

The Pastor's Corner

As was mentioned last weekend, Fr. D. Blaine Clement will be introducing our Lenten Parish Mission at all the masses this weekend. The mission will be Monday and Tuesday beginning with Mass at 6:30pm followed by the mission presentation at about 7:00pm. Fr. Clement is the pastor at Holy Rosary Church in Kaplan and will be speaking on the nature of suffering as revealed by St. Paul. During Lent, it is especially appropriate to delve into the mystery of suffering. Our fasting is designed to remind us of the need to be prepared in case we are "put to the test." In our fasting and disciplines, we remind ourselves of the spiritual strength we are all called to have in the face of suffering in our lives. I hope you find the mission educational and enlightening. We thank Fr. Clement for coming and bringing this most appropriate Lenten message to us.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, it has been heartening to see so many of you make the effort to attend daily Mass and receiving the Eucharist, our spiritual food for life's journey. Many of you have also been attending Stations of the Cross on Friday's at 5:15pm, when we remember and meditate on Jesus' Passion. Of course, I want to encourage all to continue these wonderful practices during the entirety of Lent, and also to invite all who have been unable to come to begin to do so. These are such fruitful ways to observe Lent in the area of prayer. Following the Station's of the Cross on Fridays, we also have a soup and bread dinner in Valentin Hall sponsored by the Parish Advisory Board. All are invited, and it is a wonderful way for families to observe a Lenten discipline together; and at the same time get to know fellow parishioners. I hope to see you there! God Bless!

Father James Brady

Pope Benedict's Intentions for February 2013

General: Migrant Families: That migrant families; especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in their difficulties.
Mission: Peace: That the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

Children, don't forget to get your bulletins from Father Brady after Mass.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes for RCIA continue this Tuesday, February 26th at 6:00pm in Valentin Hall. The Religion class this week will be touring the Church and explaining the symbols. For more information please contact Deacon John Miller @942-2911.

Outreach

Every time we talk about spreading the good will and knowledge of our Christian faith, we have to know that God is smiling because that is His wish; that we use the gifts of Faith, Hope, and Charity that He blessed us with. As most of you already know, every 1st Saturday, we as missionaries with the support of our pastor, Fr. Brady of St. Landry Catholic Church spend 2 hours spreading God's love in our neighborhoods. Please consider joining us as we fulfill God's will and also the recommendation of our beloved Bishop, Michael Jarrell. God bless you, Deacon Sammy Diesi

Steubenville South!!!

An informational meeting will be held: Sunday, February 24th at 3:00pm in Valentin Hall for all High School Students and Parents interested in attending this year's Steubenville Youth Conference in Alexandria. For more information please contact Deacon Dwayne Joubert at 308-0001.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

February 24, 2013

See Page 121 in Missalette

Reading I

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

In a holy covenant, God Promises Abram a homeland.

Psalm 27

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."

Reading II

Phillippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:2-4:1

Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.

Gospel

Luke 9:28b-36

His face changed in appearance and his clothes became dazzlingly white.

In today's second reading, Saint Paul makes explicit the meaning of today's Gospel of the Transfiguration. "Our citizenship is in heaven," he says. Just as God's promise to Abraham in today's first reading was fulfilled, so God will fulfill the promise of heavenly citizenship to us. Peter, John, and James are witnesses to the glory of Jesus Christ in which we all will share. Let us be attentive to God's promises today.

Around the Diocese

The Highest Mystery- The Mass in Sacred Scripture and Tradition:

Our Lady Queen of Angels is sponsoring The Highest Mystery-The Mass in Sacred Scripture and Tradition by Msgr. DeRouen on Feb. 26, March 5, 12 & 19 at 6:00 pm.

Opelousas/Port Barre Men's Silent Retreat

The Spring Opelousas/Port Barre Men's Retreat, at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau, will be held on Thursday, February 28th through Sunday, March 3rd. Call Andrew Guidroz II for information or registration at 337-351-0732. You can also email him at andrew@thecajun.com. A deposit of \$25.00 is required to hold your room.

Lenten Day of Recollection

The Alumnae of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau; will host a Lenten Day of Recollection, Wednesday, February 27; 9:00am-3:00pm. The event will be held on campus in the Academy Chapel; Director -Rev. Msgr. Keith DeRouen. There is no fee to participate. Donations will be appreciated. Please bring a bag lunch. Beverages will be provided by the ASH Alumnae Association. All are welcome-Reservations are not required. For further information, contact Linzee LaGrange at (337) 662-5275 or at alum@ashcoteau.org

Christ in the City

"Christ in the City" provides a monthly opportunity for young adults to worship through Eucharistic Adoration. At each hour-long service, those in attendance pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament, listen to a homily, sing and have the opportunity for confession. Afterwards there will be a time of fellowship at Corner bar. The event is open to young adults in their 20's and 30's, married or single.

For more information, find us on face- book or visit the website: <http://ChristInTheCity-Lafayette.Wordpress.com>

Center for Loss & Transition

Hospice of Acadiana Bereavement Program

"I Don't Know What to Say" - This workshop helps with understanding the grief process and provides ways to support grievers. It will be held on Thursday, March 7 from (9:00am-11:30am) at Hospice of Acadiana. Many people feel uncomfortable not knowing what to say and do around grieving people. Mary Lahey, LPC, LMFT and staff will be the presenters.

SANCTUARY LIGHT



CHURCH: Our Lenten Journey
 CHAPEL: For the Faithful Departed



ALTAR SOCIETY

Group III Rebecca Reed Week of March 2, 2013
 Group IV Sarah Wagley Week of March 9, 2013

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 23

8:00am

4:00pm Loretta W. and A.H. Hargroder Jr; Clara P. Elder; Emmitt Fontenot; Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin; Jeanette Lalonde; Rosalie and Frank Pepitone; Hal Guillory; Didier Hargroder; James E. Martin; Helen B. Richard; Michael Luke Darby; Herman and Georgie Meche; Lois Harmon; Winnie Ardoin; Etheline Meche (BD); Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. and Patricia and Walfred LeBlanc, Jr.

Sunday, February 24

8:00am Eugene, Margie and Jonie Hebert and Eugenie H. Quebedeaux; Martin J. St. Amand; Youle and Therese Fontenot; Arthur and Eva Fontenot; Anton Phong and Maria Lac Pham; John & Dona(BD) Clary; Clem and Estelle Hebert

10:00am Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin; Jonathan (Jon) Martin; Clara P. Elder; Margaret V. Martin; Sarah Jarrell; Linda C. Ozenne; Joyce and Baby Ortego; Scotty Speyrer; Cecile Doucet; Anna Nheim Do(DA); Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Martin; Denise Hull; Special Intentions; Frank Miller and family

5:00pm St. Landry Parishioners; Leonce Lalonde Jr.; Harold Savoy; Marie Grace Soileau; Fields and Voitier families

Monday, February 25

12:05pm Clara P. Elder; Lee, Vivian, and Kristie Artigue; Linda Artall (BD) and family

Tuesday, February 26

12:05pm Clara P. Elder; Una L. Moreau

Wednesday, February 27

12:05pm Clara P. Elder; Cecile Doucet; Gertrude A. Marks (BD); Marie (DA) and Gervis Guidroz

Thursday, February 28

12:05pm Clara P. Elder

Friday, March 1

12:05pm Clara P. Elder; Johnny Montgomery Jr

Saturday, March 2

8:00am

4:00pm Clara P. Elder; Jeanette Lalonde; Rosalie and Frank Pepitone; Don and Ronnie J Vidrine; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Going, Jr.; Clem Morein family and Hal Guillory; James E. Martin; Helen B. Richard; Michael Luke Darby; Herman and Georgie Meche; Winnie Ardoin

Sunday, March 3

8:00am Eugene, Margie and Jonie Hebert; Eugenie H. Quebedeaux; Martin J. St. Amand; Youle and Therese Fontenot; Arthur and Eva (DA) Fontenot; John and Dona Clary; Mr. and Mrs. John Fakouri, John, Jr, and Jacob; Charles Lognion; Ella Mae Soileau; Joseph Pitre

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5:00pm St. Landry Parishioners; Leonce Lalonde, Jr; Harold Savoy; Fields and Voitier families

**Confessions: Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm
11:30AM---12:00PM, Daily, Mon. through Friday**

Pray for our Troops

Christopher Briley; Dr. John Cason; Jacob DeKerlegand; Brian James Dendy; Dakin Doyle; Hunter Dubuc; Chad Guthrie; Eric Hart; A.J. Korn; Garrett Ryan Lanolos; Andre Ledoux; Danny Pitre; Trevor Reilly; Zach Reilly; Joshua Thomasse; Hunter Zerangue. Please call the office (942-6552) to add or remove names.

St. Jude, Patron Saint of Hope, keeps watch over America and all who defend our flag. Protect all who fight in the name of freedom and liberty!

Please Pray for Our Seminarians

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| 1) Matthew Barzare | St. Anthony of Padua, Eunice |
| 2) John Miller | St. Landry, Opelousas |
| 3) Ben Pitre | St. Landry, Opelousas |
| 4) Paul Lombas | St. Anthony of Padua, Eunice |

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and eager but gentle servants of the gospel. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Ashley & Joshua Allemond; Clifford and Jane Ardoin; John Aucoin; Gervis "BB" Babin; Dennis Bahr; Anna Lee Beadle; Roberta Bernard; Carolyn Bertrand; Jane Bertrand; Steve & Paula Bienvenu; Sky Bihm; Logan Billeaudeau; Gerard Boudreaux; Millie Boudreaux; Leanna Briley; Wilbur Briley; Vanessa Brown; Holly Burleigh; Brandon Castille; Nelson "Shorty" Castille; Raylyn Chapman; Rodney Comeaux; Keith Daigle; Shelton Daigle; Eugene Darbonne; Lou D'Avy; Mary Ann Davenport Martin; Glenn Derington; Harley Doucet; Olivia Doucet; Lane W. Dugas; Richard & Nelda Dunn; Vickie Duplechain; Duane Dupre; Shirley Emonet; Tristen Estes; Bernel Fontenot; Linda & Terry Fontenot; Joseph Galhater; Ruby Gautreaux; Ted Guillory Jr.; Wilma Guillory; Angela Hargroder; Benny Hargroder; Larry Hargroder; Keith Harmon; Bobby Hebert; Richard Horecky; Janise & Gerald Kidder; Trina Kirkpatrick; Michael Labbe; Grady Lacassin; William Lavergne; Brittany LeBlanc; George LeBlanc and family; Olivia Leblanc; Louise LeDoux; Mike Lewallen; Dale Martin; Malcolm "Slick" Martin; Barry Meche; Mitch Mequet; Laura Miller; Brandy Monde; Virginia Naquin; Miya Norse; Lonnie and Cindy Ortego; Marty Ortego; Betty Pitre; Kermit Pitre and family; Ricky Pousson; Ann Purser; Marilyn Quirk;; Butch Richard; Joseph James Robin; Joseph Robison; Myrtle Ryder; Lauren Sebastien; Annie Kay Segura; Katherine Smith; Carrie Soileau; Corrine Soileau; Emmadine Soileau; Lou Soileau; RoseIn Soileau; Timmy Soileau; Pattie Stephens; Patrick Steward Jr.; Thomas Stoute; Yola Stoute; Beverly Talbot; Collins Thibodeaux; James Touchet; Lena Trahan; Fr. Nicholas Trahan; Lou Vidrine; Brett Walker; Brandy Willingham; Nicky Winder; Pat Woodson; Warren Wyble; Henry Young; Mike Young;
Note: It is a Diocesan policy that to put someone on the Prayer List, you must first have his or her permission

24 February 2013

No Second Offertory Collection

3 March 2013

Second Offertory Collection: Maintenance Fund

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship to God

	Every Gift Comes From Above
Regular Collection	\$6,482.10
Maintenance & Repair	275.00
Opelousas Catholic Foundation	1,099.55
Needy	1.00
I.C.O.N.(Ash Wednesday collection)	1,808.23
Black & Indian Mission	4.00
Total	\$9,669.88

Thank you for your generosity!

Reminders of the Week

Sunday, Feb. 24	6:15pm	Confirmation Class
Monday, Feb.25	6:00pm	Rosary @ Monument
	6:30pm	Mass followed by Mission
Tuesday, Feb. 26	6:30pm	RCIA
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Wednesday, Feb.27	5:15pm	Come Lord Jesus
Thursday, Feb.28	5:30pm	First Communion Class
Friday, March 1	7:00am	1 st Friday (adoration begins)
	8:40am	All School Mass
	5:15pm	Stations of the Cross (followed by soup and bread dinner)
Saturday, March 2	7:45am	Benediction in Valentin Hall
	8:0am	1 st Saturday (Mass in Valentin Hall Chapel)
Sunday, March 3	6:15pm	Confirmation Class

OC CORNER

The Academic Council will present its Educational Extravaganza on "Louisiana, the Promised Land" during the week of March 3-8 in the school gym. To kick off the event for the adults, "Cajun Comedy Night" will be held on Sunday, March 3rd, featuring Cajun comedians, Kent Gonsoulin (O.C. 1983) and Carencro native Murray Conques. Tickets are now on sale for \$15 per adult. From 5:00-6:00pm, guests can sample Cajun cuisine by Tony Chachere's before the show gets underway at 6:30pm.

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the St. Landry Parish Social Studies Fair:

1st place...Bailey Hanks; 2nd place....Sam Jarrell, Giovanni Lamonte, McCall Keeler, and Olivia Roy; 3rd place....Madeline Everett, Alex Cravins, and Spencer Gardner