



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests

Haiti Earthquake Relief Collection

Because of the human suffering caused by the earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, we will have a second collection on the weekend of January 30/31, 2010. This is the first weekend where we do not have a second collection scheduled. I ask parishioners to be as generous as you can. The money from this collection will be used by the church's humanitarian agency, Catholic Relief Services, in responding to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as to the long term need to rebuild after widespread destruction, and to the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in Haiti. Checks should be made to the order of "St. Landry Church" with the memo "Earthquake Relief Haiti". I appreciate everyone's love and sacrifice in this collection. Msgr. Romero

A Story

Two cars were waiting at a stoplight. The light turned green, but the man did not notice it. A woman in the care behind him is watching traffic pass around them. The woman begins pounding on her steering wheel and yelling at the man to move. He doesn't move. The woman is going ballistic inside her car, ranting and raving at the man, pounding on her steering wheel and dash. The light turns yellow. The woman begins to blow the car horn, flips him off, and scream curses at the man. The man, hearing the commotion looks up, sees the yellow light, and accelerates through the intersection just as the light turns red. The woman is beside herself, screaming in frustrations as she misses her chance to get through the intersection.

As she is still in mid-rant, she hears a tap on her window and looks up into the barrel of a gun held by a very serious looking policeman. The policeman tells her to shut off her car while keeping both hands in sight. She complies, speechless at what is happening. After she shuts off the engine, the policeman orders her to exit her care with her hands up. She gets out of the car and he orders her to turn and place her hands on her car. She turns, places her hands on the car roof and quickly is cuffed and hustle into the patrol car. She is too bewildered by the chain of events to ask any questions and is driven to the police station where she is fingerprinted, photographed, searched, booked and placed in a cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approaches the cell and opens the door for her. She is escorted back to the booking desk where the original officer is waiting with her personal effects. He hands her the bag containing her things, and says, "I'm really sorry for this mistake. But you see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping that guy off, and cussing a blue streak at the car in front of you, and then I noticed the "Choose Life" license plate holder, the "What Would Jesus Do" and "Follow Me to Sunday School" bumper stickers, and the chrome plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally I assumed you had stolen the car."

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of Jan. 24, 2010

- Reading I** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
They read from the book of the Law and understood what was read.
- Psalm 19** "Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life."
- Reading II** 1 Corinthians 12: 12--30
We are Christ's body.
- Gospel** Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21
Today the Scripture passage is fulfilled.

THEME:

Jesus is the one sent by God to save us.

Today we hear about the unrolling of two scrolls. For the Israelites, the scroll that contained the Law of the Lord was unrolled and read. The people bowed down in sadness as they came to realize that they had not lived lives in accordance with God's law. In today's Gospel, Jesus opens the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, announcing that its prophecy has been fulfilled in him. As the sacred word is proclaimed today—as our scroll that is our scripture is unrolled—let us welcome words that call us to greater union with Christ Jesus.

Questions of the week

- Question for Children:**
Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. Was there ever a time that you knew Jesus was with you?
- Question for Youth:**
What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?
- Question for Adults:**
Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved. How has this mission of Christ in the world affected you personally?

Forming Good Stewards

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke: 4:21

Jesus, his parents and grandparents lived in the small town of Nazareth that had a population of about 400 people and would have fit inside the physical boundaries of an average sized parish. In the synagogue at Nazareth, after reading a passage from Isaiah, Jesus declared, "Today this passage is fulfilled in your hearing...The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." How would you react if someone you know in your parish stood up and said that? Now imagine the speaker says to you, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon you..." and you have been sent to do all of those things. As a result of our Baptism and Confirmation, the Spirit is upon us and we have an obligation to do all those things—and more.

RCIA

Tuesday at 6:30pm, the adult religion class will be discussing why the OUR FATHER, the LORD'S PRAYER, is a prayer of perfect and unselfish love. For more information, contact Deacon John Miller at 942-2911.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, Jan. 23** 4:00 p.m. Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Francis J. Bertrand Sr., Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention: Frank Greco (BD), Lee Martin, Dr. Richard Hargroder
- Sunday, Jan. 24** 8:00 a.m. Paul Sylvain Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Youle & Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Jacob Joubert (BD)
- 10:00 a.m.** Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Evie B. Soileau, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J., and Doris H. Philippe, Special Intention, Percy Credeur
- 5:00 p.m.** St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit
- Monday, Jan. 25** 12:10 p.m. Scotty Venable (BD)
- Tuesday, Jan. 26** NO MASS
- Wednesday, Jan. 27** 12:10 p.m. Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward, and Allen Jr., Lucille S. Baillio (BD)
- Thursday, Jan. 28** 12:10 p.m. Lucy St.Amand (BD), Theresa D. Speyrer
- Friday, Jan. 29** 12:10 p.m. Theresa Fontenot (DA)
- Saturday, Jan. 30** 4:00 p.m. Charlie, Hazel (BD) and Floyd Leger, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Francis J. Bertrand Sr., Jeanette Lalonde, Special Intention, James E. and Mattie Martin (WA), Lee Martin, Dr. Richard Hargroder
- Sunday, Jan. 31** 8:00 a.m. Paul Sylvain Fontenot, Angela Aymond, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand
- 10:00 a.m.** Wilfred, Annette, Richard, and Marian Smith, Evie B. Soileau, Allen Richard, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Percy Credeur
- 5:00 p.m.** St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Regular Offertory Collection	\$5,851.24
St. Landry Church Maintenance	\$505.00
Opelousas Catholic School	\$949.21
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$10.00
Church A/C Repair.....	\$20.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection
Week of January 31, 2010
Haiti Earthquake Relief

Reminders for the week

Monday, January 25	10:30am	Lafleur Comm. Meeting
	5:30pm	Choir practice
	6:00pm	Rel. Ed.
Tuesday, January 26	6:30pm	RCIA
Wednesday, January 27	5:30pm	1st Penance Class
Friday, January 29	8:30am	High.School Mass for OC

Returned to Christ through Death

The St. Landry Church Parishioners offer prayers and sincere condolences to the families of:

Theresa D. Speyrer; Therese Dale Pollingue
Leona B. Lanclos; Maxine C. Robison
Clarence Soileau

Lord, grant that we may hold dear, the memory of your servant, never bitter for what we have lost nor in regret of the past, but always in hope of the eternal kingdom where you will bring us together again.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. AMEN

MOVING? NEW PHONE NUMBER?
Please notify the church office at 942-6552. THANKS!!

Prayer Intentions

Anna Lee Beadle, Mary Joubert Bihm, Chris Brewster, Kirk Courville, J.Y. Fontenot, Paul Franks, Juliette Kaufmann, Frank Miller, Julie Mouton, Lilly Ann McKinney, Harold Savoy, Mary Jane Scherer, Grace Soileau, Patrick Steward Jr.

It is Diocesan policy that to put someone on the Prayer List, you must first have his or her permission.

Around the Diocese

Jesus Spirituality Center

An individually directed retreat will be held on Feb. 1-10; Feb. 22-March 3; March 8-17 and Holy Week, March 25-April 3.

Men's Retreat: at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau will be held March 04 through March 07.
For registration, call Dr. Lucius Doucet II, Monday through Wednesday, at 942-4425.
A deposit is required to hold your room.

Holy Spirit Praise Rally will be held on Saturday, January 30 at 9:30am. The location is Immaculata Diocesan Office, 1408 Carmel Dr. Lafayette, in Fuselier Hall. Closing Mass at 4:15pm
\$5.00 registration on-site only.
More information call 265-3773.

Annual Day of Recollection at St. Edmond Church, 4131 W. Congress, Lafayette, La.
Tickets are \$9.00 and includes lunch. Advance ticket sales only.
For more information please call RaNelle Simon at 232-2849.

A Day of Prayer presented by the Jesuit Spirituality Staff. Will help participants enter into the observance of Lent and the Paschal Mystery.
Saturday, February 20, from 9:00am—4:00pm

Divine Mercy Conference...Plan Ahead
The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette sponsors an annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at Our Lady of Fatima Church.
The Regional Celebration will include a one-day Divine Mercy Conference on Saturday, April 10, 2010.
The scheduled speakers for this one-day conference are Rev. Benedict Groeschel, CFR; Immaculee Libagiza; Bryan Thatcher, MD.; and Annie Karto.
The cost is \$25.00 and registration forms are available at Valentin Hall.

O.C. Corner

Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated across the nation January 31st through February 5th with the theme "Dividends for Life". Opelousas Catholic will kick off the week with an opening mass at the 11:00 mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Please attend!
The OC Tasters' Dinner and Auction event is set for February 3rd in the new Opelousas Civic Center with doors opening at 6:00pm. Tickets are now on sale at OC; Piggly Wiggly South; St. Landry Homestead; and Bodemullers. Plan to attend and enjoy the evening!

PRO-BONO LEGAL CLINIC

WHAT: This legal clinic is intended to allow the citizens of St. Landry Parish to "walk-in" and receive basic legal advice from local attorneys at no charge to them.
It is a joint project for the St. Landry Parish Bar Association; Acadiana Legal Services Corporation; and the Louisiana Bar Foundation modeled after clinics in larger cities.

WHERE: Opelousas City Court, 127 E. Grolee.

WHEN: From 4:00pm—6:00pm on the following date
March 02; May 04; July 06; Sept. 07; Nov. 02

For further information, contact LaVonya Malveaux at 948-2570

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH.....Tyra Newell
CHAPEL.....People in Haiti

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group IIIIrene Soileau, Week of Jan. 30, 2010
Group IVSarah Wagley, Week of Feb. 6, 2010