The Pastor's Corner

As we think of the glory of Christ's Resurrection and come to end of the Easter Octave, we give thanks to our Lord and God who gave us such a great gift in His Resurrection, that is, the gift of eternal life. At the same time, we give thanks to those who help us here and today on earth. For me, they are many, including your support throughout the entire year. However, in the Lent and the Easter Season, there was much work to be done to make our liturgies meaningful and beautiful. Of course, we thank our choirs for their beautiful music, and we thank our lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers and all those who made sure our worship was not just a matter of form, but a form of Love of God and neighbor. I want to especially thank, however, our staff, who do so much behind the scenes. They tirelessly work day after day, not only during Easter, but all year round, to serve you. They regularly and joyfully volunteer to do extra work and are dedicated to our church parish. In the office are Priscilla Guidroz and Lois Joubert. On maintenance Raymond Lavergne, Patrick Guillory and Terrance Miller work to keep our church grounds beautiful. Deacon Diesi, Deacon Miller and Deacon Candidate Joubert work incredibly hard in their ordained ministry on all facets of our parish life. In the sacristy, Wanda Dupre has been making sure things are taken care of in the church building for years. I want to thank them, and if you get a chance, let them know your appreciation for their dedicated service to the Church.

This weekend we celebrate First Communion with 11 of our children. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as we all celebrate Jesus being with us in the Eucharist for all of time. Know of my hope for your continued Easter Joy!

Fr. James Brady

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

Pope Benedict's Intentions for April

General: **Vocations**: That many young people may hear the call of Christ and follow Him in the priesthood and religious life.

Mission: **Christ, Hope of the Africans**: That the risen Christ may be a sign of certain hope for the men and women of the African continent.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The St. Landry Catholic Pastoral Council elections for 2012 will be held soon. The member term is a 3-year commitment with a meeting once a month and its purpose is to advise Father Brady on issues and events within the church parish.

If you, as a registered parishioner, are interested in being a candidate, please submit your name and a brief summary of your call to church parish involvement, as well as a small photo of yourself. You may drop your information in the collection basket; bring it to the church office at Valentin Hall; or contact one of the council members listed on the front of the church bulletin.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
April 15, 2012
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Reading I Acts 4:32-35
They were of one heart and mind.

Psalm 118 "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

Reading II 1 John 5:1-6
Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31
Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

Throughout the Easter season, in place of the Old Testament, we read from the Acts of the Apostles. Authored by Luke, Acts tells the story of the young church's extraordinary growth in numbers and its rapid expansion beyond Jerusalem and Israel to Rome, the heart of the Gentile world. This year, the second readings are from the First Letter of John, an ancient post-baptismal instruction. Each year on this Second Sunday of Easter, we hear the beloved Gospel story of Doubting Thomas' encounter with the Risen Jesus. Our hearts overflowing with paschal joy, we acclaim with Thomas, **"My Lord and my God!"**

PARISH REGISTRATION IS IMPORTANT!!!

All who attend St. Landry Catholic Church **SHOULD BE REGISTERED** with the Church Office. No matter what parish you might "live in territorially"; if you attend our Parish Family Celebrations regularly on the weekend, we invite you to be a parishioner of St. Landry Church by registering.

This will give a clearer picture of the numbers of our people that we are dealing with and how to best answer the need of "OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY". It is wonderful to see so many people coming home to their parish as well as those who which to make it their parish.

Please take the time to call or stop by the office in Valentin Hall to check if you are in our census or not. If not, there are forms available in the office, either to be picked up or mailed.

Office hours are listed on the front of the bulletin.

Catholics Returning Home Sessions Begin

Have you been away from the Church for a while?

Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

Have you ever thought of returning?

If you answered yes to one of the above questions, we would like to welcome you back to our Catholic Faith. We have a special ministry for people who have been away from the Church. We would like to address your questions and make you feel at home once more in the Catholic Church.

Please join us for a 6-session series to be held on Tuesdays, April 17 through May 22, from 6:30pm – 8:00pmin the Administration building at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

If you know of any inactive Catholic who may be interested, please notify them of this program.

For more information, please call the coordinator, John Schexnaildre at 337-984-9636 OR just show up for the first session.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....For the Adams and Jarrell families

CHAPEL.....For the OC families

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VII ..... Gwen Fruge Week of April 22, 2012

Group I..... Lois Joubert Week of April 29, 2012

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT

Saturday, April 14 ..... 8:00 am Father Brady
4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon
Ray Thibodeaux; Sal Diesi Sr.; Jeanette Lalonde; Hal Guillory
Sunday, April 15 ..... 8:00 am Father Brady
Youle and Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St.Amand; Arthur and Eva Fontenot; Charles R. and Gerry P. Doucet; John & Dona Clary and Brian Dendy (-Deployed); Donald W. Doga
10:00 am ..... Father Brady
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Joyce Ortego; Fannie DeJean Genin; M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull; Dr. Henry & Juliette Kaufman and Mrs. Clara Fontenot
5:00 p.m. ..... Msgr. Melancon
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Charles Montgomery; Nathan Berzas; Marie Grace Soileau
Monday, April 16 .....12:05 pm Father Brady
Oliver and Dully Fruge
Tuesday, April 17 .....12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Marcel and Pat LeBlanc (WA)
Wednesday, April 18 ..... 12:05 pm Father Brady
Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.; James & Callie (BD) Palmer
Thursday, April 19 .....12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Charles Bordelon
Friday, April 20 ..... 12:05 pm Father Brady
Clara P. Elder
Saturday, April 21 ..... 8:00 am Father Brady
Good Samaritan
4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon
Ray Thibodeaux (DA); Sal Diesi Sr.; James E. Martin; Jeanette Lalonde; Ervin Thibodeaux (BD); Hal Guillory
Sunday, April 22 ..... 8:00 am Father Brady
Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St.Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Charles R. and Gerry P. Doucet; John & Dona Clary and Brian Dendy (Deployed); Donald W. Doga
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5:00 p.m. ..... Father Brady
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Fannie DeJean Genin; 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

Second Offertory Collection
Week of 22 April 2012
Catholic Home Missions

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Your Stewardship To God

Regular Collection	$9,279.85
Maintenance/Repair	$341.00
Rice Bowl	$877.40
Soup & Bread	$100.00
BSA	$1,131.50
Holy Land	$803.21
TOTAL	$12,532.96

Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, April 15	10:00am	First Holy Communion
	6:15pm	Confirmation Class
Wednesday, April 18	5:15pm	Come Lord Jesus
Friday, April 20	8:40am	High School Mass/Senate Induction
Saturday, April 21	8:00am	Mass in Valentin Hall
Sunday, April 22	6:15pm	Confirmation Class

OC Corner

Opelousas Catholic is pleased to announce that they recently earned "continuing accreditation" from the Southern Association of Colleges and School Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accreditation division of AdvancED.

Congratulations to all of the OC students who placed in the Tri-Parish Foreign Language Festival. A special kudos goes to Chloe Letulle who placed first overall in Division IV French II Prose.

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Gervis "BB" Babin, Dennis Bahr, Anna Lee Beadle, Roberta Bernard, Steve and Paula Bienvenue, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, ChrisBrewster, 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, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Wilma Guillory, Maggie Halphen, Angela Hargroder, Joy Harms, Lillian Hooks, Margie Hebert, Agnes Kidder, Brittany LeBlanc, George LeBlanc & Family, Olivia Lanclos, Dottie Lavergne, Olivia LeBlanc, Mike Luellewlyn, 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 Sebastien, Novella Sebastien, Annie Kay Segura, Emmadine Soileau, Scotty Speyrer, Patrick Steward Jr., Thomas Stoute, Yola Stoute, James Touchet, Kelly Trahan, Lena Trahan, 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 Lanclos; 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; June 25-27.

For more information call 337-662-5410.

Weekend Retreats for Woman:

May 3-6; May 10-12; May 31-June 3; June 28-July 1. The above dates are for Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau.

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.

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).

Mass for Elderly

It is time to honor all Senior Citizens with Bishop Michael Jarrell celebrating the Mass.

The place is Immaculata Chapel, 1408 Carmel Dr. Lafayette, La. 70501 with a reception immediately following in Marian Hall.

Steubenville South

We are gathering a group of our high school students to make the trip to Alexandria for the annual Steubenville South youth conference. It takes place from June 22-24, 2012. It is a wonderful event for our young people. It is conference filled with faith, fellowship and worship. Nationally renown speakers will make presentations over the course of the three days, and it is a wonderful opportunity to for our children to learn about their faith and witness their faith with thousands of other youth of the same age. Anyone interested in attending, please call the office at 942-6552 so we can contact you for the initial information meeting. There are approximately 15 slots available for the trip. Any young person entering a high school grade in the Fall of 2012 (that is, 9th-12th grade) or who will graduate from high school in the Class of 2012 is eligible.