

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, March 17 8:00 am Father Brady
John Clary
4:00 pm Father Brady
Ray Thibodeaux; Sal Diesi Sr.; Hal Guillory; Noemie F. Greco (BD); Jeanette Lalonde; Louis (DA) and Regina Burleigh; Paul (B), Verna and Deborah Johnson; Julia Roberts
Sunday, March 18 8:00 am Father Baptiste
Youle and Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur and Eva Fontenot
10:00 am Father Baptiste
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marion Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Margie Hebert; Joyce Ortego, Anna Nhiem Pham Do
5:00 p.m. Father Brady
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Marie Grace Soileau; Travis Williams (BD); Harold Savoy
Monday, March 19. 12:05 pm Father Brady
Mary Aline J. Bihm (DA)
Tuesday, March 20 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Clara Perry Elder
Wednesday, March 21 12:05 pm Father Brady
Keith Borne
Thursday, March 22 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Father James Brady (BD); Janis Courville (BD); Dr. James Smith and Wynn Stubbs (DA)
Friday, March 23 12:05 pm Father Brady
Nita Bordelon
Saturday, March 24 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon
Workday Volunteers
4:00 pm Father Brady
Ray Thibodeaux; Sal Diesi Sr.; Loretta W. and A.H. Hargroder Jr.; Hal Guillory; Lois Harmon; Jeanette Lalonde; James E. Martin; Velma & Patsy Gail Boss
Sunday, March 25 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon
Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Velma Guidroz Bihm (BD)
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; Margie Hebert; Frank Miller; Joyce Ortego; Ruby Landry; Paul & Cathy Guidry; Gerdie, Christen, Roy and Warren Sebastien, Anna Nhiem Pham Do
5:00 p.m. Father Brady
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Marie Grace Soileau; Harold Savoy
**Celebrants subject to change

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend we welcome Fr. Glen P. Baptiste, C.R. from "Food for the Poor." Father Baptiste is here to give us a report on the missionary activities of Food for the Poor and to ask our assistance by almsgiving. Almsgiving is a part of our Lenten discipline, especially helping those who are in need and are less fortunate than we are in their life circumstances. Food for the Poor fulfills this Gospel mandate by seeking out "the poorest of the poor" in 16 different countries, aiding some of the most destitute and seeing in them the face of the living Christ, who is hungry, thirsty, a stranger and naked. We look forward to hearing from Fr. Baptiste and hope to make him feel welcome during his stay at St. Landry Church.

In addition, there are two other items I'd like to bring to your attention. St. Landry prayer cards have been donated to us in Memory of Emily D. Mulcahy by her son, Kevin. The prayer cards have an image of St. Landry on one side, and a prayer and memorial on the other. One thing we should remember is that we have a great patron in St. Landry, one who helped the most vulnerable in his community. Hopefully, we can continue developing our devotion to St. Landry and imitate his charity in our community. Look for the prayer cards at the doors of the church, and we thank the Mulcahy family for both the idea of the prayer cards and providing them to us.

Finally, please mark your calendar for our Lenten parish work day on Saturday, March 24 beginning at 8am with Mass in Valentin Hall, followed by donuts and coffee, and then work until around noon. A pizza lunch will be served after the work. Hope to see you there!

Fr. James Brady

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

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Reading I 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

Psalms 137 "Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!"

Reading II Ephesians 2:4-10
Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved.

Gospel: John 3:14-21
God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through him.

The preview of Easter joy that resonates through today's liturgy shines with special radiance in a line from today's Gospel, which many consider the heart of the Christian message: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." We are loved--unconditionally, everlastingly--by God; indeed, says Paul, we are "God's handiwork." Thus, today's Old Testament covenant story bids us see all things, even historical disasters and human tragedies, as part of God's saving plan. We need to see even the most unlikely people as instruments of God's will. Let us open our hearts to the joyfully transforming power of today's scriptures.

OC Corner

Congratulations to the students placing in the St. Landry Parish Social Studies Fair: Abigail Sylvester, 1st place Sociology and 1st place overall; and the teams of Peyton Hammond and Hannah Johnson, 1st place Anthropology; Adam Bernard and Louie LaBruyere, 1st place History; Sarah Pommier and Carol George, 1st place Sociology; Nick Darby and Brent Duplechain, 2nd place Anthropology; and Paris Taylor and Kristy Duong, 2nd place Economics.

Good luck to high school students who will be participating in the District Literary Rally at LSU-Eunice next Saturday!

St. Philomena's Youth for Purity Campaign

Fr. Chad Partain, Chancellor of the Diocese of Alexandria and Director of the Congregation of the Children of Mary, will be the guest celebrant at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milton at all Masses on Sunday, March 25: 8:00am, 10:30am and 5:00pm,

In an effort to promote purity and innocence among the youth and to enlist them in the cause of Christ, Fr. Partain has spearheaded a project entitled St. Philomena's Youth For Purity Campaign & Children of Mary Movement. The program takes for its model the spirituality of St. Louis de Montfort and his Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

Anyone interested in more information, please contact Kim Sonnier Coordinator in Milton: sonnierkim1@yahoo.com
Fr. Partain: frpartain@catholic.org or the website: ChildrenOfMary.info

Returned to Christ through Death

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

Nita Bordelon; Clara Elder; Eileen Guillory; John Clary

O Lord, grant to those who have died the joy of your presence, and us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

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

Penance Services:

Opelousas City-wide: St. Landry Church on Monday, April 2 @ 6:00pm
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

"Forgive Men Their Trespasses"

Lord, presumption, the second worst sin, blights my life when I refuse to forgive; make me generous in extending your mercy to those who deserve it least.

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, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Leanna Briley, Wilber Briley, Janice Brown, Vanessa Brown, Dr. Dan Buller, Holly Burleigh, Brandon Castille, Nelson "Shorty" Castille, Raylyn Chapman, Thom Daly, Lou D'Avy, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Becky Diesi, Harley Doucet, Olivia Doucet, Lane W. Dugas, Vickie Duplechain, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenot, George Gremillion, Kat Guidroz, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Maggie Halphen, Angela Hargroder, Joy Harms, Lillian Hooks, Margie Hebert, Agnes Kidder, Brittany LeBlanc, George LeBlanc & Family, Olivia Lanclous, Dottie Lavergne, Olivia LeBlanc, Mike Luellwlyn, Theresa Mallet, Dale Martin, George 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, Ricky Pousson, 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, Pat Woodson, 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 Thomasee; 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Mid-Week Retreat for Women

Our Lady of the Oaks will hold a mid-week retreat for women April 2-4. For more information call 337-662-5410.

Engaged Encounter:

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

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.

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.

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.

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 (\$6,789.60), Catholic Relief Services (\$1,150.49), Flowers for Easter (\$1,062.00), Maintenance/Repair (\$466.00), Assistance to the Poor (\$30.00), Bishop's Services Appeal (\$10.00), Eastern Europe (\$5.00), and TOTAL (\$9,513.09).

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Thank you for your generosity!

Second Offertory Collection Today Eastern Europe and Africa

Second Offertory Collection Week of 25 March 2012 Opelousas Catholic Foundation

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Event. Includes Confirmation Class, Rosary at Monument, RICA, 1st. Communion Class, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER BRADY, OC Elem. Mass, Way of the Cross with meal of soup & bread afterwards, Mass in Valentin Hall, PARISH WORK DAY, DOTT (see article below), and Confirmation Class.

Defends of the Truth

On Saturday, March 24, 2010 beginning at 5:30pm in Valentin Hall, The Defenders of the Truth will be having their first speaker of the year. Bobby and Samantha Lahaye, who are in the process of adopting a Down syndrome daughter, will be giving a talk on "The Trials and Joys of Raising a Down Syndrome Child." Everyone is invited to hear their wonderful and heartfelt story.

Recently Celebrate Marriage Vows

Scott Roy and Katie Leger

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT CHURCHFather James Brady CHAPEL.....Successful Parish Work Day

ALTAR SOCIETY Group III Becky Reed Week of March 25, 2012 Group IV Sarah Wagley Week of April 1, 2012