

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. LANDRY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
— Est. 1756 | Opelousas, LA —

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday | 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Tues., Wed., Thurs. | 8:30am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm  
*Closed Friday – Sunday*

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:00pm  
Sunday Mass | 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm  
Weekday Masses | Monday-Friday 12:05pm, Saturday 8:00am

**CONFESSION TIMES**

Weekdays | 30 minutes before Mass  
Saturdays | 3:00pm-3:45pm  
Sundays | 4:15pm - 4:45pm

**CLERGY**

Father Neil Pettit, Pastor  
Deacon Dwayne Joubert, Pastoral Associate  
Deacon Sammy Diesi

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Lois Joubert, Bookkeeper  
Priscilla Guidroz, Receptionist  
Abigail Caffery, Director of Sacred Music



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, MARCH 11

4:00pm M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12

08:00am Brad Douget; Randolph LeBlanc & John Danos; Moise & Martha Lagrange; Yola Huckaby; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Barbara St. Amand; Jimmy Guillory; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Frankie & Bobbie Mouton; Jules Gaspard; Marilyn Decuir & Geneva Scallan (BD All); Edna Gaspard, Harry & Frank Dubord & Regina Gleber (BD); Release of Souls in Purgatory; Laurent J., & Billie P. Dossman and Clarice D. Faul; David LeDoux; Evelyn Kidder

10:00am Roy Dupuis; Elaine Guillory; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Families of Fields and Voitier; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Wayne Lavergne; Elizabeth Claire; Malcolm "Slick", Margaret Martin & Shawn P. (Special Intention); Family of Sal Diesi; Warren Soileau

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

## MONDAY, MARCH 13

12:05pm Burnley J. (DA) & Gladys Ardoin; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Martin Jr. (BD) & Miriam Roy

## TUESDAY, MARCH 14

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; John & Helen (BD) Reed; Lee R. & Beverly(BD) Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

12:05pm Gerald Roy (BD); Marcylee Thibodeaux (DA);J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

## THURSDAY, MARCH 16

11:2:05pm Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; Debbie Fay (BD); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

## FRIDAY, MARCH 17

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon;Darryl & Sarah Wagley (WA)

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18

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

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Leslie Buller; Dora Clay; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Julie Ford; Allen Harrington; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Ronnie Leger; Patti Lindsey; Judi R. Lucito; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Kenneth Moreau; Belle Pitre; Ben Pitre; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronnie Savoy; Greg Tate; Hien Tran; Brett Walker; Bekhi Wimberly



## PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

### PRIESTS

- 03/12 | Fr. Rene Pellessier
- 03/13 | Fr. Connor Poirrier
- 03/14 | Fr. Donald Pelous
- 03/15 | Fr. Hai Ngoc Pham, SVD
- 03/16 | Fr. Hahn D. Pham, SJ
- 03/17 | Fr. Daniel Picard
- 03/18 | Fr. Neil Pettit

### DEACONS

- 03/12 | Dcn. Jim Kincel
- 03/13 | Dcn. Brian Kirk
- 03/14 | Dcn. Robert Klingman
- 03/15 | Dcn. Denis LaCroix
- 03/16 | Dcn. Dennis Landry
- 03/17 | Dcn. Barry Leblanc
- 03/18 | Dcn. Joshua Leblanc

### SEMINARIANS

- Dcn. Michael Vidrine | St. John the Baptist, Melville
- Trey Fontenot | Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ville Platte
- Garrett Broussard | Our Lady of Good Counsel, Lake Charles

## SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: Marcylee R. Thibodeaux  
Adoration Chapel: Fr. Pettit (For a fruitful retreat)

## OCS CORNER

For your Lenten almsgiving as you attempt to meet the needs of others, won't you consider a gift to the OCS Angel Appeal Drive? What a loving way to help Catholic education and academics at Opelousas Catholic! You may mail your gift to the OCS Advancement Office, 428 E. Prudhomme St., Opelousas or make an online gift at [www.OCSvikings.com](http://www.OCSvikings.com). May God bless you in this season of Lent and always!

OCS takes pride in its "Vikings of the Month of February": Brielle Celestine & Jackson Trahan, 5th grade; Millie Richard & Zane Fontenot, 8th grade; and Olivia Boagni & Kade Bidstrup, 12th grade!

Parents are reminded that third quarter report cards will be posted on Wednesday. The PTO will hold a "Fish Fry" on March 24 ... mark your calendars!



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

FRIDAYS IN LENT | 5:15 PM

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# GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

Committed Adorers are needed for the following time slots:

- Sunday's 1am, 2am, 3am
- Sunday's 6pm
- Friday's 10pm
- Saturday's 1am, 2am
- Saturday's 12pm, 1pm

To sign up visit:

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Adoration Chapel

**A FEW VACANT HOURS REMAIN!**

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*Could you not watch one hour with me? Mt 26:40*

## READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

### FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.

### SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

### GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.

## OFFERTORY

MARCH 05, 2023

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BSA	\$205.00
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Easter Flowers	\$20.00

### from: Fr. Pettit

I ask that you all remember me in your prayers this upcoming week as I will be out of the parish on my annual retreat. Be assured of my prayers for each of you during this time! I look forward to returning home in a week rested and rejuvenated! May God Bless you all.



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