

**The Pastor's Corner**

This weekend many of our men (approximately 30 in all) are making a retreat in Grand Coteau at Our Lady of the Oaks retreat house. This is an annual men's retreat made up mostly of our parishioners. We want to keep them in our prayers this weekend that they have a fruitful retreat as they continue on their Lenten journey. The witness of these men also reminds us, especially during the season of Lent, that we should take time to step back from our worldly duties and spend time focusing on our relationship with God. This focus on our relationship with God helps us to better serve our family, our neighbors, our parish and our community.

Also, pursuant to the recent events regarding health insurance coverage and things the government is requiring private employers to provide for their employees, we are going to have a presentation on contraception and what the Church teaches about it. It is one of the most misunderstood teachings in our Church, and the recent events have given us an opportunity to learn what the Church teaches and hopefully, to learn more about marriage and how to strengthen marriages. I hope you are able to make it. Both myself and Deacon Diesi will make the presentation, which will begin at 6:30pm on Monday, March 5, 2012 in the Big Church. Please remember, the presentation is not just for those of child-bearing age, but for all who are married and would like to strengthen their marriages. God Bless.

*Fr. James Brady*

**REMINDER FOR CHILDREN**

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

**Pope Benedict's Intentions for March**

**General:** That the whole world may recognize the contribution of women to the development of society.

**Mission:** That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, persecution or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia.

**The Lenten 2012 Missions  
North Region, Diocese of Lafayette**

**Church:** Immaculate Conception (Washington) **Parish Mission: Dates:** March 7th & 8th (Wednesday & Thursday) **Time:** 6:30 p.m. **Presenter:** Fr. Richard Vidrine. Theme: "Remaining a Faithful Catholic in a Changing/Challenging World".

**Church:** St. Charles Borromeo Church (Grand Coteau) **Parish Mission: Dates:** March 5th, 6th, & 7th (Monday Wednesday). **Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Presenter:** Fr. Jerome Neyrey.

**Church:** St. Anthony of Padua (Eunice) **Parish Mission: Dates:** March 12 - 15 (Monday - Thursday) **Time:** 6:30 p.m. **Presenter:** Fr. Rudy Papes.

**Church:** Our Lady Queen of All Saints (Ville Platte) **Date:** March 13 - 15 (Tuesday-Thursday) **Time:** 6:30 p.m. **Presenter:** Fr. Mitchell Guidry. **Theme:** "The Monastic Wisdom of Daily Life".

**Church:** Christ the King Mission (Bellevue) **Parish Mission: Dates:** March 26th, 27th, & 28th (Monday-Wednesday). **Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Presenter:** Deacon Ignatius Joseph.

The blessing of the **St. Joseph's Altar** will be on Thurs., March. 15 at **5:30 pm** followed by a rosary in Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall.

On Fri., Mar. 16. there will be Mass and the **Tupa-Tupa at 8:00 am** at the St. Joseph's Altar. Lunch will be served at 11 am.

You may reserve your candles for the altar by calling Priscilla at 942-4174 ext. 212.

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

**March 4, 2012**

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**Reading I Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**  
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

**Psalm 116** "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."

**Reading II Romans 8:31b-34**  
God did not spare his own Son.

**Gospel: Mark 9:2-10**  
This is my beloved Son.

During Lent, while the catechumens prepare for baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, we who are already baptized prepare to renew our baptismal vows. Each Sunday, therefore, the Old Testament shows God offering a new covenant: last Sunday with Noah and all creation; today, with Abraham, who reminds us that God's covenant calls us to obedience. In the second reading, Paul celebrates the perfect obedience of Jesus, whose radiant glory, glimpsed in today's Gospel of the Transfiguration, will one day be ours. But the collect has just reminded us, and today's Gospel will repeat, that we must listen to God's beloved Son and respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him in obedient faith and selfless love.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**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.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Procession**

A procession and prayer service, honoring Our Lady of Lourdes, is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7. The procession will begin at 5:30pm from St. Landry Church and proceed to Holy Ghost Church where the service will be held. The rosary will be recited during the procession. This is being sponsored by the Legion of Mary and approved by the Vicar's office of the Diocese.

**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 on March 13, Tuesday, at 6pm at Hospice of Acadiana.

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

**A Lenten Prayer**

Most merciful Father, may every day of the season of Lent be for me an act of sacrifice. Allow me to penetrate everything that I love with the memory of Jesus your Son, so that everything that I love will become truer and pure through the encounter with the crucified Christ, who is our Lord, now and forever.

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Group I** ..... Lois Joubert Week of March 10, 2012

**Group II** ..... Pap Roy Week of March 17, 2012

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT**



Saturday, March 3 ..... 8:00 am Father Brady

4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon

Ray Thibodeaux; Sal Diesi Sr.; Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Steve & Ronnie Ardoin and the Rider family; Ronnie J. Vidrine; Hal Guillory; Eva Fontenet (DA); M/M Robert Going Sr.; Jeanette Lalonde; James E. Martin; Fernest Benoit

Sunday, March 4 ..... 8:00 am Father Brady

M/M John FaKouri, John Jr. and Jacob; Youle and Therese Fontenet; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur and Eva Fontenet; Earl Armand

10:00 am ..... Father Brady

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; M/M Alton Soileau & Sonny; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Irl White; Margie Hebert; Frank Miller; Joyce Ortego

5:00 p.m. .... Msgr. Melancon

St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, March 5 ..... 12:05 pm Father Brady

Chizal "Chiz" S. Fontenet

Tuesday, March 6 ..... 12:05 pm Father Jaison

Wednesday, March 7 ..... 12:05 pm Father Brady

Ronnie Ardoin (BD)

Thursday, March 8 ..... 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon

Clayton (DA) & Eula Soileau

Friday, March 9 ..... 12:05 pm Father Brady

Saturday, March 10 ..... 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon

4:00 pm Father Brady

Ray Thibodeaux; Hal Guillory; Sol Reed (DA) and Kate Reed; Jeanette Lalonde; James E. Martin

Sunday, March 11 ..... 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon

Youle and Therese Fontenet; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur and Eva Fontenet; Willard Andrepont, Gertrude A. and Alvin Marks; Amar Courville, Maryina and A.B. Courville Sr.; Souls In Purgatory; Clay (BD) and J.C. (DA) Billeaudeau; Joyce Ortego

10:00 am ..... Father Brady

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marion Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Sal Diesi Sr.; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Daniel and Louise Lagrange; Margie Hebert, Joyce Ortego

5:00 p.m. .... Father Brady

St. Landry Church Parishioners; Charles Montgomery

**\*\*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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Poor .....\$55.00  
Opelousas Catholic Foundation.....\$5.00  
Bishop's Services Appeal .....\$861.85  
St. Landry Church Endowment.....\$500.00  
ICON/Ash Wednesday.....\$1,570.18  
TOTAL .....\$8,980.33

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

**Second Offertory Collection  
Week of 11 March 2012  
Catholic Relief Services**

**REMINDERS OF THE WEEK**

Sunday, March 4	6:15pm	Confirmation Class
Monday, March 5	6:15pm	Rosary at Monument
	6:30pm	Marriage and Contraception
Tuesday, March 6	6:30pm	RICA
Wednesday, Mar. 7	6:30pm	Parish Council
Thursday, March 8	5:30pm	1st. Communion Class
Friday, March 9	5:15pm	Way of the Cross with meal of soup & bread afterwards.
		Mass in Valentin Hall
Saturday, March 10	8:00am	Confirmation Class
Sunday, March 11	6:15pm	

**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, Wilber Briley, Vanessa Brown, 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 Fontenet, George Gremillion, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Angela Hargroder, Joy Harms, Lillian Hooks, Margie Hebert, Agnes Kidder, Brittany LeBlanc, George LeBlanc & Family, Olivia Lanclous, Dottie Laverne, 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 Sebastian, Novella Sebastien, Emmadine Soileau, Scotty Speyrer, Patrick Stewart Jr., Thomas Stoute, Yola Stoute, James Touchet, Kelly Trahan, Lena Trahan, Dawn Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Annette Voorhies, Brandy Willingham, Warren Wyble, Mike Young, Natalie

**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 Lanclous; 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.**

**OC CORNER**

Class masses are being held in the OC St. Agnes Chapel every Monday through Thursday during Lent, at 8:00am. Parents and family members are invited to attend with the students.

Please remember to purchase your tickets for the March 10th Crawfish Boil. Tickets are only \$15 for 4 pounds!  
Classes are filling up for 2012-2013! Plans are to expand the preschool program, but spaces available are limited  
Call 942-5404 ext. 101 as soon as possible.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE, CONTINUED**

**Come and See Retreat**

Thursday through Saturday, March 1-3 for men and high school juniors and seniors. To be held at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, La.

There is no cost involved and free transportation. Come and enjoy great food and fun; meet the faculty and seminarians and pray about a priestly vocation.

Contact Fr. Kevin Bordelon, Director of Vocation at 337-261-5690 OR vocations@diolaf.org

**I Don't Know What to Say:**

Many people feel uncomfortable not knowing what to say and do around grieving people.

This workshop helps with understanding the grief process and provides ways to support grievers.

To be held on Thursday, March 22 from 9am—11:30am at Hospice of Acadiana.

**Religious Ramblers:**

Join the Religious Ramblers for an extraordinary pilgrimage in April. We will be traveling along with our Northern Religious Ramblers family to show them our culture and heritage.

The dates are April 19-21. Call Bonnie Wyble @ 337-942-6940 or 337-945-2267 for more information or to register.

**Penance Services:**

**Opelousas City-wide:** St. Landry Church on Monday, April 2 at 6:30pm.  
**Grand Coteau:** St. Charles Borromeo Church on Tuesday, March 20 @ 7:00pm

**Eunice:** St. Anthony of Padua on Monday, April 2 @6pm  
**Ville Platte:** Our Lady Queen of All Saints on Tuesday, March 20 @ 6:30pm.

**Mamou:** St. Ann Church on Tuesday, March 27 @ 6pm.

**Holy Ghost:** Thursday, March 22 at 6pm

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

CHURCH .....Sol Reed  
CHAPEL.....In Thanksgiving to Holy Family and Blessed Seelos

