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SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH: St. Landry Parishioners

CHAPEL: St. Landry Parishioners

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group 5 Bertha Reed 02/22/20

Group 1 Lois Joubert 02/29/20

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

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 – Msgr. Harrington

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

Director – Dcn Dwayne Joubert 942-6552

Safe Environment 942-6552

LITURGY

Coordinator – Dcn Dwayne Joubert 942-6552

Altar Servers - Dcn Dwayne Joubert 942-6552

Ministers of the Word – Debbie Fay 308-3107

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 Joubert

Ministry to the Bereaved-Lois Joubert

ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters-Ramona Darbonne 692-0196

After Mass Social - 942-6552

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

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 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.

From the desk of Msgr. Harrington...

Last week's reflection focused mostly on our tendency to be judgmental and served as a reminder of the scriptural challenge that we will be judged by how we judge; how we measure will be how we are measured. Woven in the reflection was also the call to forgiveness and mercy toward one another.

Deep in our hearts we erroneously believe that if we forgive someone we are saying that what they said or did to us was not so bad. We know that if we forgive we run the risk of being seen as weak. We know that we make ourselves vulnerable once again. Somehow the hurt is unsurmountable, too big to be cast aside as if nothing has happened. How do we know it will not happen again? How do we know we will not be betrayed again?

How can we forgive when the hurt keeps coming back into our minds? We watch it repeatedly take our breath away – like some movie screen in our head that keeps playing the scene ad nauseam. How could we have been so gullible to fall for this again? How could we allow ourselves to be so used, so harmfully treated? Are we so naïve that we're like duck decoys all lined up to be targets of someone else's cruelty or inconsiderateness? If we forgive will we not be treated the same way? If we forgive are we letting the culprit off free and not making them face the consequences of their disturbing actions?

Many times, we convince ourselves that we are incapable of forgiveness. Why bother trying? We won't be able to do it anyway.

Forgiveness is risky. Forgiveness is courageous. It means making our other cheek vulnerable to the second slap. It means looking down from the cross and asking the Father's mercy for the jeerers and the despisers and the violent. It means putting the other first and the self last. True forgiveness comes at a cost. To be forgiving means to look into the face of the shadow of death and see the brightness of resurrection. It is hard to see that brightness when we wear thick lenses of hurt and brokenness, when our perception is impaired by fear.

To complicate matters, we find that it is necessary from time to time to step back from the place where our hurt occurred, to step away from the person who is the threat to our well-being. This also is not an easy decision. It seems contrary to the call for forgiveness. But the harsh reality of life can challenge us to defend our 'personhood' at times because we need to protect our sacred nature. We cannot allow our very selves to suffer at the hands of others who fundamentally do not respect our identity as a sacred child of God. In those times, forgiveness is called for at a later moment, not while the inner core of a person is so threatened. It is difficult to determine when forgiveness is presently called for and when it needs to be done from a safe distance. This is when we pray the Spirit guide us and console us while we try to live a gospel of forgiveness as authentically as possible.

To forgive is to live grace. To forgive is to reveal a life infused with the love of God. To forgive is to enter the mystery of Jesus and allow Him to turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. He asks this of us because He knows what it does; He's done it Himself. Forgiveness allows us to join the Father in re-creating His beloved creation. Forgiveness gives us a new-found freedom to face death and come out on the other side victorious and washed in the blood of the Lamb. Forgiveness rips open our hearts to receive the mercy of a Father who runs the dusty and winding road to hold us to Himself and shout His love for us. We forgive because we are forgiven. We love because we are loved.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS –

FEBRUARY - Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS –

February 09, 2020

REGULAR	\$8068.61
GOAL	\$9000.00
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$168.50
Poor & Needy	\$300.00
OCS Foundation	\$5.00
Maintenance Endowment	\$590.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

2nd Collection

02/16/20 – OCS Foundation

02/23/20 – Black & Indian Missions

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. – 02/16

3:30pm Confirmation Class

Mon. - 02/17

6:00pm Rosary @ Lafleur Monument
6:00pm Bible Study

Tue. - 02/18

6:00am Come, Lord Jesus!

Wed. - 02/19

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

Thu. - 02/20

5:30 1st Communion Class

Fri. - 02/21 – Office Closed

Sat. - 02/22

8:00am Mass in Valentin Hall

***The Rosary is prayed immediately following each Weekday Mass.**

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20 There is set before you fire and water, life and death.

Psalms 119 "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

1 Cor 2:6-10 Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has prepared for us.

Matthew 5:17-37 So it was said to your ancestors;

In the first reading, Sirach teaches us that we have the ability to choose between right and wrong. Choosing to trust in God and to keep the commandments is the way to salvation. Jesus extends the commandments when speaking to his disciples, telling them that they must do more. May the Holy Spirit, invoked by Paul in the second reading, reveal God's wisdom and guide us in our behavior.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

Sunday, 02/16 Fr. Edward Degeyter
Monday, 02/17 Fr. Michael Delcambre
Tuesday, 02/18 Fr. Mark Derise
Wednesday, 02/19 Msgr. Keith Derouen
Thursday, 02/20 Fr. Ferdinand Derrera, SJ
Friday, 02/21 Fr. Ken Domingue
Saturday, 02/22 Fr. Dustin Dought

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

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

-Michael Vidrine St. John, Melville
-Trey Fontenet 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.

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, February 15

4:00pm Shelia Pollick; Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Msgr. Paul Metrejean; Kermit Christ; Bobbie Mouton, Winnie, Steve (BD), Ronnie, Dusty Ardoin; Janette Sylvester; Philip Jules Frilot; Nola Guidroz & Judie G. Olivier; Connie S. Benoit; Frank & Marguerite Miller

Sunday, February 16

08:00am Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Koby Joubert (BD) & Family; Murphy Lanclos Sr. (DA), Lorrina & Euzebe Guillory; LeRoy Miller; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Raye H. Venable, Lillian M. & Curtis Hooks Sr.; James "Jim" Wallace; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Maryina Courvelle (BD); James E. Martin

10:00am Lawrence Kelly & Darius & Zetta Deville; Robert "Chris" Christopher Fields; Msgr. Paul Metrejean; Lois Pollingue; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Fields & Voitier Families; Richard & Rosie Soileau; Harriet H. Doucet; Carol, Joyce & Baby Ortego; Lee & Beverly Faul & Mark Capone Jr.; M/M Lee Martin, Jon Martin & Loray Martin Bertrand & Rita Darby; Hushel Bordelon; Malcolm "Slick" & Margaret Martin; Guise Tran Ho; Charles & Emma Hiller and Ardoin Family

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parisioners

Monday, February 17

12:05pm Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Bobbie Mouton, Winnie, Steve (DA), Ronnie, Dusty Ardoin; Shawn King DeJean (DA); Msgr. Paul Metrejean

Tuesday, February 18

12:05pm Anne Hollier; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.

Wednesday, February 19

12:05pm Arthur Fontenot (BD); Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.

Thursday, February 20

12:05pm Anne Hollier; Roy & Justine L. Elder Family; Bobbie Mouton (BD), Winnie, Steve, Ronnie, Dusty Ardoin; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.

Friday, February 21

12:05pm Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.

Saturday, February 22

08:00am James T. Guglielmo (BD); Gwen (BD), James & Brett Fruge; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Rada Bono; Carol D'Amico; Lee Dubuc; Elaine Fields; Wayne Gautreaux; Linda Guidroz; Nolan Guidroz; Anne Hollier; Cecile Hollier; Yola Huckaby; Ronald Leger; Sidney Matt; Lorna Sue W. Miller; Kenny Moreau; Vickie Thibodeaux; Joseph Ronald Leger; Sawyer Leger; Timmy Dederick; Kayla Ramoin; Rickie & Randy Bordelon; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Edmae DeJean; Gertie DeJean; Taylor Morales; Lelda White

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

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus, Council #1173 meets on the second Thursday of each month. Call Josh Soileau (337)912-5812 if you are interested in joining.

ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society meets on the second Monday of every month at 5:15pm in Valentin Hall. We are always welcoming New Members to be a part of our mission to assist in beautifying our church for the sacred liturgies. For more information call Yvonne Normand @ 337-308-3474 or Janis Courvelle @ 337-789-0971. Next meeting is THIS MONDAY!

ALTAR SERVERS

Any young person who has made your first Communion, is asked to consider the sacred ministry of Altar Server. We are in need of servers at ALL Sunday Masses. If your child is interested, please call Deacon Dwayne Joubert @ 337-942-6552.

CLJ LENTEN JOURNEY

Journey with us during this holy season of Lent as we study and meditate upon the Sunday Gospels leading to the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Meet weekly with a small faith community for a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and death and the Victory he claimed for each of us! For more information call Debbie Fay (337)308-3107 or Lois Joubert (337)942-6552.

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 March 6-8, April 17-19, May 22-24. 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@gmail.com.

JUBILEE OF THE WORD MARATHON

Beginning on Ash Wednesday February 26 at 12:30 PM the Bible will be read publicly cover to cover without pause in front of Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas. The Marathon will conclude on the First Sunday of Lent, March 1 at 4:30 PM. All are encouraged to come, listen and marinate in the Word! Come and participate in a joint birthday celebration for Opelousas and Holy Ghost. For more information or to register as a reader, please contact Holy Ghost Catholic Church at (337) 942-2732.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Lafayette Central Office is currently accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant I in the Office of Tribunal. Interested parties are asked to submit completed application for employment and current resume to Eugene Thibodeaux in the diocesan Office of Human Resources, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette LA 70501 or via email at ethibodeaux@diolaf.org. Incomplete packets and/or documents will not be considered. For a copy of the position description and application for employment, please visit the diocesan website at www.diolaf.org/employment.

MEN'S RETREAT

This year, the "Opelousas Area" men's retreat will begin the evening of Thursday, February 27th thru Sunday, March 1, 2020 at noon time. A \$25 deposit (checks payable to Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House) will secure your room. Rooms are assigned on a first come basis so please get me your deposit as soon as you can. There will be a gumbo supper on Monday, 1/27/2020 @ 6pm at 2688 Ducharme Road in Opelousas as a pre-retreat "treat". It would be wonderful if everyone attended our supper. If you know of anyone interested in attending the retreat, please invite them to come also. The Retreat House has been a blessing to us all. Let's share that blessing with our friends and family! For more information call Andrew Guidroz (337)351-0732.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE

It's a new year and it's time to make sure you are up to date on your Safe Environment compliance. If you are a volunteer who works with or around the youth of our parish, please go to Virtus.com and complete this year's training module! Thanks!

MOTHER'S DAY OF REFLECTION

All mother's are invited to join other mother's for this annual day of reflection at the Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive on May 6th from 9:00am-2:00pm. More details and registration will be coming soon.

EXTRA – ORDINARY MINISTERS

February 22/23

Saturday – 4:00pm

Altar Servers: Katie & Broty Stelly

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Regena Stell, Suzette Ellis, Alice Cormier, Michelle Naquin, Didier Hargroder

Reader: Irene Soileau

Sunday – 8:00am

Altar Servers: Leigh Labrie, Beau & Ethan Stelly

Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist:

Lois Joubert, Debbie Fay, Debbie Deshotel

Reader: Dwight & Christine Ledoux

10:00am

Altar Servers: Noah & Rylee Labruyere, Trip Blumrich

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Cynthia Guidry, Peter Briggs, Cindy Prather, Martha Moise

Reader: Nancy Briley, Chris Briley

5:00pm

Altar Servers: Mia Fuselier

Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Amy Claire Miller, Jon Ross Miller, Scott & Nicole Collins

Reader: Charlie Roy

OCS CORNER

Registration for 2020-2021 has begun for current and approved new students. We remind everyone that there are limited openings in kindergarten and first grade. If parents of potential NEW students have not yet completed the online application for admission, please do so now by going to the OCS website (www.OCSvikings.com).

Congratulations to some special individuals who were honored at our Catholic Schools Week mass: Steven J. Dupuis, Jr., NCEA Distinguished Graduate; Robert and Stephanie Roy, Supporters of the Year; Jessica Fontenot, Elementary Teacher of the Year; and Marilyn Lavezzorio, High School Teacher of the Year. Opelousas Catholic is blessed by an outstanding family of alumni, parents, staff, students and friends!

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