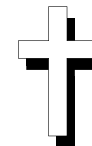


MASS INTENTIONS



The Pastor's Corner

In addition to our annual remembrance of the dignity of human life this past weekend, we also celebrated "Vocations Awareness Week." Specifically, the vocations of which we as a community are sought to be "made aware" are vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Over the last several decades we saw a decline in the number of men and women entering into these vocations in the more developed parts of the world. However, vocations have been generally good in the less developed parts of the world. For us in Louisiana and in the United States in general, vocations have not been declining and in many places are ticking upward, and that is a good sign! In our parish we are blessed to have two seminarians studying for the priesthood, John Miller and Ben Pitre. It is one sign of a healthy parish community. Please keep them in your prayers!

It should be remembered that every person entering a religious vocation comes from a family. Although the call to a religious vocation is ultimately made by the Holy Spirit, families provide the fertile soil where consideration of a vocation can take place. In a very real way, the priests and religious you encounter are a reflection of our families and our society. This is why a strong and devout family life, beginning with healthy marriages and good parental example, is so important.

One problem with religious vocations is that many of our young people never consider it, as they are not encouraged to do so within the family. That is a shame! From my experience, the religious life is a wonderful life-giving gift and can provide great joy and peace to the person living it. In our prayers for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, let us all be reminded of our duty to provide fertile soil and proper encouragement by both word and deed in helping cultivate religious vocations.

If you know of someone interested in the priesthood or religious life, please let me know and I would be most happy to meet with them and provide any necessary information they might need.

Fr. James Brady

Pope Benedict's Intentions for January, 2013

General: Faith of Christians: That in this Year of Faith Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in Him.

Mission: Middle Eastern Christians That the Christian communities of the Middle East, often discriminated against, may receive from the Holy Spirit the strength of fidelity and perseverance.

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes for RCIA continue this Tuesday, January 29th, at 6:30pm in Valentin Hall. The lesson this week is on Matrimony; Sacramentals and Funerals. Please contact Deacon John Miller @ 942-2911 for more information.

Safe Environment, continuing Education

Our Lady of Mercy will be having continuing education classes for Safe Environment on the followings dates in January: Saturday, January 26 at 10:00am Call Glenda at 942-9404 OR 942-4174, ext.211

Christ in the City

"Christ in the City" provides a monthly opportunity for young adults to worship through Eucharistic Adoration. At each hour-long service, those in attendance pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament, listen to a homily, sing and have the opportunity for confession. Afterwards there will be a time of fellowship at Corner bar. The event is open to young adults in their 20's and 30's, married or single. For more information, find us on facebook or visit the website: http://ChristInTheCity-Lafayette,Wordpress.com

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

January 27, 2013

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Reading I Nehemiah 8:2-4a They read from the book of the law and understood what was read.

Psalm 19 "Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life."

Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 We are Christ's body.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 Today the Scripture passage is fulfilled.

Today we pick up Luke's Gospel, and will hear from Luke almost every Sunday for the remainder of the year. The passage that we hear today sets the tone for all of Luke's writing. It takes place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and what does Jesus say? "The Spirit of the Lord...has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Let us listen carefully today and all year, and learn what that line means from Luke, for Jesus, and for us.

Around the Dioceses

Pro-Life/Right to Life Walk

The Opelousas Pro-Life/Right to Life walk will be held on January 26 beginning at 10:00am from Our Lady Queen of Angels Church and ending at the New Life Center.

Virtual Pilgrimage of Lourdes, France

The Pastoral Council and Pastor, Fr. Jude M. Obiechina, CMF of St. Joseph Church in Plaisance, would like to invite everyone to attend a Virtual Pilgrimage of Lourdes. This will be held on Sunday, January 27 @ 2pm. For more information call 337-826-3395.

Come Follow Me Retreat:

The Diocese of Lafayette is again joining with Dioceses of Baton Rouge and Lake Charles to offer a discernment retreat for men on February 1-3, this year at the St. Charles Center in Lake Charles. It is open to interested men in high school, college or professional life, ages 16-45, who are considering a call to the priesthood. There is no cost to attend and the deadline to register is January 28th. Please contact Father Bordelon at the Vocations Office (261-5690) for more information and/or to register.

7th Annual Winter Gospel Festival

An "Ecumenical Celebration of Gospel Where We Live" to be held on Saturday, February 2 in the OHS Auditorium @ 6:00pm. Featured singers will be Debra Snipes, Jerry Dunbar and Mega Choirs from Opelousas. Tickets are \$15 or \$20 at the door. For more info, call Lena Charles @ 290.6048.

The Highest Mystery-The Mass in Sacred Scripture and Tradition:

Our Lady Queen of Angels is sponsoring The Highest Mystery-The Mass in Sacred Scripture and Tradition by Msgr. DeRouen on Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 12 & 19 at 6:00pm.

Opelousas/Port Barre Men's Silent Retreat

The Spring Opelousas/Port Barre Men's Retreat, at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau, will be held on Thursday, February 28th through Sunday, March 3rd, Call Andrew Guidroz II for information or registration at 337-351-0732. You can also email him at andrew@thecajun.com. A deposit of \$25.00 is required to hold your room.

Saturday, Jan. 26 8:00 am 4:00 pm. Loretta W. and A. Hargroder Jr.; Clara P. Elder; Jeanette Lalonde; Rosalie and Frank Pepitone; Adrian Trahan (BD); Michael Luke Darby; Hal Guillory; Didier Hargroder; James E. Martiny; Helen B. Richard Sunday, Jan. 27 8:00 am Eugene, Margie & Jonie Hebert and Eugenie H. Quebedeaux; Martin J. St. Amand; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Maria Lac Pham 10:00 am Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; M/M Lee Martin; Jonathan (Jon) Martin; Clara P. Elder; Margaret V. Martin; Sarah Jarrell; Linda C. Ozenne; Joyce and Baby Ortego; Scotty Speyrer; Cecile Doucet 5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners; Fields and Voitier families; Leonce Lalonde Jr.; Harold Savoy Monday, Jan. 28 12:05 pm Clara P. Elder; Emitt Fontenot & Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin; Lucy St. Amand (BD); Derek & Sarah Guidroz Mire (WA) Tuesday, Jan. 29 12:05 pm Clara P. Elder; Therese Fontenot (DA); James E. & Mattie Martin (WA) Wednesday, Jan. 30 12:05 pm Clara P. Elder; Cecile Doucet Thursday, Jan. 31 12:05 pm Clara P. Elder; Lois F. Joubert (BD); Lane Messner (BD); Jane Savoy (BD) Friday, Feb. 1 12:05 pm Clara P. Elder Saturday, Feb. 2 8:00 am 4:00 pm. Clara P. Elder; Jeanette Lalonde; Rosalie and Frank Pepitone; Don & Ronnie J. Vidrine; M/M Robert Going Sr.; Michael Luke Darby; Hal Guillory; Katherine (BD) and R. S. (Sol) Reed; Orelie Marks; Curtis Hooks Sr. sons and Sue; Carl Venable; Souls in Purgatory; Raye Venable & Leonie Marmottin; James E. Martin; Helen B. Richard Sunday, Feb. 3 8:00 am M/M John FaKouri, John Jr. and Jacob; Eugene, Margie & Jonie Hebert and Eugenie H. Quebedeaux; Martin J. St. Amand; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Arthur & Eva Fontenot 10:00 am Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith; Nita & J.Y. Bordelon Sr.; M/M Alton Soileau and Sonny; M/M Lee Martin; Jonathan (Jon) Martin; Clara P. Elder; Margaret V. Martin; Sarah Jarrell; Linda C. Ozenne; Daniel & Louise Lagrange; Marie (BD) & Gervais Guidroz; Joyce & Baby Ortego; Scotty Speyrer; Cecile Doucet 5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners; Fields and Voitier families; Leonce Lalonde Jr.; Harold Savoy

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

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REMINDERS OF THE WEEK Sunday, Jan. 27 6:15pm Confirmation Class in Valentin Hall Monday, Jan. 28 6:00pm Rosary @ Monument Tuesday, Jan. 29 6:30pm RCIA Wednesday, Jan. 30 5:15pm Come Lord Jesus Thursday, Jan. 31 5:30pm 1st. Penance Class Friday, Feb. 1 7:00am FIRST FRIDAY Adoration Begins All School Mass Saturday, Feb. 2 8:40am Benediction in Valentin Hal 7:45am Mass in Valentin Hall 8:00am NO CONFIRMATION CLASS Sunday, Feb. 3

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond; Joshua Allemond; Clifford and Jane Ardoin; John Aucoin; Gervis "BB" Babin; Dennis Bahr; Anna Lee Beadle; Roberta Bernard; Carolyn M. Bertrand; Jane Bertrand, Steve & Paula Bienvenu; Sky Blhm; 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; Harley Doucet; Olivia Doucet; Lane W. Dugas; Richard and Nelda Dunn; Vickie Duplechain; Duane Dupre; Shirley Emonet; Tristen Estes; Bernel Fontenot; Linda & Terry Fontenot; 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; Mary Ann Davenport Martin; Georgie Meche and Family; MitchMequet; Laura Miller; Brandy Monde; Julie Mouton; Miya Norse; Lonnie and Cindy Ortego; Marty Ortego; Terri Ortego; Betty Pitre; Ricky Pousson; Merilyn Quirk; Andy Requito; Butch Richard; Joseph James Robin; Myrtle Ryder; Lauren Sebastien; Annie Kay Segura; Katherine Smith; Carrie Soileau; Corrine Soileau; Emmadine Soileau; Lou Soileau; Timmy Soileau; 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

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

It is Catholic Schools Week this week! Please pray for Catholic education at OC, and at all Catholic schools around the country, that they may continue to flourish. Congratulations to OC's "Students of the Year"; Noah LaBruyere, 5th grade; Elizabeth Duplechain, 8th grade; and Sydney Dean, 12th grade. Tickets are going fast for the OC Tasters' Dinner & Auction event on February 6th. Tickets are \$30 per person through Feb. 4th; then \$40 per person after Feb. 4th. Contact the Development Office at 942-5404 ex. 105 for more information.

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 4) Paul Lombas St. Anthony of Padua, Eunice 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

OUTREACH

This Saturday is Outreach Saturday and I invite you to join us in spreading that re-charged Faith and Hope which we enjoy with all God's children in our community. Let us bring the love of God to all that God places before us and allow them to feel what we have experienced in being members of God's family. As always we invite you to join us at First Saturday Mass in Valentin Hall at 8am and then gather for coffee and donuts with a little camaraderie. We will have instruction for Outreach at 9am, then commence on our mission at 10am until noon. For more information contact Deacon Diesi at 942-6552.

Returned to Christ through Death

The St. Landry Church parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of:

John Montgomery and Winnie Ardoin

O Lord, grant to those who have died the joy of your presence, and us who are living, the happiness of knowing this.

SANCTUARY LIGHT CHURCH.....For vocations to the priesthood and Religious life. CHAPELSpecial Intention

ALTAR SOCIETY Group VI Norma Hargroder Week of February 2, 2013 Group VII Gwen Fruge Week of February 9, 2013

Catholic Schools Week

January 27– February 1

OCS announces the following activities:

Sunday, January 27:

Opening Mass, 9:00 am, Immaculate Conception Church

Wednesday, January 30:

Roy Petifils (counselor, speaker, writer), 8:00 am, gymnasium (grades 6-12)

Magic Show Teaching Valuable Lessons, gymnasium (grades K-8)

Friday, February 1:

All-school closing mass, 8:40 am, St. Landry Church ...

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and the NCEA Distinguished Graduate

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Opelousas Catholic School educates students in the mission of Christ: to know, love and serve God as disciples in this life in order to be happy with Him in the next.

O.C. Tasters' Dinner & Auction

Wednesday, February 6th, Opelousas Civic Center
Doors open at 6 p.m.

- ◆ *Back in Time*
- ◆ *Blue Dog Cafe*
- ◆ *Buffalo's Catering*
- ◆ *Café Josephine*
- ◆ *Cannatella's*
- ◆ *Tony Chachere's*
- ◆ *Crawfish House & Grill*
- ◆ *Crawfish Town USA*
- ◆ *Fezzo's Seafood & Steakhouse*
- ◆ *Kelly's Country Meat Block & Diner*
- ◆ *La Hacienda*
- ◆ *Lemelle's Catering*
- ◆ *Louisiana Culinary Institute, Colt Patin*
- ◆ *Opelousas General South Campus*
- ◆ *Chef Paul Travis Payne*
- ◆ *Piggly Wiggly South*
- ◆ *Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant*
- ◆ *Tsunami Sushi*
- ◆ *Zea Rotisserie & Grill*

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Tickets also available at Piggly Wiggly on Heather Drive,
Bodemullers, and St. Landry Homestead Bank.

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Tasters' Dinner



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