Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

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8:30 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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Pastor Msgr. Russell J. Harrington	ext. 1107
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Receptionist/Secretary Priscilla Guidroz	ext. 1100

Pastoral Council

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Cindy Prather	945-2585
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Joe Blumrich	257-2379
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SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH: Denise Hull(BD) **CHAPEL:** Homeless

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group 4	Norma Hargroder	12/06/19
Group 5	Bertha Reed	12/13/19

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Monday – Friday 11:30 am – 12:00 pm Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Baptism: Call Office – 942-6552 Anointing of the Sick: Call Office - 942-6552 **1**st 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 – Msgr. Harrington		
Come Lord Jesus! – Tue. 6pm – Rose E		
Wed. 5pm – Kim L		
Wed. 5:15pm – Loi		
That Man is You – Dcn Dwayne Joubert		
Bible Study – Dcn Dwayne Joubert		
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH AC	<u>TIVITIES</u>	
Director – Dcn Dwayne Joubert	942-6552	
Safe Environment	942-6552	
<u>LITURGY</u>		
Coordinator – Dcn Dwayne Joubert	942-6552	
Altar Servers - Dcn Dwayne Joubert	942-6552	
Ministers of the Word	942-6552	
Eucharistic Ministers	942-6552	
10 AM Choir – John Poirier	577-6466	
5 PM Choir – Raphael Henry	739-8173	
First Friday Adoration – Ben Pitre	678-0501	
Altar Society-Yvonne Normand	308-3474	
PASTORAL OUTREACH – 942-6552		
Ministry to the Home Bound - Lois Joub	ert	
Ministry to the Bereaved-Lois Joubert		
ORGANIZATIONS		
Catholic Daughters-Ramona Darbonne	692-0196	
After Mass Social -	942-6552	
Knights of Columbus-Josh Soileau	912-5812	
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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordina		
Joseph Pisano, Jr.	298-2987	
OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL		
Principal – Mrs. Marty Heintz	942-5404	
Mission Statement		
St. Landry Catholic Church is a community of		
the faithful that serves God and our neighbors		
by coming to know and love more deeply Our		
Lord and Savior, Jesus Ch	rist. This is	
accomplished through the stud	dy of Sacred	
Scripture and by practicing		
handed down to us, especially the seven		
sacraments. By the help of Jes		
seek to imitate Him in His fai	th hone and	

charity so that we can receive His gift of

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eternal

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From the desk of Msgr. Harrington...

We can see people gathering near the Jordan River and discussing what an odd duck John the Baptist was. Here was this man who had been living in the wilderness, surviving on insects and wild honey, dressed in some kind of costume made from camels, ranting and raving about repentance. He must have been fearless when he publicly criticized the religious and civic leaders of his day. He must have struck fear in the hearts of the many who congregated around this wild prophet of the desert.

The Old Testament prophets' voices were never easy on the ears. Their role was not to foretell the future, but to boldly challenge the faithful to remain faithful to the covenant. When Israel was in exile or slowly assimilating into whatever culture was dominating their way of life, the prophets stepped forward to rail against infidelity to God's way. They came to chastise and admonish all those who turned away, who embraced a path that was considered to be destructive or contrary to God's plan of salvation.

John was not very different from the prophets of the Old Testament. Somewhere at some time he clearly discovered his mission. Perhaps it came from the desert or from his parents, Zechariah or Elizabeth. Maybe his purpose struck him when he left the desert and discovered the state of things that developed while he was gone. However he received his mission, he embraced it with unbridled passion and fidelity. He was called to be the one who was to prepare the way of the Lord. He came to make the pathway straight, to lower the hills and raise the valleys, to create an accessible route to the Lord. There would be no Pharisee or Sadducee who would stand in his way. There would be no Herod who would thwart his pursuit of righteousness.

What would John the Baptist say to us today? How would he respond to our obsession with social media? How would he confront our political divisions and the lack of civility that we show when we disagree with one another in such mean-spirited and destructive ways? How would he address the rifts within our own church, where we sacrifice one another on altars of being too liberal or too conservative? What would John say to our culture of death, where our respect for all forms of life is threatened each and every day by consumerism, hatred, prejudice, discrimination, revenge, greed, selfishness, violence, persistent disregard for the innocent and the vulnerable? How condemning and passionate would the words be from the prophet who had come to prepare the way of the Lord? Maybe we wouldn't want to go to the Jordan River and hear what John has to say.

But this holy season of Advent is not just about all the things we are doing wrong. It is also about the prophet encouraging us to repent, to choose a better life, a holier life, a life of grace and profound love. John has a purpose in his condemnations. It is time to prepare a way for the Lord. We are to open our hearts to His purpose, His grace, His vision. It is time to surrender to His grace to turn our weapons into plowshares, to turn our sin into grace, to turn our death into life.

We prepare because we believe the change is worth it, not only for own sakes, but for the sake of the kingdom. We join John in preparing a way for the Lord, because God uses us to build His kingdom of justice, peace and love. We prepare a way for the manger to receive the child who transforms the face of the earth. That's what the mission of the prophet urges us to do. That's what the voice in the wilderness challenges us to do. Prepare a way for the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS -

DECEMBER - The Future of the Very Young That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS – December 01 2019

REGULAR	\$10579.68
GOAL	\$9000.00
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$2418.59
Poor & Needy	\$411.00
Maintenance Endowment	\$420.00
Christmas Flowers	\$205.00
ICONS (Thanksgiving Day)	\$681.00
OCS Foundation	\$1.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$10.00
Thank You for Your Gen	verosity.
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2nd Collection

12/08/19 – No 2nd Collection 12/15/19 – Bishop's Services Appeal

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Sun. – 12/08</u> 9:00am	Elementary CCD
<u>Mon 12/09</u> 6:00pm 6:00pm	Rosary @ Lafleur Bible Study
Tue 40/40	

<u>Tue. - 12/10</u> 9:10am OCS Mass 6:00pm Come. Lord Jesus!

Wed. - 12/11

6:00am	TMIY
5:00pm	Come, Lord Jesus!
5:15pm	Come, Lord Jesus!
6:00pm	OC Christmas Program

Monument

- Thu. 12/12
- Fri. 12/13 Office Closed
- <u>Sat. 12/14</u> 8:00am

Mass in Valentin Hall

*The Rosary is prayed immediately following each Weekday Mass.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

2nd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10The wolf shall be a guest ofthe lamb."Justice shall flourish in his

time and fullness of peace for ever."

Romans 15:4-9 God, the source of patience, enables us to live in harmony.

Matthew 3:1-12 Prepare the way of the Lord!

Peace and harmony. Last Sunday, Isaiah inspired us with a vision of peace, when swords are beaten into plowshares. Today, Isaiah speaks of a state of harmony, when a lamb can lie down with a wolf. Paul encourages the Romans to think in harmony with one another. John the Baptist calls for repentance, so that all may bear good fruit. As we listen to scripture, let us imagine the harmony we can create when all of us ready ourselves for Jesus' coming.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

-Michael Vidrine	St. John, Melville
-Trey Fontenot	Sacred Heart of Jesus, VP
-Garrett Broussard	OLOGC, LC
Father in your plan	for our salvation you prov

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. AMEN.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

Sunday, 12/08	Fr. Richard
Monday, 12/09	Fr. Tom Vo
Tuesday, 12/10	Fr. Thomas
Wednesday, 12/11	Fr. Derrick
Thursday, 12/12	Fr. Kyle Wł
Friday, 12/13	Fr. Travis A
Saturday, 12/13	Fr. Lawrend

Fr. Richard Vidrine Fr. Tom Voorhies, VF Fr. Thomas Vu Fr. Derrick Weingartner, SJ Fr. Kyle White Fr. Travis Abadie Fr. Lawrence Abara

Eternal Father, we lift up to You, these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

AFTER MASS SOCIALS

Each Sunday, following the 8am and 10am Masses we gather in the South Sacristy of the church for coffee & donuts and FELLOWSHIP! Everyone is welcome! Please use the outside entrance near the southeast corner of the church. Please do not enter through the sanctuary. Please, NO FOOD in any other area of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 07

4:00pm Frank & Marguerite Miller; Souls in Purgatory; Connie S. Benoit; Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; M/M Robert Going Sr. & Families; Philip & Edwin Frilot; Rita Hargroder; Judie G. Olivier & Nola Guidroz; Neal Whipp Family & Fr. Joseph C. DeLuca; Herbert & Essie Oge; Come, Lord Jesus Groups; Mercedes A. & Scott A. Henry; Patrick Murray Labbe; Madelyn McKinney; Janette Sylvester; Ross Hulin; Robert (Bob) Chachere; Charles F. Going & Wm. Hatch Families; Lonnie T. Ortego, Jr.

Sunday, December 08

08:00am M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Roy & Charlene Whaley; Hensley & Eugenia (BD) Hargroder Family; Raye H. Venable, Lillian M. & Curtis Hooks Sr.; Bridget Brasseaux; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; James Robin and deceased family members; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot 10:00am Stephen Taylor; Lou Ella Fontenot Soileau; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; M/M Emillian Bodin & Joyce Lagrange; Bobbie Mouton, Winnie, Steve, Ronnie, Dusty Ardoin; M/M Lee Martin, Jon Martin & Loray Martin Bertrand & Rita Darby; Souls in Purgatory; Carol, Joyce & Baby Ortego; Bernita Fontenot; Guise Tran Ho; Jeanette & Burton Charles; Lawrence Kelly & Darius & Zetta Deville; Patricia S. Woodson; Danny & Anna Richard; The Sick & Dying; M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull (BD); William "Billy" H Jarrell, Jr.; Drucella Fruge' Harper; Lee & Beverly Faul & Mark Capone Jr.; Harriet H. Doucet

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners Monday, December 09

12:05pm Thomas B. Schexnayder; Roy & Justine L. Elder Family; Inez L. Mott (DA); Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Reginald Hebert; Lester (BD) & Judy LeJeune

Tuesday, December 10

12:05pm James A. Herbert (BD); Murphy Lanclos Sr. (BD), Lorrina & Zeb Guillory; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.

Wednesday, December 11

12:05pm Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Jackie David Bordelon

Thursday, December 12

12:05pm Gabrielle "Gabby" LaJack; Diane Ryder Wyble; Thomas B. Schexnayder; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.

Friday, December 13

12:05pm Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Scotty Speyrer(DA)

Saturday, December 14

08:00am Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laurey Andrus, Rena Mae Angelle, Dannie Ardoin, Brenda & Dennys Baird, Camden Barnard, Eric Baquet, Mona Bernard, Rada Bono, Derek Bourque, James Buford Bergeron, Paula Bienvenu, Robert Bienvenu, Elaine Billeaudeau, Marty Billeaudeau, Randy Bordelon, Ricky Bordelon, Alexandra Boudreaux, Mildred D. Boudreaux, Joan Brady, Eden Broussard, Tammy Broussard, Nico Campbell, German Cardoza, Ronnie Collette, Betty Cormier, Leroy Darbonne, Glenda G. Darbonne, Christopher Darby, Angie Dejean, Barbara Dopson, Lee Dubuc, Wanda Dupre, Glyn Durio, Willie Mae Emonet, Johnny Fontenot, Brandon Fuselier, Glenda Gaudet, Albert Going, Robert Going, Jr., Sarah Groth, Amelia Guillory, Gabrielle Hanson & Family, Norma Hargroder, Jeanette Harville, Carol Hebert, Scott Hebert, Eva Herbert, Corrace Hollier, Yola Huckaby, Rosalie Jackson, Brvan Fontenot, Jo Ann Jones, Leon Khan, Charles Kenneth Vergie Lanclos, Lalonde, Sr., Lisa Leblanc, Jenny Ledoux, Ronald Leger, Ronnie Leger, Sawyer Leger, Paul Leleux, Judi Lucito, Cassandra Marceaux, Malcolm Marcus, Kathy Martin, Verna Martin, Heather E. Matt, Sidney Matt, Taylor Morales, Glenda Moreau, Kenny Moreau, Larry Moreau, Catherine Ned, Julia Ortego, Gene Paillet, Mary Paillet, Belle Pitre, Glenda Pitre, Michelle Poulet, Butch Richard, Gerald Roy, Emery Richard, Jessie Richard, The Keith Richard Family, Geneva Scallon, Pap Roy, Betty Slaughter, Jason Sonnier, Elaine Soileau, Ronald Speyrer. Fred Stafford, Andrew Stelly, Audrey Stelly, Andrew Tarleton, Richard Tatman, Ervin Thibodeaux, Margaret Thibodeaux, Brett Walker, Augustine Wilson, Brad Woodel, Evelyn Wyble, Caleb Zacharv

(It is diocesan policy that we must have permission from any individual that is to be placed on the list of intentions prior to their name being listed.)



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- Christmas Eve 4pm With Children's Procession
- Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil Mass
- Christmas Day 9am Mass

1st COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Registration is now open for both 1st Communion (2nd Graders) and Confirmation (11th graders). Registration forms can be picked up at Valentin Hall OR printed from the church's website <u>StLandryCatholicChurch.com</u> and turned in to the office at Valentin Hall. Deadline for registering is December 12th. Classes will begin for both programs in January 2020.

MANY THANKS!

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we are able to provide the Blue Advent Reflection books to our parishioners!

THANK YOU

Special thanks to American Bank for once again sponsoring our St. Landry Church Calendars. The calendars are located at the entrances to the church!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land before Advent 2020. Perfect timing for a life-changing faith trip! Nazareth, Bethlehem, Cana, Mt. Tabor, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea and much more. Don't just see it --- experience it. Scriptures and the Mass will be far more meaningful afterwards. It's a trip you'll treasure the rest of your life! (Nov 2-11, 2020) Save \$300-1200 over similar trips that offer less! Space is limited, so act now. Discounts for those who sign-up soon. For more info, contact Mark Wyble at 816-233-8427 or religiousramblers@gmail.com.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates are January 10-12, March 6-8. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at (337)254-8947 or (337)898-9257, or cee.trahan@gmailcom.

FRIENDS OF THE BEREAVED

The families of Lillian Hooks and Alex Olivier express their gratitude for the support provided during their time of loss.

DOLL & TOY FUND!

Christmas is a joyous time of the year. That is the reason members of the Catholic Daughters. Court St. Landry #119, are sponsoring their annual Christmas toy drive. We are hoping to help provide toys to families who might find it difficult to buy gifts for their children this Beginning the first week in Christmas. December, we will begin collecting new, unwrapped toys which can be placed under the Christmas tree at the front entrance of the church, or in the wrapped boxes at the side entrances of the church. (Please keep in mind older children as well). If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks can be made out to Doll & Toy Fund and mailed to 176 Rue Savanna, Opelousas, LA 70570. For more Information, please call Janis Courvelle at 337-789-0971.

KC SCHOLARSHIP!

The Knights of Columbus Council 1173 is currently accepting applications for the Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA). This is a scholarship program for students in 12th grade. Applicant must be a member of St. Landry Catholic Church. The application deadline is January 15, 2020. For more information, please contact Joshua Soileau at (337) 912-5812.

PRIESTS V. SEMINARIANS

Join us as the Runnin' Revs take on the Slammin Sems in the 14th Annual basketball game between the Lafayette Diocesan priests and seminarians. This popular, fun-filled, family event helps promote and support priestly and religious vocations. Tip-off is at 6:30pm on Monday, 12/30/19 at Cathedral-Carmel School Gymnasium, 848 St. John Street, Lafayette. Doors open at 6 pm.

FOOD for the POOR

As usual we will focus on helping those who are in need during the holiday season. We have placed boxes at the doors of the church to collect non-perishable food donations. The donations will be sent to ICONS, our local food pantry, for distribution to those in need in our community.

EXTRA – ORDINARY MINISTERS

December 14/15

Saturday – 4:00pm Altar Servers: Katie & Brotie Stelly Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Regena Stelly, Michelle Naquin, Didier Hargroder, Suzette Ellis, Alice Cormier Reader: Carl Graffagnino

Sunday – 8:00am

Altar Servers: Leigh Labrie, Beau & Ethan Stelly Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Beth Stelly, Jane Roth, Rose Mariani Reader: Debbie Fay

<u>10:00am</u>

Altar Servers: Noah & Rylee Labruyere, Trip Blumrich Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Cynthia Guidry, Cindy Prather, Martha Moise, Peter Briggs

Reader: Joshua St. Cyr, Dawn Blumrich 5:00pm

Altar Servers: Mia Fuselier

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Glenn & Shawn LeBlanc, Jeanie Anding, Carrol Lafleur **Reader:** Mercy Jannise

OCS CORNER

An all-school Advent Mass with songs in French is set for Tuesday at 9:10 am. OC parents and family members are also reminded about the OC elementary department's Christmas program to be held this Wednesday at 6 pm for the first time in St. Landry Catholic Church. Please join us!

There is a new club on campus named "Cathletes" for student athletes. They recently enjoyed a guest speaker, Coach Milton Rome, a retired coach and teacher and well-known motivational speaker, who spoke about living the Catholic faith in school, in the community, and on the field.

Thank you to all of the students and families who contributed new books to the "Loving Liam Book Drive" in honor of 3-yearold Liam who received a lifesaving liver transplant at Ochsner Medical Center. The books will be given to Ochsner's Child Life Program.

