



MASS INTENTIONS

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; Wedna F. Dufore

5:00 p.m......

St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, December 24 Daily Mass (Chapel) 8:00am

4:00 p.m. December 24 Christmas Eve

Daniel & Louise LaGrange; Lois Harmon; Wayne & Terry Dupre; Frank, Neomie and Jimmy Greco; Willard, Alvin and Gertrude A. Marks; Amar, Maryina and A.B. Courvelle Sr.; Souls in Purgatory; Frank Miller and family; Walfred LeBlanc Sr. & Walfred LeBlanc Jr. Evelyn, Lloyd and Carolyn D. Arnaud & Hilary Dupre; Clara P. Elder; Alyssa Guillory; Scott Henry; Alex Robertson; Marie Grace Soileau; Beverly Faul; Duplechain/Roy families; James Kirt Cormier; Percy & Adrian Trahan; Joe Bono; Bobbie & Julie Mouton; Steve & Ronnie Ardoin and the Rider family; Agnes & Pat Doucet; James & Callie Palmer; Harrison & Roy Fontenot & Families; Alex, Agnes, and James Guillory & families; Henry & Oneza Roy; Donate & Avena Guillory Family; Wilson & Pauline Shuff; Cliff & Annie Soileau; Leroy E. Ortego; Gil Ortego; Harold Savoy; Gladys & Edward Valin

6:00 p.m. December 24 Vigil 6:00pm

Sal Diesi Sr.; Clyde & Ruby F. Pitre; Harry Hebert; Bessie Durio; Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin and Emitt Fontenot; Sarah Jarrell; Evelyn & Bob Batton; Fields & Voitier families; Claiborne & Cecile Ryder; Lawrence (DA), Lilly, Mickey & Joyce Hollier; Ernie & Steven McKinney; Raymus, Mary & Beedy Herpin and Geraldine Bellard Herpin; Hoffman family; Armand & Jeanne Bellard; Edna & Jules Gaspard and Marilyn DeCuir; Harry & Frank Buford; Ludy D. Latiolais and Volta & Jeffrey David; Nita V. & Leonce David, Ludie & Robert Perrodin, Adolph Guillory & Bernard May and Ole Nan; Lee & Abbie Babineaux; Beedy & Hazel Herpin

Tuesday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day 9:00am

M/M John FaKouri, John Jr. and Jacob; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Ernest & Basilese Fontenot and family; Louis & Emma Brown and family; Loretta W. & A.H. Hargroder Jr.; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; M/M Clayton Titard; Walter, Lucille, Mary & Cora Baillio; Joyce Ortego; Nita & J.Y. Bordelon Sr.; Eddie DeKerlegand and Olivier & DeKerlegand families; LaFond-Kaufman family; Russell Carriere, Thomas Huckaby & Donald Pefferkorn Sr.; Alton, Elizabeth and Louis Vernon Joubert; M/M Lee Martin; Jonathan (Jan) Martin; Clara P. Elder; Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin and Emitt Fontenot; Doris B. Hudspeth; Frances Noel, Nuky Carriere and Clement & Yola Carriere; Mary & Kathy Cryor and Russell Carriere; Mayance Dupre; Eula & Clayton Soileau; M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull; Kossuth Doucet family; Conrad O. Martin family; Irl White; Eugene, Margie & Jonie Hebert and Eugenie H. Quebedeaux; Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Steve & Ronnie Ardoin and the Rider family; John & Dona Clary; Clem & Estelle Hebert and Alphonse & Martha Clary; Donald Schultz; James Earl & Frances Mistrot; M/M Elvin Ortego and family; Rose Marye, George Joseph and Todd Bienvenu; M/M Albert Ortego; M/M Melvin Ortego; M/M George Bienvenu Sr.; Norma Gardiner; Ms. Lethia T. Billeaudeau & Family; Louis LeJeune; M/M A. J. DaGian; Sheldon D. Ledoux; Jules & Edna Gaspard and Marilyn DeCuir; Harry & Frank Dubord

Wednesday, Dec. 26 12:05 pm

Clara P. Elder

Thursday, Dec. 27 12:05 pm

Clara P. Elder

Friday, Dec. 28 12:05 pm

Clara P. Elder; Hazel (BD) & (DA) and Beedy Herpin

Saturday, Dec. 29 8:00 am

Evelyn & Bob Batton

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

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

NO Second Offertory Collection Today

**Second Offertory Collection
Week of December 30, 2012
Opelousas Catholic Foundation**

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 24	8:00am	Regular weekday Mass in Valentin Hall Chapel
	4:00pm	Children's Christmas Vigil
	6:00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 25	9:00am	Christmas Day Mass

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

December 23, 2012

Mass Page 75 in Missalette

Reading I Micah 5:1-4a
From Bethlehem shall come the ruler of Israel.

Psalms 80 “Lord, make us turn to you;
Let us see your face and we shall be saved.”

Reading II Hebrews 10:5-10
Behold, I come to do your will.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45
Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth

Our salvation comes from unlikely places. In the first reading, Bethlehem is too small; in the Gospel, a young virgin and her barren cousin meet in small-town Israel. What good can come from any of this? And yet, it is through these seemingly insignificant people and places that God has chosen to act decisively in human history. As we listen to God's word today, are we open to God's actions in unlikely places in our own lives?

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24, 2012 Monday, 8:00am in Valentin Chapel
(Regular weekday Mass)

CHRISTMAS

Children's Christmas Vigil Mass

4:00pm Monday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Bulletin

Instructions for children bringing gifts:

Meet at the inside entrance of the church at least 10 minutes before Mass to line up and process into church. Please bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child.

Children will process in with Father Brady before Mass begins.

As the children come to the altar area, they bow before the altar, place their gift where shown, and then return to the pew with their family.

Christmas Vigil Mass

6:00pm, Monday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

9:00am, Tuesday, Dec. 25

Note: This is the only Mass on Christmas Day

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

December 31, 2012, Monday @ 12:05pm
(Regular weekday Mass)

Feast of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass

December 31, 2012 Monday @ 4:00pm

Feast of Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2013 @ 9:00am and 5:00pm

NOTICE

The 2013 St. Landry Church bulletin will have a new format. 18-24 more ads will be available at a cost of \$175.00 per year. Double ads at a cost of \$340.00 per year will also be available.

Contact Keith Normand (337-942-8318) or Ken Thibodeaux (337-942-2736).

The Pastor's Corner

This week, we begin to celebrate Christmas. Of course, we celebrate Tuesday in a special way, it being the day of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. However, we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season until the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on January 13, 2013. The secular world will be finished with Christmas by the day after Tuesday, but we continue to celebrate the Mystery of the Incarnation for more than two weeks. Our Blessed Mother reflected on the marvel of the Incarnation in her heart (Luke 2:19). So should we. Enjoy reflecting on the gift God the Father has given us in His Son. Enjoy reflecting on the gift Jesus has given us in His Life, Death and Resurrection, the events that have led to our salvation. Enjoy reflecting on the gift of the Holy Spirit, who prompts and empowers us to live a life in imitation of Christ. Ponder the gift of eternal life (our one true Hope), given to us if we follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Let us, as a community, not follow the world, but continue to celebrate and reflect on the great gifts we have all received at Christmas: the gift of God Himself dwelling among us, leading to eternal life with Him.

Note Regarding the Reception of Holy Communion!!

Christmas is such a wonderful and joyous time. One of the reasons for the joy is that our churches are full of worshippers, both Catholic and non-Catholic, to marvel at the mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus the Christ, our Savior. This coming together of so many to worship God is a wonderful thing to see and experience.

With so many new worshippers present, it may be helpful to recall what is necessary to receive Holy Communion at Mass. Following the dictates of Sacred Scripture (1 Cor. 11:27), the Church teaches that one should be properly disposed before Holy Communion. In order to be properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, one must be Catholic and, after a reflective examination, not aware of having committed a serious sin. If a Catholic has committed serious sin, then Sacramental Confession should be made prior to receiving Holy Communion. One such serious sin is the failure to worship God by missing Mass on any Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation without good reason. After proper examination, if you know you are not properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, then you should make a Sacramental Confession prior to presenting yourself for Holy Communion.

Those who are not Catholic or are Catholic and not properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, if they so desire, are welcome to come up in the communion line and receive an individual blessing. They should put their index finger over their lips as they approach the minister to indicate their desire to receive a blessing.

Again, I am so delighted that you are with us during this special time. Together we rejoice in the Incarnation of Jesus and the promise it holds out to all of us - our hope for eternal life.

God Bless & MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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.

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.

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 Wyle at 337-942-6940 or 337-945-2267.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHPeace In All Families
CHAPELThe God Will Once More Be Allowed
In All Schools and In Government.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group I Lois Joubert Week of December 29, 2012

Group II..... Pap Roy Week of January 5, 2012

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; Rodney Comeaux; 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 Galhler; Ruby Gautreaux; Elsie and Craig Guillory; Ted Guillory Jr.; Wilma Guillory; Angela Hargroder; Benny Hargroder; Larry Hargroder; Keith Harmon; Bobby Hebert; Nelwyn & Pat Hebert; Agnes Kidder; Gerald Kidder; Janice 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; Corrine Soileau; Emmadine Soileau; Lou Soileau; Timmy Soileau; Scotty Speyrer; Viola Stelly; Wilton Stelly; Patti Stephens; Patrick Steward Jr.; Thomas Stute; 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 Denny; Dakin Doyle; Eric Hart; A.J. Korn; Garrett Ryan Lanclous; 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 Varsity Cheerleaders for being named the top cheerleading squad of the year through the Acadiana Postgame. The squad also recently won third place honors in the time out dance division of the LHSA State cheer competition.

Families are reminded to continue collecting and sending to OC the UPC labels from Community Coffee and Campbell's products, box tops from General Mills products, and Coca-Cola product bottle caps and cardboard package flaps (with codes inside).
May God bless you for supporting Catholic education.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God

Regular Collection\$6,070.62
Maintenance & Repair\$606.00
Poor\$91.00
Flowers\$75.00
Endowment Fund.....\$30.00
Religious Retirement.....\$36.00
Victims of Superstorm Sandy\$1,124.40
TOTAL.....\$8,033.02

*Every Gift
Comes From
Above.*



Thank you for your generosity!

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 provides 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