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March 27, 2022	
REGULAR	\$10294.00
GOAL	\$9000.00
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$30.00
Poor & Needy	\$300.00
Catholic Relief	\$427.00
Ukraine Collection	\$5338.00
OCS Foundation	\$600.00

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, 04/03	Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
Monday, 04/04	Bishop Emeritus M. Jarrell
Tuesday, 04/05	Fr. Darren Eldridge
Wednesday, 04/06	Fr. Peter Emusa
Thursday, 04/07	Fr. Cyprian Ezel
Friday, 04/08	Fr. Richard Fabre
Saturday, 04/09	Fr. James P. Fallon, SSJ

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—Reed Mire (BD)



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.

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

YOUTH GROUP

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

OC CORNER

Congratulations to the students who recently competed at the District Literary Rally.

OC is proud to announce that 18 of 24 students who placed 1st or 2nd in their subject areas will go on to State Literary Rally at LSU in Baton Rouge this Saturday, April 9th. All students are commended for their efforts. In addition, OC students fared well in individual and team contests at the Catholic High of New Iberia Math Tournament!

Mark your calendars! The annual Passion Play presented by the senior class is set for Palm Sunday, April 10th, at 6:30 pm in St. Landry Catholic Church. It is always a very moving performance as we enter Holy Week.

The OC Advancement Office gives thanks to all who attended, helped, and participated in any way making the recent "Fête de Faith" Dinner and Auction very successful!

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.

COVERED STATUES

You probably noticed the statues in the church are covered. This practice, done during Passiontide, begins on the Fifth Sunday of Lent and continues through Good Friday. During this time the Liturgy of the Church shifts to a more somber mood reflective of The Lord's passion. Passiontide is meant to be a special penitential period where we focus on Jesus' bitter passion and foster within ourselves sorrow for our sins. The good news is that Passiontide does not have the last say, and this somber period of preparation ends quickly so that our hearts can rejoice in the beauty of Christ's resurrection.

GUN RAFFLE!

31 Guns in 31 Days... Purchase your Raffle Tickets 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 will be available soon!

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, April 02

4:00pm Charles F. & Mercedes Going & Family; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Robert, Madeleine & Albert Going; William & Dorothy Hatch and Family; Natividad Pelongo Requiso; Patrick Murray Labbe; Gene & Mary E. Paillet; Thomas B. Schexnayder

Sunday, April 03

08:00am Moise & Martha Lagrange; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Janis (BD) Courville & Family; Barbara St. Amand; Billie P. Doss-mann; James E. & Mattie W. Martin; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Jackie D. Bordelon; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot

10:00am Mildred & J.D. Dupre; Melanie & Billy Jarrell; Kent Manuel (Healing); Trina M. Ardoin; Lagrange and Dupre Family; Manuel, LaFleur & Guillory Family; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Mary Perry; Michelle Boulet; Frances D. & Richard Bordelon; Families of Fields and Voitier; J.Y., Sr., Nita Bordelon; Rene Briggs, Jr. & Dr. Lloyd Boulet, Sr.; Elizabeth Claire; Dupre & Pitre Family; Steve Vidrine; Bernel Manuel Sr.; Lora (DA) & Dewey Dupre

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, April 04

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

Tuesday, April 05

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

Wednesday, April 06

12:05pm Belva Fontenot (BD) & Family; Nolan Guidroz (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

Thursday, April 07

12:05pm Beth Roy Martin (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard

Friday, April 08

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Lucille G. Reiners

Saturday, April 09

08:00am J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon, Patricia Dupuis (BD)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Kyle Arnaud; Grant Andrepoint; Nela Badeaux; Rada Bono; Randy Bordelon; Rickie Bordelon; Carol D'Amico; Dora Clay; Robert Comeaux; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Paula Deshotel; Edmae DeJean; Gertie 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 Lanclous; 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

The Lord is doing something new for his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126:1-6

A song in praise of the Lord's marvelous deeds

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Paul says that he counts all things as lot and focuses on one goal, Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 8:1-11

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in **Mark 12:13-17**. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (See **Luke 18:9-14**). Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

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