

TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. LANDRY CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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

Deacon 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, SEPTEMBER 16

4:00pm Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Fr John Moriarty Moruya; Kenneth & Barbara B. Thibodeaux; Paula Bienvenu; Deceased Parishioners of Opelousas Community Choir; Al Soileau; Jackie D. Bordelon; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard, & Francis Bordelon; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde, & Family; Charles F. & Mercedes Going, & Family; William & Dorothy Hatch, & Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

08:00am William Joseph Joubert (BD); Paula Bienvenu; Judy & Patrick Hebert; Bernel, Arthur, & Eva Fontenot; Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossmann, & Clarice D. Faul; Barbara

St. Amand; Henry & Lillia Fontenot Family; James E. & Mattie W. Martin; Stacey (BD) & Karen (BD) Sebastien; Youle, Therese, & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; David LeDoux

10:00am Dawn Lavergne Blanchard; Ezra & Velma Martin, & Denise Hull; Warren Soileau; Conrad O. Martin Family; Jessie Clark; Kossuth Doucet Family; Ronald Boudreaux; Donvan Lavergne; Wayne & Sharon Wyble; Carole Viviano; Luke Robert Ragas; Germaine Janise; Emma Grace Guillory; Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; Janys Elise Huntington Schexnader; Grady Lacassin; Wayne Lavergne; Elizabeth Claire; Special Intention; Chris LeBlanc

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Peyton Cornette (BD)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

12:05pm Agnes (BD) & Bubba Kidder; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Nela Badeaux; Mercedes Bihm; Fr. Alan Breaux; Velma Guidroz Bihm; Leslie Buller; Dora Clay; Denise Cortez; Carl Crump; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Howard Fournier; Charlotte Guidry; Patty Hacket; Larry Harper; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Mike & Linda Labbe; Brian Jackson; Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Ronnie Leger; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Kenneth Moreau; Craig Ortego; Shawn Perry; Belle Pitre; Ben Pitre; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Chris Soileau; Greg Tate; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Burnell Vidrine; Brett Walker

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

It is a special blessing to be a Catholic Daughter. And we wish to share this with you! You are invited to join us! Court St. Landry #119 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. We meet at Queen of Angels Church Hall.

For more information, please call Debbie Fay337-308-3107. Our next meeting will be October 10, 2023



PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

PRIESTS

- 09/17 | Msgr. H.A. Larroque, JCL
- 09/18 | Msgr. Charles Mallet
- 09/19 | Msgr. Curtis Mallet, JCL, VG
- 09/20 | Arockia Mariasusai, SVD
- 09/21 | Fr. Charles Massie
- 09/22 | Fr. Suresh Mathangi
- 09/23 | Fr. Kenneth Mayne

DEACONS

- 09/17 | Dcn. David Chambers
- 09/18 | Dcn. Ronald Chauvin
- 09/19 | Dcn. Jerome Collins
- 09/20 | Dcn. Adam Conque
- 09/21 | Dcn. Frank Cormier
- 09/22 | Dcn. Michael Crain
- 09/23 | Dcn. Harry Darce

SEMINARIANS

Trey Fontenot | Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ville Platte

SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: Bernel Fontenot
Adoration Chapel: OC Class of 2024

CEMETERY TOURS

It's almost that time! The Annual Cemetery Tours are scheduled for October 14, 15, 21 & 22. There are brochures at the entrances to the church with details!

Confirmation Registration

NOW OPEN!

Students entering grades 8-11 can register.

Registration forms are available in the Valentin Hall Office or on our website.

www.stlandrycatholic.com



OCS CORNER

The elementary department will begin their candy sales this week and would appreciate everyone's support! It is another "Raising Cane's Night" on Wednesday from 3 pm to 8 pm! When placing an order, simply mention Opelousas Catholic, and a percentage of the purchase price will benefit the school.

Let's remember junior varsity and varsity Volleyball! OC will enjoy a home game this Tuesday against Opelousas High beginning at 4:30 pm in the OC gym! Wishing the Vikings football team and fans the best as they travel to Southern Lab on Friday night ... go Vikings! The Viking family congratulates 2021 alumnus Keon Coleman on his recent debut as a Florida State Seminole with three touchdowns!

OC thanks all who participated in the "Mom Prom" and Vikette Clinic!

✠ GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Sirach 27:30—28:9

Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103:1-4,9-12

A song of praise to God who is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

We belong to the Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

OFFERTORY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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