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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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OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

July 17, 2022	
REGULAR	\$6980.60
GOAL	\$9000.00
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$42.00
OCS Foundation	\$46.20
Peter's Pence	\$2.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$419.00
Catholic Communications	\$32.00

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, 07/24	Fr. David Rozas
Monday, 07/25	Fr. Michael Russo
Tuesday, 07/26	Fr. Francois Sainte-Marie, MIC
Wednesday, 07/27	Fr. Donald Saunders
Thursday, 07/28	Fr. Garrett Savoie
Friday, 07/29	Fr. William Schambough
Saturday, 07/30	Fr. Gary Schexnauder

PRAY FOR OUR DEACONS

Sunday, 07/24	Dcn. Frank Cormier
Monday, 07/25	Dcn. Michael Crain
Tuesday, 07/26	Dcn. Harry Darce
Wednesday, 07/27	Dcn. Kenneth David
Thursday, 07/28	Dcn. James Davis
Friday, 07/29	Dcn. Alvin Dejean
Saturday, 07/30	Dcn. Raymond Derouen

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.

CHARLENE RICHARD

The Annual Mass for Charlene Richard, Servant of God, will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6pm at St. Edward Church in Richard.

Fête-Dieu du Teche

The 8th Annual Fête-Dieu du Teche will be held on Monday, August 15, 2022! Join us as we celebrate the 257th Anniversary of the arrival of the Acadians and the Catholic Faith. Hosted by the Community of Jesus Crucified, the festivities will begin at 8AM with French Mass with Bishop Douglas Deshotel at St. Leo's in Leonville. After Mass, at 9AM, the 40-mile Eucharistic Boat Procession to St. Martinville will begin, making stops along the way for Rosary and Benediction in Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breaux Bridge, and Parks. The final stop will be at Evangeline Oak in St. Martinville, followed by processions to Notre Dame, St. Martin de Tours, and Our Lady of Sorrow. To participate or for more information call 337-394-6550, email fetedieuduteche@gmail.com or visit fetedieuduteche.org.

BISHOP'S PRO LIFE ROSE DINNER

Join us on August 20, 2022 for our annual ecumenical Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner & Awards benefiting the six area pregnancy centers and the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate. The 2022 Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner & Awards will be held at the University of Louisiana of Lafayette Ballroom. Join us to celebrate remarkable individuals who have said "yes" to the pro-life movement in the Diocese of Lafayette through their commitment, dedication, and work in protecting the dignity of human life. Why a rose dinner: Tied to many miricales, the rose is a privileged symbol for Mary, Queen of heaven and earth. Mary said yes to life and the world was changed immeasurably. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit six area pregnancy centers and the diocesan Office of Pro-Life Apostolate to continue their life-saving ministries throughout the Diocese. These centers include The Desormeaux Foundation's Women's Center of Lafayette, A Pregnancy Center and Clinic (Lafayette), The Unexpected Pregnancy Center (New Iberia), Vermillion Women's Resource Center (Abbeville), The New Life Pregnancy Center (Mamou), and the Opelousas Pregnancy Center. Call our office at 337-261-5598 to find out more about becoming a sponsor of the event, table sponsor, student or clergy sponsor.

CELEBRATE LIFE PARADE!

A parade "celebrating life" will be held on July 30th beginning at 10 am. The parade route will be Courthouse Square to South City Park on Court Street.

MATH TEACHER NEEDED

An upper level MATH teacher is needed at Opelousas Catholic for the 2022-2023 school year! Full-time or part-time can be worked out. If retired, one can still collect retirement pay while receiving the teaching salary. Besides enjoying small classes, other benefits can include health insurance and tuition discounts! Contact Mrs. Kristy Guidry, High School Assistant Principal, at guidryk@ocsvikings.com as soon as possible.

SOURCE AND SUMMIT

Source & Summit hour of reflection, adoration and reconciliation is held the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:30pm—6:30pm! The next Source & Summit is Wednesday August 10th!

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group meets the First Sunday of each month at 6:00pm in Valentin Hall... Next meeting is next Sunday, 8/07... Join us and bring a friend!!

VACATION?

Make Mass a part of your family's vacation plans! **Masstimes.org**—The site to find a Mass while on vacation!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 23
4:00pm M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Patrick Murray Labbe; Marie Genin Hammons

Sunday, July 24
08:00am Moise & Martha Lagrange; Malcolm Melancon (DA); Rayburn Vidrine; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Barbara St. Amand; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot, M/M John; John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Billie P. Dossmann; Beverly Bernard (BD); M/M Andrew V. Fontenot; Claire V. Landry & Lucille Baillio

10:00am Mildred & J.D. Dupre; Peter Bourgeois; Families of Fields and Voitier; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Hushel & Brenda Bordelon; Dennis Reed; Dr. L. H. Boulet and Rene Peter Briggs, Jr.; Manuel, LaFleur & Guillory Family; Burnel Manuel Sr.; James & Martha Grogan & Kathleen Grogan Tyrney; Roy Dupuis; Ezra & Velma Martin and Denise Hull; Kent Manuel (Healing); Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Berchman & Bennie Hargroder

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, July 25
12:05pm Rayburn Vidrine; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

Tuesday, July 26
12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Franklin & Verona Courville; Rayburn Vidrine; Les Bidstrup Williams

Wednesday, July 27
12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Karla S. Miller (BD); Bonnie & Carroll Joubert (DA); Rayburn Vidrine

Thursday, July 28
12:05pm Rayburn Vidrine; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Leonita Sires Miller

Friday, July 29
12:05pm Rayburn Vidrine; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

Saturday, July 30
08:00am Rayburn Vidrine; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Dora Clay; Johnny Fontenot; Trisha Guidroz; Jeremy Hargroder; Ronnie Leger; Sandi Lloyd; Taylor Marales; Cheryl B. Myers; Ben Pitre; Sr. Suellen Tenneyson; Hien Tran; Brett Walker; Suzanne G. Williams; Bekhi Wimberly



SANCTUARY LAMP
 CHURCH—JoAnne Guidroz (BD)
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READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

First Reading
Genesis 18:20-32
 Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 138:1-3,6-8
 Lord, on the day I cried for help, you answered me.

Second Reading
Colossians 2:12-14
 You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.

Gospel Reading
Luke 11:1-13
 Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

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