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 Deacon John Miller (Retired)

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| <b>August 07, 2022</b>    |                  |
| REGULAR                   | <b>\$9278.00</b> |
| <b>GOAL</b>               | <b>\$9000.00</b> |
| Maintenance & Repair Fund | <b>\$1955.00</b> |
| OCS Foundation            | <b>\$25.00</b>   |
| BSA                       | <b>\$20.00</b>   |

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**REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

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

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, 08/14</b>    | Fr. Michael Sucharski, SVD    |
| <b>Monday, 08/15</b>    | Fr. Jared Suire, VE           |
| <b>Tuesday, 08/16</b>   | Fr. Brett Taira, LC           |
| <b>Wednesday, 08/17</b> | Fr. Brian Taylor              |
| <b>Thursday, 08/18</b>  | Fr. Arockiadass Thanaraj, HGN |
| <b>Friday, 08/19</b>    | Fr. Jude Thierry              |
| <b>Saturday, 08/20</b>  | Fr. Bernardp Torres, LC       |

**PRAY FOR OUR DEACONS**

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| <b>Sunday, 08/14</b>    | Dcn. Marty Cannon        |
| <b>Monday, 08/15</b>    | Dcn. Francis Cao         |
| <b>Tuesday, 08/16</b>   | Dcn. Richard Castaneda   |
| <b>Wednesday, 08/17</b> | Dcn. David Chambers      |
| <b>Thursday, 08/18</b>  | Dcn. Ronald Paul Chauvin |
| <b>Friday, 08/19</b>    | Dcn. Jerome Collins      |
| <b>Saturday, 08/20</b>  | Dcn. Adam Conque         |

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

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| <b>Dcn. Michael Vidrine</b> | St. John, Melville        |
| <b>Trey Fontenot</b>        | Sacred Heart of Jesus, VP |
| <b>Garrett Broussard</b>    | 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.

**FR. VERBIS LAFLEUR**

The Annual Mass for Fr. Verbis Lafleur, Servant of God, will be held on Wednesday, September 07, 2022 at 6:30pm here at St. Landry. Please make plans to join us.

**OCS CORNER**

With the 2022-2023 school year underway, parents are reminded that Open House will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. Please make every effort to attend. On Thursday at 9:20 am, an all-school Mass will take place. Football season is preparing to kick off with the Vikings competing in the Jamboree at St. Ed's in Eunice on August 26. Alumni are reminded to mark calendars for the Homecoming game on October 28 as well as the Alumni Softball Tourney on August 26-28.

Enrollment has grown with 100 new students on campus! A third 2nd grade section has been added; and at this time, 5th grade is closed but has a waiting list. Once enough students are committed, another section will be added. For more admission/enrollment information, contact: Joanne Briley at [brileyj@ocsvikings.com](mailto:brileyj@ocsvikings.com).

**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](mailto:fetedieuduteche@gmail.com) or visit [fetedieuduteche.org](http://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 miracles, 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

**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 September 14th!

**YOUTH GROUP**

Our Youth Group meets the First Sunday of each month at 6:00pm in Valentin Hall... Next meeting is Sunday, 9/04... Join us and **bring a friend!!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, August 13**

**4:00pm** M/M Andrew V. Fontenot, Claire V. Landry & Lucy Baillio; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Ronald Burleigh (BD) & (DA); Barbara B. Thibodeaux (DA); Patrick Murray Labbe; Marie Genin Hammons

**Sunday, August 14**

**08:00am** Moise & Martha Lagrange; Gertrude Andrepont Marks; Willard & Willard Ray (Bubba) Andrepont; Alvin, Bradley & Richard Marks; David LeDoux; Amar, Maryina & A. B. Courville Sr.; Gladys & Burnley J. Ardoin, Sr.; Alvin Haynes; Barbara St. Amand; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Billie P. Dossman; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Joyce & Loyce Joubert; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot

**10:00am** Kermit Christ; Manuel, LaFleur & Guillory Family; Families of Fields and Voitier; Charles Cummings; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Elizabeth Claire; Bernel Manuel Sr.; Lagrange and Dupre Family; Dennis Reed; Roy Dupuis; Trina M. Ardoin; Rene Briggs, Jr. & Dr. Lloyd Boulet, Jr.; Ezra & Velma Martin and Denise Hull; Mildred & J.D. Dupre

**5:00pm** St. Landry Church Parishioners

**Monday, August 15**

**12:05pm** J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Thomas B. Schexnayder; Drucella Fruge' Harper; George & Amy Baquet; Joyce & Loyce Joubert

**Tuesday, August 16**

**12:05pm** J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Joyce & Loyce Joubert; Mayance (BD) & Wanda Dupre & Family

**Wednesday, August 17**

**12:05pm** Nicholas Artall & Family (BD); The Sick & Dying; Joyce & Loyce Joubert; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Jason & Shirley Meche

**Thursday, August 18**

**12:05pm** Leonita Sires Miller; Horace (BD) & Rose LaFleur & Fuselier Family; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Deacon Dwayne Joubert & Family (Ordination Anniv.); Joyce & Loyce Joubert

**Friday, August 19**

**12:05pm** J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Joyce & Loyce Joubert

**Saturday, August 20**

**08:00am** J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Paul W. Fontenot & Family (BD)

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Dora Clay; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Julie Ford; Trisha Guindroz; Brandon and Angie Hathon; 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—Dcn, Dwayne Joubert

(Ordination Anniversary)

CHAPEL—Students returning to school



**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

**First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10**

Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 40:2-4,18**

A prayer for God's help

**Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4**

Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

**Gospel Reading Luke 12:49-53**

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

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