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March 20, 2022

REGULAR	\$22833.01
GOAL	\$9000.00
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$115.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$70.00
Poor & Needy	\$1800.00
Catholic Relief	\$427.00
OCS Foundation	\$323.40
Easter Flowers	\$25.00
Holy Land	\$10.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$10.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Call the church office if you have a doubt... We can mail you a Census Form!

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Sunday, 03/27	Fr. Willard Dugas
Monday, 03/28	Fr. Edward Duhon
Tuesday, 03/29	Fr. Jacob Dumont, LC
Wednesday, 03/30	Fr. Nicholas Dupre'
Thursday, 03/31	Fr. Gilbert Dutel
Friday, 04/01	Pope Francis
Saturday, 04/02	Pope Emeritus Benedict, XVI

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

Church—Ukrainian People
Chapel—Tornado Victims



PRAYER FOR PEACE

O sweet and holy Jesus, you are the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords and the Prince of Peace. Most Merciful Savior, bring much needed peace to all troubled parts of the world, where hatred and violence rage and the fear of war spurs despair among mankind. May the leaders of nations make wise choices based on the common good of humanity rather than decisions based on prideful and political displays of power. May dialogue and understanding overcome the deep seated wounds of groups pitted against one another by anger and distrust. In your loving kindness grant comfort to the displaced, healing to the wounded and mercy to all those who have lost their lives.

SECOND COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND (3/26-3/27) we will have a second collection for relief for the Ukrainian people. Please be generous.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group meets the 1st Sunday of each month immediately following 5 pm Mass in Valentin Hall. Our Next meeting is **NEXT SUNDAY, April 3rd!**

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday Adoration/ Benediction will be in church from 7:00 am until 11:30 am **THIS FRIDAY, April 1st.** Consider spending some quiet time in the presence of Our Lord!

OC CORNER

Please keep our students in prayer as they begin ACT Aspire and Pre-ACT testing this week! On Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, a "Lenten Mission" will be held for students in grades 6-12 in the gym. The keynote speaker will be Paul George, and Praise and Worship music by the Lance Strother Band. Adoration will also be held.



The PTO will hold a "Fish Fry" dinner sale on Friday evening. Dinners selling for \$10 include the fish, potato salad, hush puppies and roll, and there will be a drive-through pick up in the gym parking lot from 5 pm to 7 pm. Call OC for tickets at 337-942-5404.

Congratulations to the OC Quiz Bowl team for placing fourth in the Diocesan Quiz Bowl held recently!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The reflection on the Stations of the Cross will be Friday's during Lent at 5:15 pm & the Marian devotion on Monday's at 11:15 am.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday—Regular Weekend Mass Schedule, OCS Reenactment of Our Lord's Passion—6:30 pm
Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday—12:05 Mass
Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:00 pm
Good Friday—Children's Way of the Cross—10:00 am, Passion of the Lord—3:00 pm
Easter Vigil—8:00 pm
Easter Sunday—Masses at 8:00 am, 10:00 am

GUN RAFFLE!

31 Guns in 31 Days... Purchase your Raffle Tickets now for a chance to win a gun a day all 31 days of the month of May! Your \$50 ticket gives you THIRTY ONE chances to win... Winners will be announced Evenings at approximately 10:00 PM following the Louisiana 3-Digit Powerball Drawing! Tickets can be purchased following most weekend Masses and in the office at Valentin Hall.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

St. Landry Catholic Church Presents

"An Evening Under the Oaks"

April 22, 2022

Behind the Church Rectory Under the Big Oak Tree

5:30 P.M.—Doors Open

6:00 P.M.—Dinner

7:30—LIVE AUCTION

8:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. – Music by Three Thirty Seven!

SILENT AUCTION ends at 8:00 P.M.

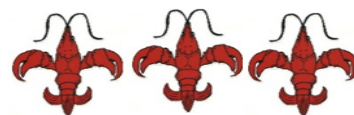
\$35 per person

Admission includes BOILED CRAWFISH w/ SIDES and DOOR PRIZE entry.

Alcohol available for purchase. No Ice Chests.

Must be 18+ Years to enter.

Tickets can be purchased after most weekend Masses and at the office in Valentin Hall!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 26

4:00pm Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; Charles F. & Mercedes Going & Family; Gerald Roy; Patrick Murray Labbe; Murphy Lanclos Sr., Lorrina (DA) & Euzebe Guillory; Gene & Mary E. Paillet; William & Dorothy Hatch and Family; Natividad Pelongo Requiso (DA); M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde

Sunday, March 27

08:00am Murphy Allen Lanclos Sr. & Lanclos and Guillory Families; Barbara St. Amand; Moise & Martha Lagrange; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; Michael Fontenot (BD) & Family; Billie P. Dossmann; Cathy S. Fontenot (BD); Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Janis Courvelle

10:00am Mildred & J.D. Dupre; Families of Fields and Voitier; Burnel Manuel Sr.; Lagrange and Dupre Family; Peter Bourgeois; Ezra & Velma Martin and Denise Hull; Manuel, LaFleur & Guillory Family; Mary Perry; Mike Taylor; Steve Vidrine; Kent Manuel (Healing); Frances D. & Richard Bordelon; J.Y., Sr., Nita Bordelon; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Curtis Soileau; Kermit Christ; Melanie & Billy Jarrell; Paul Roy Eleazor

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, March 28

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Junior (DA); Loretta & Stephen Hargroder

Tuesday, March 29

12:05pm Bertha Pavy; Nita & Richard Bordelon

Wednesday, March 30

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

Thursday, March 31

12:05pm Troy, Floyd & Norma Guidry; J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

Friday, April 01

12:05pm Family of Henry, Lillia (DA) & Raphael Fontenot; Gabrielle "Gabby" LaJack; J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Henri Ethel (BD) Fontenot & Family

Saturday, April 02

08:00am J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Kyle Arnaud; Grant Andrepont; Nela Badeaux; Rada Bono; Randy Bordelon; Rickie Bordelon; Carol D'Amico; Dora Clay; Robert Comeaux; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Paula Deshotel; Edmae DeJean; Gertrude DeJean; Ramona Darbonne; Tommy Dupre; Cecile Dupre; Doug Dupre; Rebecca Dupre; Charles Emonet; Andy Fay; Johnny Fontenot; Josh Fontenot; Glenda Gaudet; Wayne Gautreaux; John Godeau, Jr; Susan Godeau; Linda Guidroz; Elaine Guillory; Maggie Guy; Michelle Hanks; Jeremy Hargroder; Sonya Harmon; Yola Huckaby; Charlotte Hundley; Rosalie Jackson; Johnathon Johns; Gene Kidder; Gloria Lalonde; Hank J. Leger; Linda Gail Leger; Vergie Lanclos; Debra Leblanc; Mark Leblanc; Rebecca Leblanc; Christine Ledoux; Ronald Leger; Kent Manuel; Sidney Matt; Ellen McRee; Micah Meche; Lorna Sue W. Miller; Kenny Moreau; Lisa Ortego; Ben Pitre; John Reed; Jesse R. Richard; Pap Roy; Stacy Sebastien; M/M Timmy Smith, Sr.; Elaine Soileau; Jason Sonnier; Gilda Soileau; Kenneth St. Cyr; Greg Tate; Terri Trahan; Trent; Kenneth Thibodeaux; Taylor Morales; Hien Tran; Burnell Vidrine; Brett Walker; Bekhi L. Wimberly; Avery Woodson; Peggy Wyble; Merlin Young

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

First Reading

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

The Israelites celebrate the Passover in the promised land.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-7

A prayer of praise to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul preaches our reconciliation with Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love. The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree.

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

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