

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME



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**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 | 12:05pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday, 8:00am First Saturday of the Month

**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

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Dcn. Dwayne Joubert, Office Administrator  
Lois Joubert, Bookkeeper  
Sarah Meche, Receptionist / Secretary  
Abigail Caffery, Director of Sacred Music  
Charlie O'Chery, Director of Youth Ministry

# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, JULY 22

4:00pm Jimmy Soileau and Joyce & Loyce Joubert; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Deceased Parishioners of Opelousas Community Choir; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Thomas B. Schexnayder; Ron Dupuis (BD)

## SUNDAY, JULY 23

08:00am Princess Beeth (BD) & Family; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Evelyn Kidder; Dcn. Dwayne & Mary Joubert (WA); David LeDoux; Kayla Joubert (BD) & Family; Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossman & Clarice D. Faul; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Moise & Martha Lagrange; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; James E. & Mattie W. Martin; Leighton (DA), Ernestine, & Christopher Joubert; Release of Souls in Purgatory  
10:00am Families of Fields and Voitier; Kermit Christ; Ezra & Velma Martin and Denise Hull; Warren Soileau; Hushel & Brenda Bordelon; Cameron James Dupre; Chris LeBlanc; Ronald Boudreaux; Glenda Pitre; Luke Robert Ragas  
5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

## MONDAY, JULY 24

12:05pm Bonnie & Carroll (DA) Joubert; Beverly Bernard (BD); Paula Bienvenu; Janel B. Duplechain; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

12:05pm Jarvis Anthony Doucet; Dcn. Francis Dwayne Boudreaux; Gwen Fruge; Behki Labbe-Wimberly; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

## THURSDAY, JULY 26

12:05pm David LeDoux (DA); Karla S. Miller (BD); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

12:05pm Fr. Gary Schexnayder (BD); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon, Agnes & Bubba Kidder (WA); Luke Robert Ragas (BD)

### CONFIRMATION

The Diocese has amended the age of Confirmation for our young people to 8th Grade. Therefore we, at St. Landry are inviting ALL STUDENTS grades 8-11 to confirm this school year... The date of Confirmation will be announced as soon as it becomes available, but REGISTRATION is now open with Confirmation to take place in the Spring of 2024... Additional information will be shared as it becomes available. You may call the office for questions regarding registration.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: John Ray Fontenot  
Adoration Chapel: St. Landry Parishioners

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Nela Badeaux; Mercedes Bihm; Leslie Buller; Alaina and Baby Carliale; Dora Clay; Carl Crump; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Howard Fournier; Charlotte Guidry; Allen Harrington; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Ronnie Leger; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Kenneth Moreau; Craig Ortego; Belle Pitre; Ben Pitre; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronnie Savoy; Chris Soileau; Greg Tate; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Burnell Vidrine; Brett Walker



## PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

### PRIESTS

07/23 | Fr. Blake Dubroc  
07/24 | Fr. Wayne Duet  
07/25 | Fr. Casey Dugas  
07/26 | Fr. Willard Dugas  
07/27 | Fr. Edward Duhon  
07/28 | Fr. Nicholas Dupre'  
07/29 | Fr. Gilbert Dutel

### DEACONS

07/23 | Dcn. David Menard  
07/24 | Dcn. Cody Miller  
07/25 | Dcn. John Miller  
07/26 | Dcn. Michael Morrison  
07/27 | Dcn. Cuong Joseph Nguyen  
07/28 | Dcn. Tuan Anh Nguyen  
07/29 | Dcn. Charles Ortego

### SEMINARIANS

Trey Fontenot | Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ville Platte

### VACATIONING?

Don't miss Mass...

[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

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JOINING OUR 10:00AM SUNDAY CHOIR!

Contact Abigail Caffery at (337)942-6552 to join!



## OCS CORNER

The Opelousas Catholic administrative offices will re-open on July 18th. For information regarding admissions, email Mrs. Briley at [brileyj@ocsvikings.com](mailto:brileyj@ocsvikings.com); for grades K-4, email Mr. Citron at [citronm@ocsvikings.com](mailto:citronm@ocsvikings.com); for grades 5-8, email Mrs. Heintz at [heintzm@ocsvikings.com](mailto:heintzm@ocsvikings.com); for grades 9-12, email Mrs. Guidry at [guidryk@ocsvikings.com](mailto:guidryk@ocsvikings.com); and regarding tuition/fees, email Mrs. Emonet at [emoneth@ocsvikings.com](mailto:emoneth@ocsvikings.com).

May God continue to bless everyone with a safe and relaxing summer!

# † GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

## READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

### FIRST READING

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16

A prayer to God for mercy.

### SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

## OFFERTORY

JULY 16, 2023

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BSA	\$1140.00
Catholic Communications	\$26.00
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OCS Foundation	\$46.20

## ADORATION CHAPEL

The Chapel re-opened last Saturday morning with the new addition of an "almost complete" restroom. Please be patient as we complete the project over the next couple of weeks! Meanwhile visit the Chapel and visit the website... we ALWAYS need more perpetual committed adorers!



*Adoration Chapel*

**A FEW VACANT HOURS REMAIN!**

**SIGN UP**

[standry.weadorehim.com](http://standry.weadorehim.com)

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



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