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<p><u>Pastoral Staff</u> Dcn.Dwayne Joubert—Office Administrator Lois Joubert—Bookkeeper Priscilla Guidroz—Receptionist Abigail Caffery—Director of Sacred Music</p>	<p><u>Confession Times</u> Weekdays—30 minutes before Mass Times, Saturday—3:00pm—3:45pm</p>	<p><u>Holy Matrimony</u> Call the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to proposed date of wedding to schedule an initial meeting with a member of clergy. Our Wedding policy can be found on the parish website; www.stlandrycatholicchurch.com.</p>
<p><u>Office Hours</u> Monday—1:00pm—4:00pm Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday 8:30am— Noon, 1:00pm—4:00pm Closed Friday—Sunday</p>		

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Bishop's Services Appeal	\$5.00
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REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Please don't take for granted that you are registered in the parish... Call the church office if you have a doubt... We can mail you a Census Form!

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Sunday, 03/13	Fr. Hampton Davis
Monday, 03/14	Msrgr. Jefferson DeBlanc
Tuesday, 03/15	Fr. Michael DeBlanc
Wednesday, 03/16	Fr. Edward Degeyter
Thursday, 03/17	Fr. Michael Delcambre
Friday, 03/18	Fr. Mark Derise
Saturday, 03/19	Msrgr. Keith Derouen

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!
We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life

SANCTUARY LAMP

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Chapel—Special Intention



OC CORNER

Only one week to go before the "Fête de Faith" Dinner/Auction event in the Opelousas Civic Center! Besides a delicious menu, there will be lots of auction items, some in Silent and some Live! Auction entries range from catered dinners to artwork to precious items made by the children! A unique offer will be a one-hour Helicopter Simulator Flight experience! Later in the evening, the local band "Hotline" will provide entertainment. Tickets for the March 19 evening are available at OC, Bodemuller the Printer, and through committee members for \$50 per person. And last but not least, a drawing for a full year's tuition for one child will be held as a grand finale! We hope to see many families and community friends there!



YOUTH GROUP

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

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Boys who have made their 1st Holy Communion are invited to become Altar Servers for our parish. Parents of interested students should contact Deacon Joubert 942-6552 ext.1104.

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.

ALTAR SOCIETY

The next Altar Society Meeting will be held on Monday, 3/14 at 5:15 pm in Valentin Hall.

MAN TO MAN CONFERENCE

The 2021 Man to Man Conference which was postponed due to COVID precautions has been rescheduled for April 30th from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Speakers include Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel, Fr. Wade Menezes, Fr. Brent Smith, Fr. Jim Brady, and John Edwards. The Conference will take place at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Lafayette. Register online @ www.m2m21.com.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 12
4:00pm M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Frank Terracina (DA); Kermit Christ; Charlene Claire Soileau; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; Charles F. & Mercedes Going & Family; Gerald Roy; William & Dorothy Hatch and Family; Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Patrick Murray Labbe; Gene & Mary E. Paillet; Marcylee Thibodeaux (DA)

Sunday, March 13
08:00am Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand, Barbara St. Amand, Burnell Fontenot, Murphy A. Lanclos, Sr. Lanclos, Billie P. Dossmann, Release of Souls in Purgatory, Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot, Moise & Martha Lagrange, M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri, Burnell & Belva Fontenot & 10:00am Mary Perry; Kent Manuel (Healing); Mildred & J.D. Dupre; J.Y., Sr., Nita Bordelon; Martin Jr. & Miriam (BD) Roy; Manuel, LaFleur & Guillory Family; Families of Fields and Voitier; Lagrange and Dupre Family; Burnel Manuel Sr.; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Frances D. & Richard Bordelon; Paul Roy Eleazor; Melanie & Billy Jarrell; Michael Reagan Gallagher

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners
Monday, March 14
12:05pm Lee R. & Beverly (BD) Faul and Mark Capone, Jr; Burnell Fontenot; J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

Tuesday, March 15
12:05pm Bertha Pavy; J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Gerald Roy; Burnell Fontenot

Wednesday, March 16
12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

Thursday, March 17
12:05pm Darryl & Sarah Wagley (WA); Dudley Stelly; J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Judy Weldon; Debbie Fay(BD)

Friday, March 18
12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

Saturday, March 19
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; 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 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; Burnell Vidrine; Brett Walker; Bekhi L. Wimberly; Avery Woodson; Peggy Wyble; Merlin Young

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading
Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
God makes a covenant with Abraham, promising him many descendants.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 27:1,7-8,8-9,13-14
A prayer to God who is our salvation

Second Reading
Philippians 3:17-4:1 (or shorter form, *Philippians 3:20-4:1*)
Paul encourages the Philippians to remain firm in their faith that Christ will subject all things to himself.

Gospel Reading
Luke 9:28b-36
Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt. On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

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