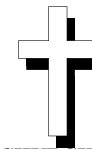


MASS INTENTIONS



The Pastor's Corner

Over the last three weekends, we have discussed in our homilies, end of year and new year themes. For us as Catholics, the end of the year, or New Year's Eve, is the celebration of Jesus Christ as our King (this year, the Sunday after Thanksgiving.)

This weekend, we conclude the series of homilies with the acknowledgement that, generally speaking, we learn and practice how to live a good and holy life gradually. Although there may be periods of great growth at different times in our lives when we finally "get it", we usually grow gradually in God's Wisdom.

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, Lixieux, 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 versus 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.

MEN'S WORK DAYS

Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Painting, Concrete Work, Cleaning and "Good Ole" Manual Labor.

Work begins at 8:00am on Saturday, December 15, with Mass at noon. Lunch will be provided and normally ends at 4:00pm. Come when you can and stay as long as you can.

For more information call Center of Jesus Crucified at 337-394-6550.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

December 9, 2012

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Reading I Baruch 5:1-9

God is leading Israel in joy.

Psalms 126 "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Reading II Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

May your love increase ever more.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Today's readings are about people in exile and their deliverance. The people of Israel, in the reading from the prophet Baruch, are led back in joy by God, who even levels the mountains and fills in the valleys to smooth the way for their return.

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 receive an explanation of the Mass, step by step in detail, from the procession to the end of the Mass. The prayers for the Mass will also be explained.

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

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

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the American Bank and Trust Company for providing our parish calendars. They have been doing this for many years.

Please remember to thank them whenever you can. The calendars are available at all doors of the church.

Bereavement Support Group

For those who are suffering a loss of a family, friend or loved one, the Diocese of Lafayette has a Companion Along the Journey Program. The bereavement support group allows one to grieve in a safe and non-judgmental way, to work through grief.

The next meeting will be at the Immaculata Center on December 13 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Call Karol at 261-5607 for more information.

DINE AROUND

Come and join The Center for Loss & Transition Group of Hospice every 3rd Sunday @ 11:00am for a social outing with others who have lost a loved one.

The next gathering is at Lagneau's on Sunday, December 16. For more information call Mollie Charpentier at 337-251-1614.

Saturday, Dec. 8 8:00 am IN CHURCH

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

4:00 pm

Sal Diesti Sr.; James E. Martin; Clara P. Elder; Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin and Emitt Fontenot; Jeanette Lalonde; Rosalie and Frank Pepitone; Cecile Ryder; James and Callie Palmer; Ezra (BD) & Velma Martin and Denise Hull (BD); Irl White; Michael Luke Darby

Sunday, Dec. 9 8:00 am

Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Una L. Moreau; Eugene, Margie & 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

Monday, Dec. 10 12:05 pm

Clara P. Elder; James Herbert

Tuesday, Dec. 11 12:05 pm

Clara P. Elder

Wednesday, Dec. 12 12:05 pm

Bessie Durio; Clara P. Elder; Roy H. Fontenot (BD)

Thursday, Dec. 13 12:05 am

Clara P. Elder

Friday, Dec. 14 12:05 pm

Clara P. Elder

Saturday, Dec. 15 8:00 am

Clyde Pitre (DA)

4:00 pm

Fruges, Rozas and Guillory families; Clara P. Elder; Jeanette Lalonde; Rosalie and Frank Pepitone; Cecile Ryder; Michael Luke Darby

Sunday, Dec. 16 8:00 am

Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Eddie DeKerlegand, Olivier & DeKerlegand families; Eugene, Margie & Jonie Hebert and Eugenie H. Quebedeaux; John and Dona Clary

10:00 am

Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Joyce Ortego; Nita and J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; M/M Lee Martin; Jonathan (Jon) Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Clara P. Elder; Sarah Jarrell; Linda C. Ozenne; M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull

5:00 p.m.

St. Landry Church Parishioners; Marie Grace Soileau; Fields and Voitier families

Confessions, Saturdays 2:30-3:30 p.m.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Second Offertory Collection Today Retired Religious Fund

Second Offertory Collection

Week of December 16, 2012

Victims of Superstorm Sandy

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Regular Collection (\$6,749.46), Maintenance & Repair (\$2,890.55), Poor (\$168.00), Flowers (\$125.00), and TOTAL (\$9,933.01).

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Event. Includes Saturday, Dec. 08 (5:00pm Altar Society Social), Monday, Dec. 10 (6:00pm Rosary at Monument), Tuesday, Dec. 11 (6:30pm RCIA), Wednesday, Dec. 12 (5:15pm Come Lord Jesus), Thursday, Dec. 13 (6:30pm The Light Is On For You), Saturday, Dec. 15 (8:00am Mass in Valentin Hall).

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Opelousas Area Cerebral Palsy Clinic, I would like to thank all members of the St. Landry Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Council 1173 for hosting their Tootsie Roll drive and donating the funds to the clinic. I would also like to thank all those individuals who purchased Tootsie Rolls or made donations. The clinic provided free physical and occupational therapy to over 60 children with disabilities. Once again, thank you so much for supporting our efforts in the community. Sincerely, Lynn Moreau

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 Billeau; 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; Cecile Doucet; Harley Doucet; Olivia Doucet; Lane W. Dugas; Richard and Nelda Dunn; Vickie Duplechain; Duane Dupre; Shirley Emonet; Tristen Estes; Bernel 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; Trina 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 Ryder; Lauren Sebastian; Annie Kay Segura; Katherine Smith; Carrie Soileau; Corinne 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 Lanolos; 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.

OC Corner

Parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to the Elementary School Christmas Play on Thursday at 6:00pm in the OC Gym. The OC Drama Club will also present "12 Angry Jurors", a three-act drama, at the Opelousas Little Theatre. Performances will be held December 13, 14, and 15 at 7:00pm and December 16 at 2:00pm.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The community is invited!!

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

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 Courville, 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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion@ OGH

Needed to distribute Holy Communion on a weekly basis to patients in the Hospital.

Call Deacon Tom Lindsey at 948-5127 or 942-8307 to be added to the list of volunteers.

Sanctuary Light Church/Chapel with candle icons and names Denise Hull and Ezra Martin.

Altar Society Group VI and Group VII with names Norma Hargroder and Gwen Fruge.