

## Parish Office Hours

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## Pastoral Staff – 942-6552

### **Pastor**

Msgr. Russell J. Harrington ext. 1107

### **Pastoral Associate**

Deacon Dwayne Joubert ext. 1104

### **Deacons**

Deacon Sammy Diesi ext. 1105

Deacon John Miller

### **Bookkeeper**

Lois Joubert ext. 1101

### **Receptionist/Secretary**

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### **Trustees**

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Dwight Ledoux (Finance Council) 942-6732

Josh Soileau (KC's) 912-5812

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

**CHURCH:** Bernell Fontenot

**CHAPEL:** End to Pandemic

## ALTAR SOCIETY

Group 2 Jane Savoie 12/11/20

Group 3 Rebecca Reed 12/18/20

## 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

**1<sup>ST</sup> 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

**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 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

Ministry to the Bereaved-Lois Joubert

### ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters-Ramona Darbonne 692-0196

Knights of Columbus-Josh Soileau 912-5812

### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Joseph Pisano, Jr. 298-2987

### OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Principal** – Mrs. Marty Heintz 942-5404

### ONLINE GIVING

[WWW.STLANDRYCATHOLICCHURCH.COM](http://WWW.STLANDRYCATHOLICCHURCH.COM)

### 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 06 , 2020

REGULAR	\$10311.75
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$9000.00</b>
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$1428.00
Poor & Needy	\$600.00
Nativity Refurbishment	\$650.00
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00
OCS Foundation	\$20.00
Maintenance Endowment	\$200.00

*Your generosity during these most difficult times is greatly appreciated!*

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 *I rejoice heartily in the Lord.*  
 Ps (Lk 1) *"My soul rejoices in my God."*  
 1 Thes 5:16-24 *May you entirely be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*  
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 *There is one among you whom you do not recognize.*

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

Sunday, 12/13	Fr. Stanley Jawa, SVD
Monday, 12/14	Fr. Raymond Jones, SVD
Tuesday, 12/15	Fr. Ryzard Kalinowski, SVD
Wednesday, 12/16	Fr. Andrew Killeen
Thursday, 12/17	Fr. Steven Kimmons, SJ
Friday, 12/18	Fr. Andrew Kirschman, SJ
Saturday, 12/19	Fr. Mark Kramer, SJ

**PRAY FOR OUR DEACONS**

Sunday, 12/13	Dcn. Byron Soley
Monday, 12/14	Dcn. Tom Sommers
Tuesday, 12/15	Dcn. Cliff Tanner
Wednesday, 12/16	Dcn. Coby Thomas
Thursday, 12/17	Dcn. Tam Tran
Friday, 12/18	Dcn. Jeff Trumps
Saturday, 12/19	Dcn. Stephen Van Cleve

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

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

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention**

**December – For a life of prayer**

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

**OC CORNER**

Congratulations to the "Vikings of the Month" in 5<sup>th</sup> grade who were recently awarded! For October, honors went to Camille Emonet and Sadie Smith; and for November, Avery Hutchins was awarded.

OCS takes pride in the Vikings' football team on completing a very good season and going to the first round of the playoffs. Basketball season is now underway. For a schedule of both boys' and girls' games, please see the school website at [www.OCSvikings.com](http://www.OCSvikings.com).

The school's Angel Appeal Drive for 2020-2021 is still in progress. Please consider a gift, large or small, to benefit technology needs on campus. Gifts may 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!

**CALCUTTA HOUSE**

The Calcutta House, a project of Hospice of Acadiana. The *Calcutta House* is a 12-bed, 8,500 square foot home that will provide quality end-of-life care for those terminal patients whose symptoms can no longer be managed in a home setting; those patients who may not have a home, or not have a home conducive to a dignified death (*i.e. unsafe, unsanitary, etc.*); or for those patients who may not have anyone to care for them in their final days of life. Staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the *Calcutta House* will care for approximately 800 terminal patients on an annual basis. Donations can be made through the Hospice of Acadiana Website.

**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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, December 12**

**4:00pm** Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Gabrielle "Gabby" LaJack; Harold Briggs; Patrick Murray Labbe; Duane Richard & Family; Annie Wise Dupre Jagneaux; Matherne Bourque; Frank & Marguerite Miller; Phillip Wayne Pastorick; Miriam Roy; Jackie David Bordelon

### **Sunday, December 13**

**08:00am** Roy "Bubba" & Justine L. Elder; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Lester & Rita Jeffers; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Murphy Lanclos Sr., Lorrina & Euzebe Guillory; The Sick and Dying; Mary Dupre; Geneva Gaspard Scallan; Marilyn DeCuir

**10:00am** Lee & Beverly Faul & Mark Capone Jr.; Richard & Rosie Soileau; Gene Paillet; Carol J. Sr., Joyce & Baby Ortego; Vickie Fadaol; J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull; Dr. L. H. Boulet and Rene Peter Briggs Jr.; Kermit Christ; M/M Lee Martin, Jon Martin & Loray Martin Bertrand & Rita Darby; Eddie Jr., Eddie Sr. & Milton Dekerlegand; Bill, Elaine, Claudia & Chris Fields and Voitier Family

**5:00pm** St. Landry Church Parishioners

### **Monday, December 14**

**12:05pm** Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

### **Tuesday, December 15**

**12:05pm** J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Bertha Pavy; Faye Hansen

### **Wednesday, December 16**

**12:05pm** Bernel Fontenot (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Annie Wise Dupre Jagneaux; Leonita Lillian Miller; Mora Family; Sr. Eileen Brosnahan; Jerri Brittain; Fr. Craig Scott; Miriam Roy

### **Thursday, December 17**

**12:05pm** J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

### **Friday, December 18**

**12:05pm** J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon, A. B. Courville, Sr. (DA)

### **Saturday, December 19**

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

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

Parents of students interested in becoming Altar Servers should contact Deacon Joubert @ 942-6552. NEW SERVERS ARE NEEDED.

## **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 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.**

### **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.**



*From Msgr. Harrington...*

There are so many fascinating people that we hear about in these Advent and Christmas days.

When we hear of the gift of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, we may wonder how they felt about their son the prophet. Were they still alive when he left the wasteland and began preaching and baptizing? Did they live long enough to witness the passion of his words and ministry? Did they have to experience the death of their son at the hands of Herod?

Did John miss his parents if they were no longer a part of his life? Had they encouraged him to go into the desert in the first place? Had they helped him discover his purpose as the one to usher in the Messianic Kingdom? What was it like for him to be in that cell, awaiting his execution? He knew he would not experience the light of freedom again after he had been arrested. John was of the priestly class. He would have inherited Zechariah's place in the temple. Did he have regrets when he sat alone in the cell? Should he have chosen a different path?

What about the people who followed John, who were baptized by him? Many were drawn to him when he baptized in the Jordan. Did all of them follow Jesus after John's death? We know that some of his disciples supported Jesus, but did the others just abandon their repentance or follow some other prophet of the day? Herod had liked to listen to John preach. What were his dreams like after John's death? Where did his guilt lead him? At what point did he resent Herodias for suggesting to Salome that John's head be brought on a platter? Why would anyone be a part of something so vile and inhuman? The darkness of the human heart can lead to such violence against another human person, another child of God. But what happens to the spark of light in the heart of persons who so callously dispose of other persons?

Somewhere between the conception of John and his gruesome execution was a man who knew God. He was a man who trusted God, no matter where He led him. He was a man who knew his purpose and did not let the 'witchery of paltry things' distract him from his mission. This man of God leads us to the Holy One of God. He bids us to trust in His mercy, to lay bare our souls before the living God, to believe through him the Real Light that comes into the world.

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