortion law and we have our annual Pro-Life march from Our Lady Queen of Angels; we are moving Outreach to the first Saturday for all future months beginning in February. Please join us at Our Lady Queen of Angels, Saturday, January 21 to support the Church's position on the protection of all life, especially the unborn.

May God bless you! Deacon Sammy Diesi

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

January 15, 2012

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Reading I I Samuel 3:3b-10, Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Psalms 40 "Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will."

Reading II 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Your bodies are members of Christ.

Gospel: John 1:35-42 They saw where he was staying and they stayed with him.

On this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel continues to center on the manifestation of the Lord, which we celebrated last Sunday on Epiphany. From the Old Testament, we hear the call of Samuel, and with him say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Then Paul reminds us that our call to discipleship makes us members of Christ' Body and temples of the Holy Spirit. Finally, from the disciples who leave John the Baptist to follow Jesus, we learn that being a disciple means not only staying with Jesus ourselves, but leading others to meet him as well.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Pro-Life Prayer Service:

All are welcome to St. Pius X Catholic Church in Lafayette on Wednesday, January 18th, at 6:30pm, for a prayer service and a Pro-Life rosary. Father Steve LeBlanc will be the leader.

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

Come Follow Me Retreat

Priesthood Discernment from Friday evening to Sunday morning, (February 3-5, 2012) at the Bishop Tracy Center in Baton Rouge, La.

The deadline to register is January 27, 2012. This is for young men 16 years old or older. This is a time to ask questions, reflect and pull everything together.

There is no charge for the Weekend and transportation to and from the retreat is provided.

For more information contact Fr. Kevin Bordelon at 337-261-5690 and/or email vocations@diolaf.org.

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.

Holy Spirit Women's Retreat:

Fr. Richard McAlear will be at the Lafayette Hilton on January 27-29 to present this retreat for women. All ages are invited to this beautiful weekend of spiritual refreshment, healing and inspiration.

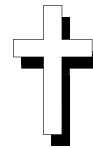
The retreat features a chapel with continuous Eucharistic adoration, uplifting music, inspiring teachings, lively worship and warm fellowship.

For more information call (504) 828-1368. Commuters are welcome!

Thank You

Many thanks for the food for our Mother's wake. It was greatly appreciated and delicious. The Herpin Family

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, Jan 14. 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon

4:00 pm Father Brady

Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Georgia P. Guidry; Sal Diesi Sr.; Clement (DA) and Alicia Morein Family & Hal Guillory; Beverly Faul; Una L. Moreau; Lois Harmon, Jeanette Lalonde

Sunday, Jan. 15. 8:00 am Father Brady

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

10:00 am Father Brady

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Charles Roy & Geraldine Doucet; Joseph Lastrapes; Sal Diesi Sr. and Frank & Marie Diesi; Marie & Martin Roy; Mildred Bertrand Lally

5:00 p.m. Father Brady

St. Landry Church Parishioners; Charles Montgomery; Harold Savoy

Monday, Jan. 16. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

Tuesday, Jan. 17. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

Sal Diesi Sr., Frank and Marie Diesi

Wednesday, Jan. 18. 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

Allen Hudspeth Sr. Van, Edward and Allen Jr.; Bryce Boullion (BD)

Thursday, Jan. 19. 12:05 am Msgr. Melancon

Hal Guillory (BD)

Friday, Jan. 20. 12:05 pm Father Brady

Charles Roy Doucet

Saturday, Jan. 21. 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon

4:00 pm Father Brady

Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Sal Diesi Sr.; Hal Guillory; Beverly Faul; Frank Greco (BD), Jeanette Lalonde

Sunday, Jan. 22. 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon

Marcel LeBlanc; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Burrell Fontenot(BD) & Family, Beedy & Hazel Herpin

10:00 am Msgr. Melancon

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Charles Roy Doucet; Joseph Lastrapes; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Daniel & Louise LaGrange

5:00 p.m. Msgr. Melancon

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

**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

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Regular Collection (\$6,488.25), Maintenance/Repair (\$200.00), Poor (\$14.00), Endowment (\$340.00), Bishop's Services Appeal (\$733.00), and TOTAL (\$7,775.25).

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

Second Offertory Collection Today Opelousas Catholic Foundation

Second Offertory Collection Week of January 22, 2012 Latin America

OC Corner

OC parents are reminded that there will be no classes on Monday for Dr. King's birthday and on Tuesday this week for a special curriculum in-service for faculty.

Second 9 week grades will be posted to Edline by Wednesday.

Make plans to attend the Opelousas Catholic Tasters' Dinner and Auction event on February 8th in the Opelousas Civic Center. Tickets are now on sale through the OC Development Office, Piggly Wiggly on Heather Drive, St. Landry Homestead Bank and Bodemullers.

Pro-Life Prayer for Public Officials

Lord God, Author of Life and Source of Eternal Life, move the hearts of all our public officials and especially our President, to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well to all those entrusted to their care.

Help them in their special leadership roles, to extend the mantle of protection to the most vulnerable, especially the defenseless unborn, whose lives are threatened with extermination by an indifferent society.

Guide all public officials by your wisdom and grace to cease supporting any law that fails to protect the fundamental good that is human life itself, which is a gift from God and parents.

You are the Protector and Defender of the lives of the innocent unborn. Change the hearts of those who compromise the call to protect and defend life. Bring our nation to the values that have made us a great nation, a society that upholds the values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Mary, the Mother of the living, help us to bear witness to the Gospel of Life with our lives and our laws. Through Christ, Our Lord. AMEN

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, Roy (Bubba) Elder, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, J. Bernel Fontenot, Linda and Terry Fontenot, George Gremillion, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Angela Hargroder, 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 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.

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 Thomassée; 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. Pray and spread the word by sharing the following link with all the Catholics you know: www.CatholicComeHome.org/Advent

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Event. Includes Confirmation class (6:15pm), OFFICE CLOSED (Monday), Rosary at Monument (6:15pm), 1st Penance Class (5:30pm), Mass in Valentin Chapel (8:00am), and Pro-Life March @ Our Lady Queen of Angels (10:00am).

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 question 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.

Returned to Christ Through Death

The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of: Dr. James F. Smith and Bessie Guedry Durio

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....Christian Unity CHAPELAll who will die this week

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group I Lois Joubert Week of January 21, 2012 Group II..... Pap Roy Week of January 28, 2012