

**The Pastor's Corner**

Today, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is the Latin word for "rejoice." This weekend, we "lighten up" a little bit from the work of our Advent preparation to anticipate and rejoice the coming of the gift of the Incarnation at Christmas. This continuing gift of Christ is already present now in the lives we lead in imitation of Christ. The gift comes again this year in our continued change to more closely configure our lives to Jesus' life, that is, in our continuing conversion. To mark this celebration, in our liturgy lighter colored vestments can be used rather than the usual Advent violet, so rose colored vestments will be used this weekend. Considering this is a time when we should rejoice because of the events that give rise to our salvation, it is good to remember that our goal is to live our Christian vocation with joy. At times, we might feel like our faith is a burden, but in reality it truly frees us from slavery to sin and to grow closer to God. We should always rejoice and give thanks to God for the gift of faith that he has given to each of us in our journey of life! 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, Lieux, 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.

**THANK YOU**

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

**A RETREAT INTO PRAYER-Examining the Prayer of Nothingness with Mother Teresa and her Sisters**  
By: Reverend Joseph Brennan

In September 1995, local retired priest and author, Rev. Joseph Brennan, gave a three-day retreat to Blessed Mother Teresa and her sisters in Calcutta. He has condensed those notes into his latest book "A Retreat Into Prayer – Examining the Prayer of Nothingness with Mother Teresa and her Sisters. Now available at Crossroads Catholic Bookstore.

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**  
**December 16, 2012**

**Mass Page 73 in Missalette**

- Reading I Zephaniah 3:14-18a**  
The Lord will sing joyfully because of you.
- Psalm 12** "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."
- Reading II Philippians 4:4-7**  
Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near.
- Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**  
They all asked whether John might be the Christ.

Saint Paul tells us today that our "kindness should be known to all." Coupled with the message of Saint John the Baptist in the Gospel that we should share with those who have nothing, our Advent message today is clear. We are to prepare the way for the Lord by serving others, so that they too will have reason to rejoice at the coming of the Lord. Let us listen to God's word today and rejoice.

**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 **Scott Hahn's Conversion Story**.  
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.

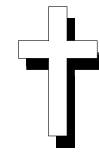
**Coming December 16th!!!**  
**Pizza and a Movie @ Valentin Hall**  
**For: Students 6th – 12th grade**  
**Time: 6:15pm**  
**Feature: The Nativity**  
**Pizza and drinks for all!!**  
**Come and bring a friend!**

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**

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Saturday, Dec. 15** ..... 8:00 am  
Clyde Pitre (DA)  
**4:00 pm** .....  
Fruge, Rozas and Guillory families; Clara P. Elder; Jeanette Lalonde; Rosalie and Frank Pepitone; Cecile Ryder; Michael Luke Darby, Lois Harmon  
**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  
**Monday, Dec. 17** ..... 12:05 pm  
Clara P. Elder  
**Tuesday, Dec. 18** ..... 12:05 pm  
A. B. Courvelle Sr. (DA); Clara P. Elder  
**Wednesday, Dec. 19** ..... 12:05 pm  
Clara P. Elder; Eugene, Margie & Jonie Hebert and Eugenie H. Quebedeaux (DA)  
**Thursday, Dec. 20** ..... 12:05 am  
Clara P. Elder; Richard LeBlanc (BD)  
**Friday, Dec. 21** ..... 12:05 pm  
Lee (DA), Vivian and Kristie Artigue; Clara P. Elder  
**Saturday, Dec. 22** ..... 8:00 am  
Evelyn & Bob Batton  
**4:00 pm** .....  
Loretta W. & A.H. Hargroder, Jr.; James E. Martin; Fruge, Rozas and Guillory families; Ervin & Marcylee Thibodeaux; Louis & Regina Burleigh; Velma & Patsy Gail Boss; Clara P. Elder; Jeanette Lalonde; Rosalie & Frank Pepitone; Cecile Ryder; Michael Luke Darby; Alphonse Huckaby (BD); Lois Harmon  
**Sunday, Dec. 23** ..... 8:00 am  
Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Eugene, Margie & Jonie Hebert and Eugenie H. Quebedeaux; Clem & Estelle Hebert and John & Dona Clary  
**10:00 am** .....  
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Bessie Durio; 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

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

**Second Offertory Collection Today**  
**Victims of Superstorm Sandy**  
**No Second Offertory Collection**  
**Week of December 23, 2012**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Your Stewardship To God**

Regular Collection .....	\$7,068.64
Maintenance & Repair .....	\$447.00
Poor .....	\$128.00
Flowers .....	\$60.00
Immaculate Conception .....	\$1,351.50
Religious Retirement Fund .....	\$1,766.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$10,821.14</b>

*Every Gift Comes From Above.*



*Thank you for your generosity!*

**REMINDERS OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, Dec. 17** 6:00pm **Rosary at Monument**  
6:00pm **City-wide Penance Service at Queen of Angels**

**Tuesday, Dec. 18** 6:30pm **RCIA**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 19** 5:15pm **Come Lord Jesus**  
6:30pm **The Light Is On For You**  
**Friday, Dec. 21** 8:40am **All School Mass**  
**Saturday, Dec. 22** 8:00am **Mass in Valentin Hall**

**A Prayer in Preparation for the Holidays**

Lord, help me prepare for the holiday season this year without turning it into a long, laundry list of obligations, deadlines and expectation. May I never forget that all my plans are just so much dust unless they are rooted in your will. Remind me that you have already come, and that in the fullness of time, your Kingdom will be revealed.  
As these days of preparation and celebration unfold, keep me alert to your presence. Make me aware of the chances I have to bring your love to those around me, especially those most in need.

**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 Billeaudeau; 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; Merilyn Quirk; Andy Requizo; Butch Richard; Jessie Joubert Richard; Joseph James Robin; Myrtle Ryder; 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 Lanolos; 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**

Congratulations to the overall winner in the school's Science Fair, Hannah Goins in the Chemistry division; and the overall winner in the Social Studies Fair, Bailey Hanks in the Anthropology division. The school commends all eight graders who participated.  
OC is proud of the Christian Students of the First Quarter of the year as selected by their teachers: Roycie Pitre, Ava Rodrigue, Jay Lavergne, Brooklyn Gerald, Eli Vercher, Olivia Clark, Jacques Vidrine, Ella Eades, Jayce Thibodeaux, Gracie Bellard, Lora Charles and Luke LaFleur.

**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 .....Souls in Purgatory  
CHAPEL .....Blessed Christmas Season For All

**ALTAR SOCIETY**  
**Group VII** ..... Gwen Fruge Week of December 22, 2012  
**Group I** ..... Lois Joubert Week of December 29, 2012