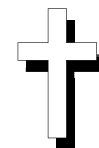


MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



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, 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, Ricky Pousson, Helen Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Lauren Sebastian, Novella Sebastian, Annie Kay Segura, 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 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Mid-Week Retreat for Women

Our Lady of the Oaks will hold a mid-week retreat for women April 2-4; June 25-27.
For more information call 337-662-5410.

Engaged Encounter

Upcoming weekend dates are: Lafayette-April 27-29, and in Lake Charles - 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.

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.

Attention All Men!

"The King's Men" is a masculine faith formation group which provides opportunities for men to gain a deeper understanding of their Catholic faith and to grow in holiness and manly virtue. Men are invited to attend the weekly "King's Men" meetings on Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm in the Upper Room at Our Lady of Wisdom on the UL campus.
For details go to www.TheKingsMen.org or contact Barney Lejeune (barneylejeune@hotmail.com or 344-3544).

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
March 25, 2012
Mass Page 128 in Missalette

Reading I Jeremiah 31:31-34
I will make a new covenant and remember their sin no more.

Psalms 51 "Create a clean heart in me, O God."

Reading II Hebrews 5:7-9
Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel: John 12:20-33
If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

On this final Lenten Sunday, the last of the Old Testament covenant stories looks not backward to the covenants of Israel's long history, but forward. Today, Jeremiah looks toward the new and eternal covenant that is offered in every age to those who, like the Greeks in today's Gospel, "would like to see Jesus." In keeping with Lent's call to conversion and purification, the second reading from Hebrews reminds us that we must be prepared to learn obedience through suffering, as Jesus did. Even so, the Gospel resounds with hope, for the seed that dies bears rich fruit, a life sacrificed in loving service blossoms into eternal life, and Jesus lifted up from the earth draws everyone to himself. May these scriptures prepare us to complete our Lenten observance and enter Holy Week with renewed dedication.

OC Corner

Congratulations to the seniors and juniors who were recently inducted into the National Honor Society due to their exceptional academics, character and service: Jasmine Berzas, Talliyah Biagas, Grant Carrier, Caroline Cosgrove-Richard, Sydney Dean, Ben Finchum, Rebekah Hebert, Allie Hollier, Sarah Jarrell, Emily Meche, Kylie Miller, Gabrielle Semien, Toria Smith, Alix Tromblay, and Ty Walton.

In the Knights of Columbus "area" poster competition, Olivia Roy, 7th grader, placed 1st with her poster on drug abuse awareness and will go on to state competition!

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 family of:
Charles Bordelon

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

The Pastor's Corner

We now begin the last stages of Lent. Last Monday, we celebrated the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tomorrow, we celebrate The Annunciation. Both of these feasts remind us of Christmas, the day Jesus was born in our world into the Holy Family, and it is fitting at this time to remember the birth of Jesus and His human nature. During Lent, we should often focus on the healing power of Jesus and His love for us in His Divine Nature. However, in meditating upon His Passion and Death, it is every bit as important for us to focus on the fact that in His Human Nature, Jesus was just like us in all things but sin. We are drawn to focus on the fact that he was "like us in all things," and so meditate on how we measure up to His example in the way He handled his suffering and death. Let us pray that over the next several weeks, each of us enters more deeply in to Jesus' Passion, and so are able to live a life in imitation of him. As a follow up to last week, Fr. Baptiste asked me to thank you for your receptiveness to his message and your generosity. We have left the brochures in the pews for those of you who might not have been here last week and would like to exercise the discipline of almsgiving for the poorest of the poor by a donation to Food for the Poor.

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: 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 @ 6:30pm
Eunice: St. Anthony of Padua on Monday, April 2 @ 6pm
Mamou: St. Ann Church on Tuesday, March 27 @ 6pm.

Children's Way of the Cross

The Children's Way of the Cross will be held on Good Friday at 10:30am in St. Landry Church.
A light lunch will be served afterwards.

ICON: Through the Sacred Windows

A special exhibit of Byzantine art from the 1700's to the present day is being held at Opelousas Catholic School in their conference room and chapel. This exhibit includes many pieces from Russia and also icons from local iconographers, Faye Drobnic of Lafayette and Barbara Wiltz of Opelousas.

This exhibit is open to the public on Wednesday, March 28th from 6 to 7:30pm. Don't miss the opportunity to experience something unique and wonderfully beautiful. We hope to see you there.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....For Our Home-Bound Parishioners
CHAPEL.....For Our Nursing Home Residents

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IV ..... Sarah Wagley Week of April 1, 2012
Group V ..... Betty LeLeux Week of April 8, 2012

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); Charles R. & Gerry P. Doucet

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; Delores Ortego (BD)

5:00 p.m. .... Father Brady
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Marie Grace Soileau; Harold Savoy; John & Dona Clary and Brian Dendy, Deployed

Monday, March 26. .... 12:05 pm Father Brady
John Clary

Tuesday, March 27 ..... 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Cathy S. Fontenot (BD)

Wednesday, March 28 ..... 12:05 pm Father Brady
Nita Bordelon

Thursday, March 29 ..... 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
J.B. Daire

Friday, March 30 ..... 12:05 pm Father Brady
Janis Courvelle and family; Debbie Fay and family

Saturday, March 31 ..... 8:00 am Father Brady
4:00 pm ..... Father Brady

Sunday, April 1 ..... 8:00 am Father Brady
M/M John FaKouri, John Jr., and Jacob; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur and Eva Fontenot; Earl Armand; Henry & Lillia (DA) Fontenot; Henri Fontenot (BD) and family; Charles R. and Gerry P. Doucet; John & Dona Clary and Brian Dendy, Deployed

10:00 am ..... Father Brady
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; M/M Lee Martin; M/M Alton Soileau and Sonny; Margaret V. Martin; Sal Diesi Sr.; Una L. Moreau; Margie Hebert; Frank Miller; Joyce Ortego; Anna Nhiem Pham Do

5:00 p.m. .... Msgr. Melancon
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.; 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 .....\$6,625.06
Eastern Europe & Africa Church.....\$1,632.73
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Flowers .....\$220.00
Catholic Relief Fund .....\$20.00
Assist Poor.....\$2.00
TOTAL .....\$8,799.79

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Opelousas Catholic Foundation
Second Offertory Collection
Week of 01 April 2012
St. Landry Parish Maintenance Fund

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK
Sunday, March 25 6:15pm Confirmation Class
Monday, March 26 6:15pm Rosary at Monument
Thursday, March 29 5:30pm 1st. Communion Class
Friday, March 30 8:40am High School Mass
5:15pm Way of the Cross with meal of soup & bread afterwards.
Saturday, March 31 8:00am Mass in Valentin Hall
Sunday, April 1 6:15pm Confirmation Class

Cleanest City Contest
The Cleanest City Contest, sponsored by the Opelousas Garden Club, has been entered in the state-wide Cleanest City Contest by Mayor Donald Cravins. The program is designed to encourage the importance of litter prevention and instill civic pride in all citizens. On Tuesday, March 27 at 9am, Opelousas will be judged! Let's all clean-up and beautify Opelousas.