

Parish Office Hours

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH: Bernell Fontenot

CHAPEL: End to Pandemic

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group 3 Rebecca Reed 12/18/20

Group 4 Norma Hargroder 12/24/20

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Monday & Thursday 3:30pm – 5:00pm
& Saturday 2:00pm – 3:00pm (In the South Sacristy of the Church)

Baptism: Call Office – 942-6552

Anointing of the Sick: Call Office – 942-6552

1ST Communion & Confirmation: See Bulletin for registration information.

Matrimony: Call Office at least six months before planned wedding.

Our Parish Life

ADULT FORMATION – 942-6552

RCIA / Adult Confirmation – Call the Office

Come Lord Jesus! – Tue. 6pm – Rose Boulet

Wed. 5pm – Kim Lajack

Wed. 5:15pm – Lois Joubert

That Man is You – Dcn Dwayne Joubert

Bible Study – Dcn Dwayne Joubert

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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10 AM Choir – John Poirier 577-6466

5 PM Music – Raphael Henry 739-8173

First Friday Adoration – Ben Pitre 678-0501

Altar Society-Pam Hooks 331-4940

PASTORAL OUTREACH – 942-6552

Ministry to the Home Bound – Lois Joubert

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ORGANIZATIONS

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NATIVITY REFURBISHMENT

The beautiful Nativity Set that is used in the church during the Christmas Season has been in desperate need of re-furbishing. The cost of this task is \$12,000 and will be completed in time for Christmas this year. Anyone wishing to donate to this cause should contact Msgr. Harrington or Deacon Joubert. Thanks!!

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS –

December 13 , 2020

REGULAR	\$7614.20
GOAL	\$9000.00
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$132.00
Poor & Needy	\$600.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$840.00
Christmas Flowers	\$40.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$20.00
Immaculate Conception (Calcutta House)	\$1151.00

Your generosity during these most difficult times is greatly appreciated!

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Sunday, 12/20	Fr. Clifton Labbe, SVD
Monday, 12/21	Fr. Donavon Labbe'
Tuesday, 12/22	Fr. Paul LaFleur
Wednesday, 12/23	Fr. Jeremy Lambert, LC
Thursday, 12/24	Fr. Keith Landry
Friday, 12/25	Fr. Oneil Landry
Saturday, 12/26	Fr. Charles Langlois

PRAY FOR OUR DEACONS

Sunday, 12/20	Dcn. Durk Viator
Monday, 12/21	Dcn. William Vincent
Tuesday, 12/22	Dcn. Jose' Vincente Blanco
Wednesday, 12/23	Dcn. Doug Wimberly
Thursday, 12/24	Dcn. Byrne Winn
Friday, 12/25	Dcn. Jerry Wyble
Saturday, 12/26	Dcn. Thomas Adams

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Michael Vidrine	St. John, Melville
Trey Fontenot	Sacred Heart of Jesus, VP
Garrett Broussard	OLOGC, LC

HOLY DAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Mass Times for the upcoming Holy Days:

Christmas:

Christmas Eve: 3:00pm & 4:30pm

Christmas Day: 9:00am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

New Year's Eve: 4:00pm

New Years Day: 9:00am & 5:00pm

OPELOUSAS PREGNANCY CENTER

A Center committed to facilitating abundant LIFE for women and children through FREE pregnancy testing and ultrasound, counseling, education and MORE! St. Landry Church proudly supports their mission.

Prayer to Saint Landry

Through the intercession of St. Landry, bless us all, O Lord we pray, for loved ones, here and near, and far away. And everyone for whom we pray. Keep us safe each night and day, the homeless who have no place to stay. Those who are suffering in any way. The dying, those mourning or grieving and all who need God's mercy. Keep us safe, heavenly Father when we are at home, or traveling on our way, or when we are vulnerable, or in danger in any way. Most merciful Father, hear us as we pray for the souls in Purgatory, or who may be sent there some day. Amen.

PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other. We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times we have failed to love and respect one another. We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society. We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person. Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.

OC CORNER

The community is invited to drive by OCS on Monday morning between 8:30 and 11:30 am to view the "Live Nativity" which will be set up by the senior Theology classes in front of the main building.

Students and staff will dismiss at 12:30 pm on Tuesday for the Christmas holidays and will return to class on Wednesday, January 6. The Opelousas Catholic School family wishes everyone a joyous and peaceful Christmas!

If looking for gift ideas, you may want to consider a gift to the OC Angel Appeal Drive for 2020-2021 in honor of someone special or in memory of a loved one. Gifts, large or small, will benefit technology needs on campus and can be made online through the website or by mail to the OC Advancement Office, 428 E. Prudhomme St., Opelousas, LA 70570. May God bless our angels!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 19

09:00am J.Y. Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

4:00pm Gerald Roy; Matherne Bourque; Wade Brignac; Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Patrick Murray Labbe; Frank & Marguerite Miller; Miriam Roy; Rosie Lanclos Moreau; Nola Guidroz & Judie G. Olivier; Annie Wise Dupre Jagneaux; Duane Richard & Family

Sunday, December 20

08:00am Good Samaritan & family; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Geneva Gaspard Scallan; Mary Dupre; Murphy Lanclos Sr., Lorrina & Euzebe Guillory; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; The Sick and Dying; Roy "Bubba" & Justine Elder; James E. Martin

10:00am Bill, Elaine, Claudia & Chris Fields & Voitier Families; Vickie Fadaol; Pat & Ron Dupuis (WA); J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Carol J. Sr., Joyce & Baby Ortego; Dr. Earl Rozas; Lee & Beverly Faul & Mark Capone Jr.; Gene Paillet (DA); Dr. L. H. Boulet and Rene Peter Briggs, Jr.; M/M Lee Martin, Jon Martin & Loray Martin Bertrand & Rita Darby; Moise & Martha Lagrange; Richard & Rosie Soileau

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, December 21

12:05pm J.Y. Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Lee Dubuc & Audrey (WA); Lee (DA), Kristie & Vivian Artigue; Carolyn Gardiner

Tuesday, December 22

12:05pm J.Y. Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Gerald Roy; Bertha Pavy

Wednesday, December 23

12:05pm J. Y. & Raphael (DA) Fontenot; Doris T. Collins; J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

Thursday, December 24

3:00pm Dr. Richard & Francis Hargroder; Junior, Loretta & Stephen Hargroder; Amar, Maryina & A. B. Courville, Sr.; Tim Manuel Family; W.G. Speyrer & Family; Hushel Bordelon; Miriam Roy; Alvin, Bradley & Richard Marks; James E. Martin; Msgr. Louis Melancon; Gary, Peggy and M/M Adolph Dupuis Jr.; Kassi Ardoin; Quentin Joubert & Family; Bobbie Mouton; Winnie, Steve, Ronnie & Dusty Ardoin; Ronald Eli Speyrer; John & Sue Letulle; Frederick, Yves & Gloria Cortez

4:30pm Jackie David Bordelon; Lee & Beverly Faul & Mark Capone, Jr.; Drucella Fruge Harper; Frank and Marguerite Miller; J. Y. Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Daniel & Louise LaGrange; Beedy & Hazel Herpin; Irl White & Hazel White Hollier; Kossuth Doucet Family; Elvin & Ena Ortego; J. D. Janise & Grace J. Soileau; Conrad O. Martin Family; Willard "Bubba" Andrepont; Souls In Purgatory; M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull; Wade Brignac; Gertrude Andrepont & Willard Marks

Friday, December 25

9:00am Robert Joubert Family; Deacon Dwayne & Mary Joubert & Family; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Bryan Joseph Joubert & Family; Lloyd Arnaud & Hilary Dupre Families; Tony &

MASS INTENTIONS (Cont.)

Verlie Terracina; Henry Fontenot Family; Louis & Emma Brown Family; Ernest & Basilese Fontenot Family; A. J. (Gus) & Ruth DaGian; Emily Guidry; Matherne Bourque; Clayton & Eula Soileau & Mayance Dupre; Guy & Hattie J. Elder; Louis Diesi; David Diesi; J. Y., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Burnell & Belva Fontenot & Family; R. C. & Elaine Musgrove; Priscilla Taylor; James Fruge Family; Harold, Ryan and John Doucet; James E. Martin; Lester & Rita Jeffers; Roy & Justine L. Elder Family; Sal & Betty Diesi; Frank & Marie Diesi; Sam & Lula Diesi; President Donald Trump and Family; M/M Juan Brignac & Family; John & Mable Beaugh; Carole D'Amico & Family; Raye & Carl Venable; Jessie Clark; Gabrielle "Gabby" LaJack; Drucella Fruge Harper; Harry & Frank Dubord & Geneva Scallan; Duane Richard Family; M/M Curtis Hooks, Sr. & Curtis Hooks, Jr.; Brett & Jill Boullion & Family; Mel Miller; Shirley Meche; Eddie Olivier & DeKerlegand Families; Jules & Edna Gaspard & Marilyn DeCuir; Geraldine "Pap" Roy; Miriam Roy; Josie Prudhomme; Ervin & Marcylee Thibodeaux; Norma Lee Dugal; Gerald Roy; Ruby Mary Fontenot; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Henri Fontenot & Family; Wade Musgrove; Rick & Janelle Ducote; Linda Artall & Family; Nola Guidroz and Judie G. Olivier; Clay & J. C. Billeaudeau & Family; Murphy Lanclos Sr., Lorrina & Ezabe Guillory; J. Y. & Raphael Fontenot; Cecil Musgrove; James Clyde Pitre; Luma Paul Beaugh; Buddy Labbe; Joseph "Cop" and Gladys Devillier; Effie & George Saucier; Jerick Daniel Peck; Sal Diesi, Jr.; Kermit Christ; Dallas Barron, Jr., Wilbur Reed, Jr. & Mitchel Barron; Louis & Regina Burleigh

Saturday, December 26

09:00am J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Dainee Ardoin; Anonymous; Nela Badeaux; Rada Bono; Randy Bordelon; Rickie Bordelon; Carol D'Amico; Robert Comeaux; Ramona Darbonne; Gordon David; Tanna Doucet; Cecile Dupre; Glyn Durio; Catherine & Howard Fournier; Lisa Fruge; Glenda Gaudet; John Godeau, Jr; Susan Godeau; Albert Going; Robert Going, Jr.; Linda Guidroz; John Harper; Anne Hollier; Yola Huckaby; Rosalie Jackson; Vergie Lanclos; Mark Leblanc; Rebecca Leblanc; Jade Leger; Ronald Leger; Sidney Matt; Lorna Sue W. Miller; Reed Mire; Kenny Moreau; M/M Timmy Smith, Sr.; Cy Lager; Ronald Leger; Timmy Dederick; Mary Paillet; Kayla Ramoin; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Edmae DeJean; Gertie DeJean; Julie Roy; Pap Roy; Barbara St. Amand; Elaine Soileau; Taylor Stevens; Terri Trahan; Taylor Morales; Brett Walker

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Oh, Saint Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us daily to the same Jesus, the Son of God, that we, being defended by the power of His grace and striving faithfully in life, may be crowned by Him at the hour of death. Amen.

From Msgr. Harrington...

Nativity scenes and sets across the world reimagine for us the warmth and beauty of the miracle of the Incarnation. In stables or caves or in the open air, the sacred figures remind us that the Father of all chose to send us His Son into the world in simplicity and humility. The birth of a child to transform His created world. The following is a brief history of the Nativity scene by Gillian Weyant.

In the year 1223, St. Francis was preparing to say Midnight Mass in the small town of Greccio in central Italy. According to the writings about him at that time, it seemed that Francis was becoming distraught with the cavalier attitude that many possessed towards Christmas and the increased focus on gift-giving and material goods. Many people seemed to consider it an occasion for celebration without pausing to recognize the import of the event which they were commemorating, and Francis found this regrettable.

He decided that he would, to the best of his ability, create an opportunity for the general public to see the events of the Nativity as though they were present in Bethlehem, and perhaps in doing so better preach the magnificence of Jesus coming to earth as a child. He thought a simple recreation would be best. Francis obtained a blessing to do this from Pope Honorius III.

Francis worked to recreate the scene as he thought it must have appeared in Bethlehem on the night that the Savior was born. He was committed to doing so with the utmost respect and worked hard to ensure that he would not be accused of levity or frivolity in his creation of the first Nativity scene.

St. Bonaventure, who was born several years before Francis' death, wrote of these events later on, and told of how Francis built the scene by placing a wooden manger in a niche in the rocks of Greccio, and soon brought to the manger the hay on which Jesus might have rested his head and the ox and the ass who might have kept him company. It is not clear if townspeople played the roles of Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and wise men or if the scene was as simple as this.

Francis revealed in the simplicity of his new Nativity scene and himself found it profoundly impactful. As the people of Greccio began to celebrate the Mass and sing hymns and psalms of praise, Francis was deeply moved that he wept as he preached about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

May your Christmas be filled with the light of Jesus Christ, born into this world to show us the Father's love. May all the Nativity scenes we see remind us of that first Christmas when the Son of God became one of us.

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