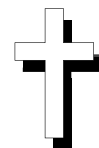


MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, Feb. 18 ..... 8:00 am Father Brady
4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon
Ray Thibodeaux; Hal Guillory; Lois Harmon; Jeanette Lalonde; James E. Martin
Sunday, Feb. 19 ..... 8:00 am Father Brady
Youle and Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur (BD) and Eve Fontenot
10:00 am ..... Father Brady
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Margaret V. Martin; M/M Lee Martin; Sal Diesi Sr.; Margie Hebert; Joyce Ortego
5:00 p.m. .... Msgr. Melancon
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Marie Grace Soileau; Harold Savoy
Monday, Feb. 20 ..... 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Pat D. Manuel
Tuesday, Feb. 21 ..... 12:05 pm Father Brady
Lou and Joe Arceneaux
Wednesday, Feb. 22 ..... 8:40 am Father Brady
12:05 pm Father Brady
5:30 pm Msgr. Melancon
12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

Thursday, Feb. 23 ..... 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Jerry FaKouri (DA)
Friday, Feb. 24 ..... 12:05 pm Father Brady
Euna McGill (BD)
Saturday, Feb. 25 ..... 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon
Linda Artall (BD) & Family
4:00 pm Father Brady
Ray Thibodeaux; Sal Diesi Sr.; Loretta W. & A.H. Hargroder Jr.; Hal Guillory; Lee (BD); Vivian and Kristie Artigue; Jeanette Lalonde; James E. Martin; Joyce Ortego (BD)
Sunday, Feb. 26 ..... 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon
Youle and Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur and Eva Fontenot
10:00 am ..... Father Brady
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Una L. Moreau; Margie Hebert; Frank Miller; Joyce Ortego, Bessie Durio
5:00 p.m. .... Father Brady
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Charles Montgomery (BD); Marie Grace Soileau 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

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Your Stewardship To God
Regular Collection .....\$6,739.77
Maintenance/Repair.....\$325.00
Poor .....\$4.00
Opelousas Catholic Foundation.....\$11.00
Black and Indian Mission.....\$1,031.29
Cemetery Fund.....\$1.00
TOTAL.....\$8,112.06
Thank you for your generosity!

Second Offertory Collection Today
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Week of 26 February 2012
BSA 5th Pledge

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Event. Rows include Monday, Feb. 20 (Office Closed), Tuesday, Feb. 21 (Office Closed), Wednesday, Feb. 22 (ASH WEDNESDAY), Thursday, Feb. 23 (1st. Communion Class), Friday, Feb. 24 (Way of the Cross), Saturday, Feb. 25 (Mass in Valentin Chapel).

OC Corner
Congratulations to the following honorees: Rhonda Schwartzburg, Elementary Teacher of the Year; Justin Boyd, Secondary Teacher of the Year; and Jill Purser, Achiever/Supporter of the Year. Receiving "Student of the Year" honors are Ben Finchum, 12th grade; Tiffani Smith, 8th grade; and Carsyn Olivier, 5th grade. Open registration is now in progress for NEW students. Please consider the gift of a Catholic education for your children. For further information, contact Barbara Fontenot at 942-5404 ext. 101.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
February 19, 2012
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Reading I Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25
It is I who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses.
Psalm 41 "Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you."
Reading II 2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Jesus was not yes and no, but yes has been in him.
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12
The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.

Today, as we make our final preparations for Lent, the prophet Isaiah promises that God will wash away our offenses and remember our sins no more. Paul asserts that God has sealed us with gift of the Life-giving Spirit. Jesus, in forgiving the sins of the paralyzed man, bids us all "Rise and walk" in newness of life. Looking forward to the "Lenten spring" that will flower in the joy of Easter, may we humbly receive today both the challenge of God's Word and the comfort of God's generous pardon!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Annual Day of Recollection
St. Edmund Altar Society is sponsoring a Day of Recollection on Thursday, February 23 with Fr. Clint Trahan as retreat master. Coffee in the atrium at 8:00am with Rosary beginning at 9:00am. Tickets (which must be purchased in advance) are \$10.00 and includes lunch
Telephone 232-2849 for more information.

Day of Recollection:
Alumnae of the Academy of the Sacred Heart are hosting a Day of Recollection on Tuesday, February 28 from 9:00am to 3:00pm ending with Mass in the Chapel. Rev. Howard Blessing will serve as retreat director. For more info. Call 662-5275.

Lenten Mission in Ville Platte
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Ville Platte is happy to host Fr. Mark Thibodeaux for their Lenten Mission. Fr. Mark will focus on his book, "God's Voice Within: Discernment of the Spirit" Please join us on Feb. 28, 29 and March 1, from 6pm-7pm.

A Gentle Walk into Awareness:
On Saturday, March 3 from 8:30am—2:30pm, the Acadiana District Theresians are sponsoring a Day of Renewal with the theme being: Discern and Learn Simple Ways to Pray. The speakers are Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, SJ; Kitty Cleveland and Lyn Holly Doucet.and will be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Lafayette. There is a \$25.00 fee, payable in advance, postmarked by Feb. 22 OR \$30.00 payable at the door. This will cover a light breakfast and lunch. For more information, call: Claudette Landry (337-296-4020); or Yvette Davis (337-234-7329).

Engaged Encounter:
Upcoming weekend dates are: Lafayette- March 16-18; April 27-29. and in Lake Charles -February 3-5; May 18-20. For more information call Jimmy & Tammy Bergeron at (337)-706-8880.

An Evening of Affirmation for Caregivers
The West Region of the Diocese of Lafayette is sponsoring the evening for caregivers. Marlene Foreman, ACNS-BC, ACHPN, Clinical Nurse Specialist/ Education Coordinator with Hospice of Acadiana will offer ways to assist and affirm those who, for whatever reason, have become caregiver of elderly parents/relatives; spouses; the chronically ill; disabled children/siblings or to any individual who is in need of care. The presentation will be held from 6:30pm—8:30pm on Tuesday, March 27 at St. Joseph's Parish Family Center in Rayne. For more info. Call 258-0078.

The Pastor's Corner

This week we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time when we reflect on our struggles in this life, and we watch Jesus show us the way to eternal life. I am once again looking forward to making this Lenten Journey with you.

Two weeks ago our homily was about the fact that we still struggle in this life, despite the fact that our Savior has died and rose from the dead. Salvation is ours, but we still must struggle in this life until our passing into eternal life. In that regard, during Lent there will be a series of homilies about the struggles in this life, particularly why we struggle. Next weekend, our parish mission will be introduced at all the Sunday masses, and we look forward to welcoming Fr. R.B. Williams OP to our parish. However, after that weekend, we will begin the theme of struggle in the homilies until Palm Sunday. If for some reason you miss a homily and would like to hear it, please know that all of the homilies will be posted on our website and available for your listening.

Fr. James Brady

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

Pope Benedict's Intentions for February

General: That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.

Mission: That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

Immaculee

Building on the success of last year's retreat in Acadiana, Rwandan genocide survivor and best selling author, Immaculee Libagiza is coming back to host a two-day retreat March 16-17 (Friday evening and Saturday) at the Cajundome.

The theme of the retreat is "Tools of our Faith", which can inspire us to grow closer to God and live the life full of meaning and purpose as God intended.

IN MEMORY

The "Friends of the Bereaved" received a monetary donation in memory of Rose Edmond and Joyce Ortego

Prayer for Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son.

Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection. Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. AMEN

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VI..... Norma Hargroder Week of February 25, 2012

Group VII..... Gwen Fruge Week of March 3, 2012

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Bobby Aymond, Gervis "BB" Babin, Dennis Bahr, Anna Lee Beadle, Roberta Bernard, Steve and Paula Bienvenue, Nita Bordelon, 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, Lane W. Dugas, Vickie Duplechain, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenot, George Gremillion, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Angela Hargroder, Joy Harms, Lillian Hooks, Margie Hebert, Agnes Kidder, Brittany LeBlanc, George LeBlanc & Family, Olivia Lanolos, Ruby Landry, Dottie Lavergne, Olivia LeBlanc, Theresa Mallet, Dale Martin, Georgie Meche & family, Gloria Miller, Laura Miller, Romaine Miller, Brandy Monde, Julie Mouton, Cameron Norris, Lonnie and Cindy Ortego, Gil Ortego, Marty Ortego, Yvonne F. Pellerin, Helen Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Lauren Sebastien, Novella Sebastien, Emmadine Soileau, Scotty Speyrer, Patrick Steward Jr., Thomas Stoute, Yola Stoute, James Touchet, Kelly Trahan, Lena Trahan, Dawn 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.

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 Lanolos; 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.

Returned to Christ Through Death

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

Chizal Louise Smith Fontenot

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE, CONTINUED

Theology of the Body Series for Adults:

Coming to St. Mary Magdalene, Abbeville, La. All Sundays of Lent beginning February 26 at 6:30pm.

Please call the Parish office to register (mandatory) at 337-893-0244. If you want to learn more about the series call Joe Tinker at 337-937-4944.

The series will be moderated by Mr. Joe Tinker and members of the Family Life Community.

Vocation Supper for Young Women

The supper will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 6:30pm at Bishop Jarrell's residence.

The deadline to register is February 20. Call 261-5690 for more information.

Come and See Retreat

Adult men, juniors and seniors in high school. There is NO COST; transportation is provided; meet with the faculty and seminarians; great food and fun and pray about a priestly vocation.

The retreat will be held from Thursday through Saturday, March 1-3 at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, La.

Contact Fr. Kevin Bordelon, Director of Vocation at 337-261-5690 to register, no later than February 24.

Mid-Week Retreat for Women

Our Lady of the Oaks will hold a mid-week retreat for women March 12-14 and April 2-4.

For more information call 337-662-5410.

Memorial Service

Hospice of Acadiana Chaplains will be offering a Memorial Service for those who have lost a loved one this past year.

Contact Deacon James Davis for more information at 337-232-1234

SANCTUARY LIGHT
CHURCH .....A Spiritual Lenten Season
CHAPEL .....In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted