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Reverend Neil C. Pettit, Pastor

Clergy	Mass Times	After Hours
Father Neil Pettit Deacon Sammy Diesi Deacon Dwayne Joubert Deacon John Miller (Retired)	Saturday Anticipated Mass 4:00pm, Sunday Mass 8:00am, 10:00am, & 5:00pm Weekday Masses—Monday—Friday 12:05pm, Saturday 8:00am	For after hours emergencies, including the Sacrament of Anointing, call the Parish office (337) 942-6552 and follow the prompting of the automated directory.
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Office Hours	Monday—1:00pm—4:00pm Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday 8:30am—Noon, 1:00pm—4:00pm Closed Friday—Sunday	

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REGULAR	\$9065.11
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OCS Foundation	\$10.00
Poor & In Need	\$600.00
Maintenance Endowment	\$200.00

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, 09/11	Fr. Walter Ajaero
Monday, 09/12	Fr. George Ajuruchi, SSJ
Tuesday, 09/13	Fr. Ambrose Akalawu, CSSP
Wednesday, 09/14	Fr. Alexander Albert
Thursday, 09/15	Fr. Thainese Alphonse
Friday, 09/16	Fr. Anthony Anala
Saturday, 09/17	Fr. Lawrence Abara

PRAY FOR OUR DEACONS

Sunday, 09/11	Dcn. Tuan Anh Nguyen
Monday, 09/12	Dcn. Charles Ortego
Tuesday, 09/13	Dcn. Juan Pagan
Wednesday, 09/14	Dcn. Scott Peyton
Thursday, 09/15	Dcn. Richard Picard
Friday, 09/16	Dcn. Bill Polingue
Saturday, 09/17	Dcn. Kyle Polozola

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

Prayer for Protection Against Hurricanes

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society meets the 2nd MONDAY of each month at 5:15pm in Valentin Hall... We will meet this Monday. Please consider joining us in this ministry! Call the office OR just show up!

Father Verbis Lafleur Novena

O, God of Goodness, You never tire of sending us examples of Your love. You called Your servant Father Verbis Lafleur to the Priesthood from an early age and kept him in Your sight. In the fulfillment of time, he willingly offered up his life for his God and his country. Far from home on the battle fields of the South Pacific, O Lord, You were with him. You were with him in the prison camps. You were there, as he healed the spiritual wounds and comforted his comrades. May we all be blessed by his holy and heroic life, as he was doing Your will. Our loving God, lead us to charity and allow us to receive the favors we ask through Your good servant Father Verbis Lafleur (...Petition...). We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

PARISH PICNIC!

Our "rescheduled" picnic will be Sunday, October 2nd from 11:00—1:00 in the yard behind the Rectory. Please join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship! There will be Fun Jumps and Kona Ice for the kids! Hamburgers and Hotdogs & Drinks will be provided.. We ask that you help out by bringing a Side Dish if your last name begins **A—L** or a Dessert if your last name begins **M—Z**.

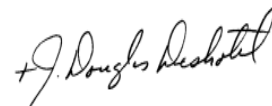
FROM BISHOP DESHOTEL...

On Sunday, October 2, 2022, the Feast of the Guardian Angels, the Diocese of Lafayette will hold its annual "Blue Mass" at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, 515 Cathedral Street in Lafayette.

The Blue Mass is designed to express gratitude, show our appreciation and pray for all first responders: Police Officers, Sheriff's Deputies, State Troopers, Fire Fighters and Emergency Medical Personnel.

We owe so much to these essential groups who provide such outstanding service in our community. The Mass offers us an opportunity to thank them and also pray for their safety in the tasks they perform.

I believe it will help to form a closer bond between them and the people they serve.



Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop of Lafayette

SOURCE AND SUMMIT

Source & Summit hour of reflection, adoration and reconciliation is held the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:30pm—6:30pm! **THERE WILL BE NO SOURCE & SUMMIT IN SEPTEMBER.** (Fr. Pettit will be taking a well deserved break!)

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group meets the First Sunday of each month at 6:00pm in Valentin Hall... Next meeting is THIS Sunday, 9/11... Join us and **bring a friend!! THIS MONTH'S MEETING DATE CHANGED DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 10

4:00pm Marie Genin Hammons; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Gene & Mary E. Paillet; Geraldine "Pap" Roy; Kermit Christ; Charlene Claire Soileau; Louis Deshotel; Virginia Benoit McBride; Jeremy Hargroder; Patrick Murray Labbe

Sunday, September 11

08:00am David LeDoux; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Billie P. Dossmann; Malcolm Melancon; Family of Henry (BD), Lillia & Raphael Fontenot; Barbara St. Amand; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Moise and Martha LaGrange

10:00am Geraldine "Pap" Roy; Mildred & J.D. Dupre; Lagrange and Dupre Family; Burnel Manuel Sr.; Toby Ragas; James & Martha Grogan and Kathleen Grogan Tyrney; Manuel, LaFleur & Guillory Family; Dennis Reed; Trina M. Ardoin; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Charles Cummings; Families of Fields and Elaine (BD)Voitier; Elizabeth Claire; Roy Dupuis; Flo Morris; Drucella Fruge' Harper

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, September 12

12:05pm Geraldine "Pap" Roy; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; William Joseph Joubert (BD)

Tuesday, September 13

12:05pm Sheldon LeDoux (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Geraldine "Pap" Roy

Wednesday, September 14

12:05pm Priscilla Guidroz (BD) & Family; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

Thursday, September 15

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Thomas B. Schexnayder; Gabrielle "Gabby" LaJack; Adam (DA) & Lelia Lagrange, Sr.; Mildred & J.D. (DA) Dupre; Gwen V. Chachere (BD); Msgr. Louis Melancon (BD); Leonita Sires Miller

Friday, September 16

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

Saturday, September 17

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Dora Clay; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Julie Ford; Trisha Guidroz; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Ronnie Leger; Sandi Lloyd; Taylor Marales; Cheryl B. Myers; Ben Pitre; Ronnie Savoy; Greg Tate; Hien Tran; Brett Walker; Suzanne G. Williams; Bekhi Wimberly



SANCTUARY LAMP

CHURCH—Drucella Fruge' Harper
CHAPEL—Priscilla Guidroz (BD)

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19

Once we are forgiven, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-32

Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, *hearing* is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

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