



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Sept. 1** ..... 8:00 am  
 Mayance & Wanda Dupre (WA) 4:00 pm  
 Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Steve & Ronnie Ardoin, and the Rider family; Ronnie J. Vidrine; M/M Robert Going Sr.; Jeanette Lalonde; Walfred LeBlanc Sr. & Walfred LeBlanc Jr.; Clara P. Elder; Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin and Emmitt Fontenot; Rosalie & Frank Pepitone; John E. Meche (DA); Richard E. Savage (BD)

**Sunday, Sept. 2** ..... 8:00 am  
 M/M John FaKouri, John Jr., and Jacob; Youle and Therese-Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Hal & Joan Guillory (WA); Joey Prather; John & Dona Clary and Brian Dendy (Deployed) 10:00 am  
 Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Sal Diesi Sr; Frank Miller; Joyce Ortego; M/M Alton Soileau and Sonny; M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull; M/M Lee Martin; Jonathan (Jon) Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Clara P. Elder; Sarah Jarrell; Linda C. Ozenne 5:00 p.m.  
 St. Landry Church Parishioners; Helen B. Richard; Theresa Mallet

**Monday, Sept. 3** ..... 12:05 pm  
 Clara P. Elder, Deacon Dwayne Joubert (BD)

**Tuesday, Sept. 4** ..... 12:05 pm  
 Clara P. Elder

**Wednesday, Sept. 5** ..... 12:05 pm  
 Clara P. Elder

**Thursday, Sept. 6** ..... 12:05 pm  
 Clara P. Elder

**Friday, Sept. 7** ..... 12:05 pm  
 Clara P. Elder; Doris B. Hudspeth

**Fr. Lafleur Memorial Mass** .. 6:30 pm  
**Saturday, Sept. 8** ..... 8:00 am  
 4:00 pm  
 Sal Diesi Sr. (BD); Lois Harmon; Jeanette Lalonde; James E. Martin; James & Gwen Fruge (WA); Bret Fruge (BD); Hal Guillory; Clara P. Elder; Rosalie & Frank Pepitone

**Sunday, Sept. 9** ..... 8:00 am  
 Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Willard Andrepont, Alvin and Gertrude A. Marks; Amar, Maryina and A.B. Courville Sr.; Souls In Purgatory; Joey Prather; John & Dona Clary and Brian Dendy (Deployed) 10:00 am  
 Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Daniel & Louise LaGrange; Joyce Ortego; Nita & J.Y. Bordelon Sr.; M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull; Irl White; M/M Lee Martin; Jonathan (Jon) Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Clara P. Elder; Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin and Emmitt Fontenot; Sarah Jarrell; Linda C. Ozenne 5:00 p.m.  
 St. Landry Church Parishioners; Marie Grace Soileau; Helen B. Richard; Theresa Mallet

**The Pastor's Corner**

This weekend we celebrate Labor Day. Although Labor Day is a secular holiday, there is certainly a spiritual component that we can celebrate as Catholics. We should recall that the necessity of toil was caused by The Fall of Adam and Eve. However, work was redeemed by Jesus, who restored all things. Therefore, proper labor is a part of what makes up our dignity as human beings restored by Christ. A school teacher, who worked as a hotel maid during the summer months, was asked how she dealt with the apparent difference in the dignity of her labors, to which she responded: "There is no such thing as a bad job, only a job done badly." In living out our Christian vocations, there are many forms of labor, none more or less dignified. The only lacking is if we do not use our human talents to their fullest. We should all strive to do the best job we can do in the labor we perform, developing and using the human God given talents each of us has received.

Have a happy and safe holiday!!

*Fr. James Brady*

**Pope Benedict's Intentions for September**

**General:** That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth.  
**Mission:** That Christian communities may have a growing willingness to send missionaries, priest, and lay people, along with concrete resources, to the poorest Churches.

**REMINDER FOR CHILDREN**

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

**Office of Vocations**

On Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30pm, the Office of Vocations is sponsoring a vocation supper for men at Bishop Michael Jarrell's residence. The deadline to register is August 29. Please call the office to register or Fr. Kevin Bordelon, Director of Vocations, at 337-261-5690. It is customary that the pastor; a deacon; or a religious accompany the candidate(s) to the Vocation Supper. If the young person is under the age of 18 and is the only candidate sponsored by a priest, deacon or nun, then a parent (or other family member over the age of 18) must also attend the Vocation Supper.

**Annual Fr. LaFleur Memorial Mass**

The Lieutenant Father Joseph Verbis LaFleur Memorial Mass will be at 6:30pm, Friday, September 7, 2012 at St. Landry Catholic Church, 1020N. Main St., Opelousas, La., on the anniversary of Fr. LaFleur's death. Bishop Glen Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will serve as celebrant, and music will be provided by the Acadian French Choir in honor of Fr. LaFleur's first language. Joseph Verbis LaFleur was born in the Louisiana town of Ville Platte on January 24, 1912. Later, he would move with his family to nearby Opelousas, where he faithfully served as an altar boy at St. Landry Church during his youth; and where he also celebrated his first Solemn Mass following his ordination to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lafayette in 1938. Fr. LaFleur's first and only diocesan assignment was to St. Mary Magdalen Church in Abbeville, but he soon joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and was sent to serve at Clark Field in the Philippine Islands before the United States entered the War. During his service, Father LaFleur was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross; Purple Heart; and Bronze Star for his valor. He was taken as a prisoner of war by the Japanese, and on September 7, 1944 he and several hundred other prisoners were killed when the ship upon which they were being transported was torpedoed. Father LaFleur's body was never recovered, but memories of survivors report that he was last seen aiding others to escape the sinking ship. The year 2012 marks the 68th anniversary of his death. All are invited and encouraged to attend the memorial Mass on September 7th. Learn more about Fr. LaFleur by visiting <http://www.fatherlafleur.org>

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

**September 2, 2012**

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**Reading I Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**  
 You shall not add to what I command you...keep the commandments of the Lord.

**Psalm 15** "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

**Reading II James 1:17-18, 21-b-22, 27**  
 Be doers of the word.

**Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23**  
 You disregard God's commandments but cling to human tradition.

Today's Liturgy of the Word challenges us to be a people whose faith is authentic, living, and true. Moses exhorts Israel to observe God's commandments carefully, not adding or subtracting from them. James warns the first Christians to be doers of the word, not hearers only, by caring especially for society's most vulnerable. Jesus challenges us to avoid all hypocrisy, making sure that our outward religious observance is matched by our inner purity of heart, and our love for God not negated by harsh judgments toward others.

**RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Are you considering becoming Catholic?  
 Are you a Catholic interested in being confirmed?  
 Are you a confirmed Catholic who is ready to explore your faith?  
 Each year men and women embark on an exploration of the Catholic Faith. Some are deciding if they are called into the Catholic Church; others have been Catholic all their lives and are now interested in discovering what this really means. Parishioners are encouraged to invite non-Catholic friends, who may have expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Church, to register for the RCIA program. Classes here at St. Landry Church will begin on September 4th at 6:30pm in Valentin Hall (located behind the church). Classes will be held on Tuesdays, weekly through February, 2013. For more information, call Deacon John W. Miller at 337-942-2911

**Save the Date**

Coming in October (19-21), Women of the Eucharist Retreat at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St. Martinville. Do you hunger for the Eucharist? Are you wanting to make your Masses more meaningful? Do you want to grow in your appreciation of this great sacrament? If the answer to any of these questions is "YES!", then it might be the right time for you to consider making a retreat, one that focuses on the splendor and power of this great sacrament. Members of the Community of Jesus Crucified are conducting a Eucharistic retreat for women that will challenge you, while in silence, to engage the mysteries occurring at each celebration of the Eucharist. During the retreat you will have quiet time to pray, opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, adoration of the Eucharist and free time to stroll through the beautiful Retreat Center grounds. Because the Community wants to place no obstacles in the way of those who truly want to make a retreat, the retreats are conducted free of charge. Call 337-453-2385 to register.

**DONATIONS FOR FLAGS**

Council 1173 of the Knights of Columbus is seeking donations to cover the cost of replacing the flags at the Fr. Verbis LaFleur Monument. A set of flags cost approximately \$250.00. For more information contact Kenneth Thibodeaux at 337-942-2736.

**Thank You**

St. Landry Church received a donation of \$20.00 in Thanksgiving to St. Anthony.

**Confessions, Saturdays 2:30-3:30 p.m.**  
 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

**Second Offertory Collection Today**  
**St. Landry Church Maintenance**  
**Second Offertory Collection**  
**Week of September 9**  
**Catholic University of America**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Your Stewardship To God**  
 Regular Collection .....\$7,206.66  
 Maintenance & Repair .....\$510.00  
 Poor .....\$20.00  
 Opelousas Catholic Foundation.....\$981.80  
 TOTAL .....\$8,718.46

*Every Gift Comes From Above.*



*Thank you for your generosity!*

**REMINDERS OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, Sept. 3** OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day  
 6:00pm Rosary at Monument  
**Wednesday, Sept. 5** 5:15pm Come, Lord Jesus  
 6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting  
**Friday, Sept. 7** 8:40am OC All School Mass  
 6:30pm Fr. LaFleur Mem. Mass  
**Saturday, Sept. 8** 8:00am Mass in Valentin Chapel

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

Join the parishioners of St. Peter Catholic Church in Grand Prairie for their annual Family Fun Day, on Sunday, September 30 from 9am to 2pm. Raffle tickets; Bingo; Bake Sale; Pony Rides; Face Painting; Fun slides; an auction; Sauce Piquant Cook-off; live Music as well as sale of Cookbooks will be available. \$6.00 plate lunches will also be available. Bring your own chair and leave the ice chests at home!

**Prayer Intentions**

Ashley Allemond; Clifford and Jane Ardoin; John Aucoin; Gervis "BB" Babin; Dennis Bahr; Anna Lee Beadle; Roberta Bernard; Jane Bertrand; Steve & Paula Bienvenu; Sky Bihm; Gerard Boudreaux; Leanna Briley; Wilbur Briley; Vanessa Brown; Holly Burleigh; Bob Chachere; Brandon Castille; Nelson "Shorty" Castille; Raylyn Chapman; Shelton Daigle; Eugene Darbonne; Lou D'Avy; Glenn Derington; Becky Diesi; Harley Doucet; Olivia Doucet; Lane W. Dugas; Vickie Duplechain; Duane Dupre; Shirley Emonet; Tristen Estes; Bernel Fontenot; Linda & Terry Fontenot; Alphonse "Billy" Frilou; Joseph Galhtier; Ruby Gautreaux; Ted Guillory Jr.; Wilma Guillory; Angela Hargroder; Larry Hargroder; Joy Harms; Margie Hebert; Edval Jannise; Agnes Kidder; Gerald Kidder; Patsy T. Kirkpatrick; Trina Kirkpatrick; Michael Labbe; Brittany LeBlanc; George LeBlanc and family; Olivia Lanclous; Olivia LeBlanc; Mike Lewallen; Dale Martin; Georgie Meche and Family; Mitch Mequet; Laura Miller; Romaine Miller; Brandy Monde; Julie Mouton; Miya Norse; Lonnie and Cindy Ortego; Gil Ortego; Marty Ortego; Terri Ortego; Betty Pitre; Ricky Pousson; Merilyn Quirk; Butch Richard; Joseph James Robin; Jimmy Roy; Ken Roy; Myrtle Ryder; Lauren Sebastien; Annie Kay Segura; Carrie Soileau; Corrine Soileau; Emmadine Soileau; Lou Soileau; Timmy Soileau; Scotty Speyrer; Viola Stelly; Patti Stephens; Patrick Steward Jr.; Thomas Stoute; Yola Stoute; Beverly Talbot; Collins ThibodeauxJames Touchet; Lena Trahan; Lou Vidrine; Brandy Willingham; Nicky Winder; 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; Hunter Zerangue  
 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.**

**First Communion and Confirmation Registration**

We are currently taking registration for the 2013 First Communion and Confirmation classes. Please come to the church office to register.

**OC Corner**

OC continues its school-wide program entitles "Journey with Jesus" this year. Its components of school, family and church in grades K-3 (bronze level), 4-8 (silver level), and 9-12 (gold level) will strengthen their growth as exceptional Christian leaders. Recently announced, was the theme for this year: **Dare to be different, Dare to be like Christ!** The 3rd Annual OC Alumni Softball Tournament is set for October 26-28. Letters have been mailed out. For more information, contact Heidi Fisher at 351-2263 or email at [ocalumnisoftball@gmail.com](mailto:ocalumnisoftball@gmail.com)

**OUR FRENCH CONNECTION**  
**Trip to France**

Fr. James Brady, along with the Religious Ramblers, is planning a great pilgrimage to France, starting April 23, 2013, for 10 days with an optional extension. St. Landry Church and St. Landry Parish will be the inspiration for many of the Shrines and Churches that will be visited with an emphasis on the Shrine of St. Landry. The title of this trip is "Our French Connection" and will include many of the sights we've heard and dreamed about. A preliminary meeting will be held at Valentin Hall on **September 22, 2012 after the 4pm anticipated Mass.** Please join us to "just listen" or sign up. For more info. Call Bonnie Wyble at 942-6940 or 945-2267.

**Thanks & Appreciation from the Meghan Briley Family**

Words cannot express the comfort and support that St. Landry Church Parishioners expressed to us during Meghan's illness and funeral. Thank you "Friends of the Bereaved" for the Memorial Donation to the Opelousas Catholic Foundation Fund. A special thanks to Father James Brady for assisting us in so many spiritual ways. **GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!**  
*David, Angie, Lainey, Morgan, Maci & all of Meghan's family*

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
 CHURCH.....For all those affected by Hurricane Isaac  
 CHAPEL.....Special Intentions

**ALTAR SOCIETY**  
**Group VI**.... Norma Hargroder Week of September 8, 2012  
**Group VII**..... Gwen Fruge Week of September 15, 2012