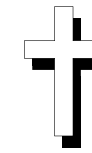


MASS INTENTIONS



The Pastor's Corner

This weekend, we continue our journey towards Christ at the beginning of our liturgical year. Today, the 1st Sunday of Advent, marks our liturgical "New Year," which appropriately begins with our preparation and anticipation of receiving the gift of Christ at Christmas. The Nativity of Our Lord marks the beginning of Jesus' earthly life, the life of Our Savior that leads to the salvation of the world. The remembrance of these events is intended to help us all re-focus on Christ and His Church by entering more deeply into the mystery of the Incarnation. The first step in preparing to receive Christ was heralded by John the Baptist, who preached repentance and forgiveness of our sins.

In that regard, the Diocese of Lafayette is sponsoring "The Light is on for You" campaign. An insert is included in this bulletin regarding the campaign. All church parishes within our diocese will have their "light on for you" on Wednesdays from 6:30 until 8pm for Confessions. Confession is a beautiful sacrament often under-utilized by Catholics. Confession allows us to tangibly know of God's mercy in the forgiveness of our sins, and His Grace in giving us the strength to cast off the burden of sin and live in freedom to know Him ever more deeply. Confession will prepare us to receive Jesus more fully at Christmas, so I hope we all take advantage of the Sacrament of Confession during the Advent Season.

Please know of my prayers that all of us are blessed with the greatest gift of all at the end of this Advent Season, the gift of a deeper relationship with Christ! God Bless!

*Fr. James Brady*

Pope Benedict's Intentions for December

**General: Minister of the Gospel** That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities.

**Mission:** Christ, light for all humanity. That Christ may reveal himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of his Church.

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

TRAVEL TO FRANCE WITH FATHER BRADY

Visit many places in France in April of 2013 with Father James Brady, as Spiritual Director. Some of the places to be visited are Lourdes, Ars, Paray le Monial, St. Germaine, Paris, Liieux, Mont St. Michelle, Normandy, Sacre Coeur and many, many other interesting places.

For a brochure or more information, call Bonnie Wyble at 337-942-6940 or 337-945-2267.

Annual Runnin' REVS verses Slammin' SEMS Basketball Game

The Diocesan Priests face the Diocesan Seminarians on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 6:30pm in an athletic competition of recreational basketball. This event is to be held in the Opelousas Catholic Gymnasium.

The fun-filled family event helps to promote vocations and supports the Office of Religious Vocations and Opelousas Catholic School.

St. Landry Catholic Church KC Council 1173 is sponsoring the game, while Opelousas Catholic is the host.

For more information, contact Jared Normand @ 337-945-2906 **OR** Charlie Roy @ 337-942-9701.

In Memory

St. Landry Church received a monetary donation in memory of Ms. Aline Lafond.

Thank you to the donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Shoppes D'Noel

Sunday Dec. 2 from 2pm to 4pm. Nursing Homes to be visited are: Heritage Manor; Senior Village; Tri-Community and J. Michael Morrow in Arnaudville.

Volunteers should arrive to help with set-up between 1:30pm and 2:00pm. For more info. Call Yvonne Normand at 308-3474

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING  
**December 2, 2012**

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**Reading I Jeremiah 33:14-16**

I will raise up for David a just shoot.

**Psalm 25** "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

**Reading II 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

May the Lord make you abound in love.

**Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Be vigilant at all times.

All of our scripture readings today alert us to that the day of the Lord is approaching. In the Gospel, Jesus warns us not to become drowsy and allow ourselves to be surprised by the coming of the Lord. The reading from Isaiah tells us that the One who is coming is a just Lord. How can we be vigilant for the coming of this just Lord? Saint Paul tells us today in his letter to the Thessalonians: Remember the instructions of the Lord Jesus and conduct yourselves in a way that pleases God.

RCIA-  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

Tuesday at 6:30pm, the adult religion class will be viewing a video of, **The Fathers' Gift by Scott Hahn. This video speaks of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.** Very interesting. Must see!

For more information, call Deacon John W. Miller at 337-942-2911.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

QUO VADIS NIGHTS

Discernment Group for high school boys meet the First Wednesday of each month, with December 5th being the last one. Quo Vadis is Latin for "Where are you going?" The format is to attend the 5:00pm Mass at the Cathedral; sit together in front of the pulpit, then from 6pm—7pm a time of prayer and discussion together in Cathedral Center, concluding with pizza. Contact Fr. Kevin Bordelon @ 337-261-5690 for more information.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Donations for Poinsettias, trees and decorations are currently being accepted in the Church office in Valentin Hall. These monetary donations may be made in memory of someone or in Thanksgiving for answered prayers. Thank you for helping to make **your** church look more beautiful during this Holy, Christmas season.

**Coming December 16th!!!**  
**Pizza and a Movie @ Valentin Hall**  
**For: Students 6th - 12th grade**  
**Time: 6:15pm**  
**Feature: The Nativity**  
**Pizza and drinks for all!!!**  
**Come and bring a friend!**

For more info, call Deacon Dwayne Joubert @ 308-0001.

City-wide Penance Service  
**Monday, December 17**  
**6:00pm—8:00pm**  
Our Lady Queen of Angels

A Special Mass for Survivors of Violence

Will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2012 at 2:00pm, At Immaculata Chapel, 1408 Carmel Dr. Lafayette, La. Bishop Jarrell will be the celebrant.

Saturday, Dec. 1 ..... 8:00 am

4:00 pm .....  
Sal Diesi Sr.; Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Steve & Ronnie Ardoin and the Rider family; Ronnie J. Vidrine; M/M Robert Going Sr.; Clara P. Elder; Jeanette Lalonde; Rosalie and Frank Pepitone; Claiborne & Cecile Ryder

Sunday, Dec. 2 ..... 8:00 am

M/M John FaKouri, John Jr. and Jacob; Youle and Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Eugene, Margie & Jonie Hebert and Eugenie H. Quebedeaux; Patsy and David Kirkpatrick; Clem (DA) & Estelle Hebert and John & Dona Clary; Sarah (BD) & Mary (BD) Joubert; Jeanne-Marie Boullion (BD)

10:00 am .....

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Joyce Ortego; Nita and J.Y. (BD) Bordelon; M/M Alton Soileau and Sonny; M/M Lee Martin; Jonathan (Jon) Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Clara P. Elder; Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin and Emmitt Fontenot; Sarah Jarrell; Linda C. Ozenne; William (Bill) Hebert

5:00 p.m. ....

St. Landry Church Parishioners; Lane Williams (BD); Marie Grace Soileau; Fields and Voitier families; Harold Savoy

Monday, Dec. 3 .. 12:05 pm

Clara P. Elder

Tuesday, Dec. 4 ..... 12:05 pm

Clara P. Elder; Pete Emanuel

Wednesday, Dec. 5 ..... 12:05 pm

Una L. Moreau; Clara P. Elder; Patsy & David Kirkpatrick

Thursday, Dec. 6 ..... 12:05 am

Clara P. Elder; Perrault and Edwards family

Friday, Dec. 7 ..... 12:05 pm

Willard Andrepoint (BD); Clara P. Elder; Jacque Merritt

5:30 p.m. Anticipated Mass for Immaculate Conception

Saturday, Dec. 8 ..... 8:00 am **IN CHURCH**

M/M Lee Martin; Jonathan (Jon) Martin; Sarah Jarrell; Alex Robertson; Evelyn & Bob Batton

4:00 pm. ....

Sal Diesi Sr.; James E. Martin; Clara P. Elder; Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin and Emmitt Fontenot; Jeanette Lalonde; Rosalie and Frank Pepitone; Cecile Ryder; James and Callie Palmer; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise; Michael Luke Darby

Sunday, Dec. 9 ..... 8:00 am

Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Una L. Moreau; Eugene, Marie & Jonie Hebert and Eugenie H. Quebedeaux; John and Dona Clary

10:00 am .....

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Frank Miller; Joyce Ortego; 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; Lester LeJeune (BD) and Inez L. Mott (DA); Fields and Voitier families; Harold Savoy

**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 Fund**

**Second Offertory Collection**  
**Week of December 9, 2012**  
**Retired Religious Fund**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Your Stewardship To God**  
Regular Collection .....\$5,928.26  
Maintenance & Repair .....\$275.00  
Poor .....\$40.00  
Opelousas Catholic School.....\$854.70  
ICON.....\$579.00  
Flowers.....\$1,103.00  
**TOTAL.....\$8,779.96**

*Every Gift Comes From Above.*



*Thank you for your generosity!*

DOLL AND TOY FUND

The Catholic Daughters of America are sponsoring the Doll & Toy Fund again this Christmas. New toys are given to needy children in the Opelousas area.

Monetary donations, payable to "Doll & Toy Fund", should be mailed to: Doll & Toy Fund c/o Janis Courvelle, 1826 Edwards St., Opelousas, La. 70570.

New, unwrapped toys may be brought to Valentin Hall from 8:45am until 11:50am and 1:15pm until 3:45pm., Monday through Thursday. On Friday only until 11:50am.

THE SPIRIT OF LOVE PREVAILS AT CHRISTMAS.

Please support this worthy cause to help children have a MERRY CHRISTMAS morning. Call 789-0971 for info.

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond; Joshua Allemond; Clifford and Jane Ardoin; John Aucoin; Gervis "BB" Babin; Dennis Bahr; Anna Lee Beadle; Roberta Bernard; Jane Bertrand, Steve & Paula Bienvenu; Sky Bihm; Logan Billeaudeaux; Gerard Boudreaux; Millie Boudreaux; Leanna Briley; Wilbur Briley; Vanessa Brown; Holly Burleigh; 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; Richard and Nelda Dunn; Vickie Duplechain; Duane Dupre; Shirley Emonet; Tristen Estes; Bernier Fontenot; Linda & Terry Fontenot; Alphonse "Billy" Frilou; Joseph Galhtier; Ruby Gautreaux; Elsie and Craig Guillory; Ted Guillory Jr.; Wilma Guillory; Angela Hargroder; Benny Hargroder; Larry Hargroder; Keith Harmon; Bobby Hebert; Agnes Kidder; Gerald Kidder; John Kirkpatrick; Michael Labbe; Grady Lacassin; Brittany LeBlanc; George LeBlanc and family; Olivia LeBlanc; Louise LeDoux; Mike Lewallen; Dale Martin; Malcolm "Slick" Martin; Georgie Meche and Family; Mitch Mequet; Laura Miller; Romaine Miller; Brandy Monde; Julie Mouton; Miya Norse; Lonnie and Cindy Ortego; Marty Ortego; Terri Ortego; Betty Pitre; Ricky Pousson; Marilyn Quirk; Andy Requizo; Butch Richard; Jessie Joubert Richard; Joseph James Robin; Myrtle Ortego; Lauren Sebastien; Annie Kay Segura; Katherine Smith; Carrie Soileau; Corrine Soileau; Emmadine Soileau; Lou Soileau; Timmy Soileau; Scotty Speyrer; Viola Stelly; Wilton Stelly; Patti Stephens; Patrick Steward Jr.; Thomas Stoute; Yola Stoute; Beverly Talbot; Collins Thibodeaux James Touchet; Lena Trahan; Fr. Nicky Trahan; Lou Vidrine; Brandy Willingham; Nicky Winder; Pat Woodson; Warren Wyble; Henry Young; Mike Young

**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; Dr. John Cason; Jacob DeKerlegand; Hunter Dubuc; Brian James Dendy; Dakin Doyle; Eric Hart; A.J. Korn; Garrett Ryan Lanclos; Andre Ledoux; Danny Pitre; Trevor Reilly; Zach Reilly; Joshua Thomasse; 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.**

OC Corner

Our Angel Appeal Drive for 2012 will come to a close this month. We appreciate the angels who have contributed thus far to benefit the school's Foundation Trust Fund and the purchase of new desks and recreational equipment. Those wishing to make a gift may mail it to the Development Office at 428 E. Prudhomme St. in Opelousas. God Bless!

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team for excellent results at the State Meet! In the girls' contest out of 162 girls, Peyton Hammond finished 10th; Alia Stelly 27th; with Samantha Richard having a strong finish. Results for the field of 200 boys included Trey Hammond, top 30; Blake Aucoin, top 50; and Andrew Guidroz, top 75.

Please Pray for Our Seminarians

Of the 39 current seminarians representing the Diocese of Lafayette, the following 3 men are from the North Region:

- 1) Matthew Barzare St. Anthony of Padua, Eunice
- 2) John Miller St. Landry, Opelousas
- 3) Ben Pitre St. Landry, Opelousas

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and eager but gentle servants of the gospel. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, Dec. 01	8:00am	Mass in Valentin Hall
Monday, Dec. 03	6:00pm	Rosary at Monument
Tuesday, Dec. 04	6:30pm	RCIA
Wednesday, Dec. 05	5:15pm	Come Lord Jesus
	6:30pm	The Light Is On For You
Thursday, Dec. 06	8:40am	All School Mass
	6:00pm	1st. Communion Meeting in Valentin Hall for students & parents
Friday, Dec. 07	6:30pm	Year of Faith
	5:30pm	Anticipated Mass for the Immaculate Conception
		Parish Council Social after Mass
Saturday, Dec. 08	8:00am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Mass in church
	5:00pm	Altar Society Social

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PRESENTATION

**1ST. Communion students and parents**

On Thursday, December 6 at 6:00pm in Valentin Hall.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
CHURCH .....Ezra Martin (BD)  
CHAPEL .....That we remain wakeful and watchful

**ALTAR SOCIETY**  
**Group V** ..... Betty Leleux Week of December 8, 2012  
**Group VI** .... Norma Hargroder Week of December 15, 2012