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Our Parish Life

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RCIA / Adult Confirmation - Msgr. Harrington Come Lord Jesus! - Tue. 6pm - Rose Boulet Wed. 5pm - Kim Lajack Wed. 5:15pm – Lois Joubert

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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 Christ. This is accomplished through the study of Sacred Scripture and by practicing the traditions handed down to us, especially the seven sacraments. By the help of Jesus' Grace, we seek to imitate Him in His faith, hope and charity so that we can receive His gift of salvation in eternal life.

Volume 68, No. 50 - Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2019

From the desk of Msgr. Harrington...

"A voice crying out in the wilderness." Those are the words sacred scripture uses to introduce the adult John the Baptist. He is the prophet serving as witness to the Messianic Age. He is the wilderness-voice that awakens the sleeping world to the one who will change everything, who will electrify this world with the power of His love. He is the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth who stirs in the presence of the Holy One.

Who was John? We know he was the cousin of Jesus, born to an older couple who were thought to be barren. We know he felt compelled to go into the desert, surviving on locusts and wild honey. He comes out of that experience, preaching of baptism for the forgiveness of sins and the need to change one's life in order to welcome the Messiah, the Promised One. He baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, is eventually arrested and beheaded for witnessing to the truth.

Who was this dangerous, challenging prophet? What made him go into the desert? Were his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, disappointed in his decision? Did he break their hearts when he left them? Were they still alive when he wrestled with the Word of God in the desert? What gave him his passion, his zeal, his relentless faith? How did he arrive at the conclusion that he must diminish as Jesus' way brightened? When he was in Herod's prison, did he wonder if he maybe made the wrong decisions or that maybe God had abandoned him?

John was a true prophet, set on fire by the hand of God. His whole being was consumed with longing for the life-giving God who created something out of nothing, who brought life into desert and made the highways straight so that others could find Him. John knew God. God did not abandon him but gave him the confidence of His presence to endure, to thrive and not solely survive.

John's calling is like our own. We are invited to be prophets of the Messianic age. The Holy One's coming is to be announced and proclaimed by us. We exit from the desert of our lives into the richness of our world to announce a year of favor from the Lord. We work with Him at releasing those imprisoned in sadness and bring good news to the impoverished. We take on John's job to be the herald of Jesus, to raise up the valleys and lower the mountains, to create a level pathway for our God.

Like John the Baptist, we become those voices in the desert, proclaiming the greatness of our God and witnessing to the freedom He brings to a broken world. In this Advent season, we are empowered as prophets to bring light to the darkness, to bring life to the barren world. As we draw ever closer to the hustle and bustle of Christmas, we are charged with the Word of God to remind ourselves not to become lost in busy-ness, but to model patience, kindness, God's mercy, God's love, God's peace.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This Thursday evening, December 19th, Msgr. Harrington will be hearing Confessions from 6:00 - 8:00 in church.

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 08, 2019

REGULAR	\$7211.47
GOAL	\$9000.00
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$85.00
Poor & Needy	\$310.00
Christmas Flowers	\$180.00
ICONS (Thanksgiving Day)	\$5.00
OCS Foundation	\$10.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$430.00
BSA	\$20.00
Immaculate Conception	\$489.00

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2nd Collection

12/15/19 – Bishop's Services Appeal

12/22/19 – No 2nd Collection

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Sun. – 12/15</u>

Mon. - 12/16

6:00pm Rosary @ Lafleur Monument

6:00pm Bible Study

Tue. - 12/17

6:00pm Come, Lord Jesus!

Wed. - 12/18

6:00am TMIY

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

Thu. - 12/19

Fri. - 12/20 - Office Closed

1:30pm Christmas decorating

Sat. - 12/21

8:00am Mass in Valentin Hall

*The Rosary is prayed immediately following each Weekday Mass.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

3rd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalm 146
James 5:7-10

The desert will bloom.

"Lord, come and save us."

Be patient like a farmer

waiting for spring.

Matthew 11:2-11 In prison, John received word

of the coming of Christ

Isaiah sings a song of rebirth today, describing Israel after the exile. Flowers bloom, disabilities are healed, sorrow turns to joy. The letter of James counsels us to be patient during this transformation. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds John's disciples that he has done just what Isaiah prophesied. What's more, the kingdom of heaven promises greatness for all. As we listen to God's word, let us rejoice, for we know that God is with us.

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 provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. AMEN.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

Sunday, 12/15
Monday, 12/16
Tuesday, 12/17
Wednesday, 12/18
Thursday, 12/19
Friday, 12/20
Saturday, 12/21
Fr. Ambrose Akalawu, SSJ
Fr. Matthew Barzare
Fr. Herbert Bennerfield
Fr. Lloyd Benoit
Fr. C. Paul Bergeron
Fr. Donald Bernard
Fr. Conley Bertrand

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 14

4:00pm Charles F. Going & Wm. Hatch Families; Patrick Murray Labbe; Frank & Marguerite Miller; Mercedes A. & Scott A. Henry; Ross Hulin; Robert (Bob) Chachere; Rita Hargroder; Madelyn McKinney; Billie, Derbes & Hilda Soileau; Willard "Bubba" Andrepont; Kermit Christ; Come, Lord Jesus Groups; Deborah

Ann Bertinot; Special Intention; Neal Whipp Family & Fr. Joseph C. DeLuca; Shirley Myers Kewley; Leroy & Elia Huguet; Herbert & Essie Oge; Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family

Sunday, December 15

08:00am James Robin and deceased family members; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Raye H. Venable, Lillian M. & Curtis Hooks Sr.; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot Murphy Lanclos Sr.; Lorrina & Zeb Guillory; James E. Martin; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand

10:00am Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; William "Billy" H Jarrell, Jr.; M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull,; Carol, Joyce & Baby Ortego; Malcolm "Slick" & Margaret Martin; Conrad O. Martin Family; Guise Tran Ho; The Sick & Dying; Lee & Beverly Faul & Mark Capone Jr.; M/M Emillian Bodin & Joyce Lagrange; Souls in Purgatory; Jeanette & Burton Charles; Rounie Reed Beaugh; M/M Lee Martin, Jon Martin & Loray Martin Bertrand & Rita Darby; Kermit Christ; Stephen Taylor; Lawrence Kelly & Darius & Zetta Deville; Harriet H. Doucet

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, December 16

12:05pm Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Bernel Fontenot (DA); Tina Faul(BD) & Family

Tuesday, December 17

12:05pm Thomas B. Schexnayder; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.

Wednesday, December 18

12:05pm Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; James & Brett Fruge (DA); A. B. Courvelle Sr. (DA); Gladys Mazerole

Thursday, December 19

12:05pm Deacon John (BD) Miller & Family; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Souls In Purgatory

Friday, December 20

12:05pm Pat & Ron Dupuis (WA); Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.

Saturday, December 21

08:00am 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, Billeaudeau, Randy Bordelon, Ricky Bordelon, Alexandra Boudreaux, Mildred D. Boudreaux, 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, Bryan Fontenot, Jo Ann. Jones, Leon Khan, Charles Kenneth Lalonde, Sr., Vergie Lanclos, 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 Zachary

(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.)





BULLETIN DEADLINES

The deadline for information (including Mass Intentions) for the Bulletin of December 22nd AND December 29th is THIS MONDAY, December 16th at noon.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- Christmas Eve 4pm With Children's Procession
- Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil Mass
- Christmas Day 9am Mass
- Mary Mother of God (12/31) 4pm
- Mary Mother of God (01/01) 9am & 5pm

HOLIDAY HOURS

Our office will be closed the week of December $23^{rd} - 27^{th}$ and will close at Noon on December 31^{st} – January 1^{st} . If there is an emergency please call 942-6552 and follow the prompts. All calls will be returned in a timely manner!

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. Classes will begin for both programs in January 2020.

OPELOUSAS TRI-CENTENNIAL

In the year 2020 we celebrate the tri-centennial year of the founding of the city of Opelousas! To kick-off the celebration, an ecumenical prayer service will be held here at St. Landry on January 6th beginning at 6pm. All are invited to participate!

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.

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.

EXTRA – ORDINARY MINISTERS

December 21/22 Saturday - 4:00pm

Altar Servers: Mark & Joseph Wilkes **Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Carl & Nelda Villery, Charlie Roy, Derek Faust

Reader: Charlie Roy Sunday - 8:00am

Altar Servers: Leigh Labrie, Beau & Ethan Stelly **Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist:** Janise Kidder, Jackie Harbour, Phyllis Guidry

Reader: Dwight & Christine Ledoux

10:00am

Altar Servers: Sam Chachere, Hieu & Jacob Tran **Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Larry Moreau, Jackie Keyes, Joe Blumrich, Carolyn

Jarrell

Reader: Nancy Briley, Chris Briley

5:00pm

Altar Servers: Mark & Myles Collins

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Marcelle Abshire, Jane Savoy, Kim Lajack, Emily

Thibodeaux

Reader: Irene Soileau

OCS CORNER

OCS students will be taking mid-term exams this week and will break for the Christmas holidays on Friday. Please keep them in your prayers.

In less than two months, our always anticipated dinner and auction event will be held on FRIDAY, Feb. 7, in the Opelousas Civic Center. New to this year's evening will be "live music" for everyone's entertainment. Mark vour calendars!

OCS thanks all who helped with the charity drives held recently in an effort to carry out our mission "To Know, Love and Serve God" ... the food drive by the Cathletes group; the toy drive by the Junior Beta Club; and the drive for blankets, coats, and gloves by the School Senate.

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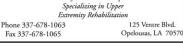
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