

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Pastoral Staff – 942-6552

Pastor

Msgr. Russell J. Harrington ext. 107

Deacons

Deacon Sammy Diesi ext. 105

Deacon Dwayne Joubert ext. 104

Deacon John Miller

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Receptionist/Secretary

Priscilla Guidroz ext. 100

Pastoral Council

Trustees

Cindy Prather 945-2585

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Elected Members

Dirk Boudreaux 942-7920

Nancy Briley 308-1563

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Charlie Roy 948-8052

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Dwight Ledoux 942-6732

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH: Vocations to the priesthood

CHAPEL: Priests of the Diocese

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group 3 Becky Reed 12/15/18

Group 4 Norma Hargroder 12/22/18

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Monday – Friday 11:30 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Baptism: Call Office – 942-6552

Anointing of the Sick: Call Office – 942-6552

1ST Communion & Confirmation: See Bulletin for registration information.

Matrimony: Call Office at least six months before planned wedding.

Our Parish Life

ADULT FORMATION – 942-6552

RCIA / Adult Confirmation – Dcn Sammy Diesi

Come Lord Jesus! – Tue. 6pm – Rose Boulet

Wed. 5pm – Kim Lajack

Wed. 5:15pm – Lois Joubert

That Man is You – Dcn Dwayne Joubert

Bible Study – Dcn Dwayne Joubert

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Director – Dcn Dwayne Joubert 942-6552

Safe Environment 942-6552

LITURGY

Coordinator – Dcn Dwayne Joubert 942-6552

Altar Servers - Dcn Dwayne Joubert 942-6552

Ministers of the Word - Irene Soileau 948-8873

Eucharistic Ministers – Martha Moise 948-8562

10 AM Choir – John Poirier 577-6466

Youth Choir – Raphael Henry 739-8173

First Friday Adoration – Ben Pitre 678-0501

Altar Society-Yvonne Normand 308-3474

PASTORAL OUTREACH – 942-6552

Ministry to the Home Bound – Lois Joubert

Ministry to the Bereaved-Lois Joubert

ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters-Ramona Darbonne 692-0196

After Mass Coffee - 942-6552

Knights of Columbus-Sean Briley 692-4911

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Joseph Pisano, Jr. 298-2987

OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal – Mrs. Marty Heinz 942-5404

Mission Statement:

St. Landry Catholic Church is a community of the faithful that serves God and our neighbors by coming to know and love more deeply Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is accomplished through the study of Sacred Scripture and by practicing the traditions handed down to us, especially the seven sacraments. By the help of Jesus' Grace, we seek to imitate Him in His faith, hope and charity so that we can receive His gift of salvation in eternal life.

From the desk of Msgr. Harrington:

**Reflection 18 –
Second Sunday of Advent**

“A voice crying out in the wilderness.” Those are the words sacred scripture uses to introduce the adult John the Baptist. He is the prophet serving as witness to the Messianic Age. He is the wilderness-voice that awakens the sleeping world to the one who will change everything, who will electrify this world with the power of His love. He is the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth who stirs in the presence of the Holy One.

Who was John? We know he was the cousin of Jesus, born to an older couple who were thought to be barren. We know he felt compelled to go into the desert, surviving on locusts and wild honey. He comes out of that experience, preaching of baptism for the forgiveness of sins and the need to change one’s life in order to welcome the Messiah, the Promised One. He baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, is eventually arrested and beheaded for witnessing to the truth.

Who was this dangerous, challenging prophet? What made him go into the desert? Were his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, disappointed in his decision? Did he break their hearts when he left them? Were they still alive when he wrestled with the Word of God in the desert? What gave him his passion, his zeal, his relentless faith? How did he arrive at the conclusion that he must diminish as Jesus’ way brightened? When he was in Herod’s prison, did he wonder if he maybe made the wrong decisions or that maybe God had abandoned him?

John was a true prophet, set on fire by the hand of God. His whole being was consumed with longing for the life-giving God who created something out of nothing, who brought life into desert and made the highways straight so that others could find Him. John knew God. God did not abandon him but gave him the confidence of His presence to endure, to thrive and not solely survive.

John’s calling is like our own. We are invited to be prophets of the Messianic age. The Holy One’s coming is to be announced and proclaimed by us. We exit from the desert of our lives into the richness of our world to announce a year of favor from the Lord. We work with Him at releasing those imprisoned in sadness and bring good news to the impoverished. We take on John’s job to be the herald of Jesus, to raise up the valleys and lower the mountains, to create a level pathway for our God.

Like John the Baptist, we become those voices in the desert, proclaiming the greatness of our God and witnessing to the freedom He brings to a broken world. In this Advent season, we are empowered as prophets to bring light to the darkness, to bring life to the barren world. As we draw ever closer to the hustle and bustle of Christmas, we are charged with the Word of God to remind ourselves not to become lost in busy-ness, but to model patience, kindness, God’s mercy, God’s love, God’s peace.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve – 4pm (Mass w/ Children Procession); 6pm Vigil Mass
Christmas Day – 9am**

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS –

December Universal – Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS –

December 02, 2018

REGULAR	\$10186.37
GOAL	\$9000.00
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$2788.53
Poor / Needy	\$766.00
Maintenance Endowment	\$595.00
Christmas Flowers	\$76.00
OCS Foundation	\$6.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Second Collection

12/09/18 – Retired Religious Fund

12/16/18 – Bishop's Services Appeal

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. – 12/09

Mon. - 12/10

5:45pm Rosary @ Lafleur Monument
6:00pm Bible Study

Tue. - 12/11

6:00pm Come, Lord Jesus!

Wed. - 12/12

6:00am TMIY
9:10am OCS Mass
5:00pm Come, Lord Jesus!
5:15pm Come, Lord Jesus!

Thu. - 12/13

Fri. - 12/14 – Office Closed

5:00pm Immaculate Conception (A)

Sat. - 12/15

8:00am Mass in Valentin Hall

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Please don't take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here. Census Forms are available at the back of church or by calling or coming by the office during business hours.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9 God is leading Israel in joy.

Psalm 126 "The Lord has done great things for us; We are filled with joy."

Phil 1:4-6, 8-1 May your love increase ever more.

Luke 3:1-6 Prepare the way of the Lord.

Today's readings are unfailingly positive, hopeful for the future. Baruch assures Jerusalem that God is leading its exiled people back home. Saint Paul is smitten with the Philippians, confident that they will be found worthy by God. Saint Luke introduces Saint John the Baptist, who has emerged from the desert to prepare the people for baptism and forgiveness. A new day is dawning. Truly, as the psalmist sings, we are filled with joy.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

-Cade LeBlanc St. Thomas More, Eunice
-Matthew Pitre St. Thomas More, Eunice
-Michael Vidrine St. John, Melville
-Sean Fontenot Our Lady Queen of All Saints, Ville Platte
-Luke Johnson Our Lady Queen of All Saints, Ville Platte

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. AMEN.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

Sunday, 12/09 Fr. Rodney Kissinger, SJ
Monday, 12/10 Fr. Clifton Labbe, SVD
Tuesday, 12/11 Fr. Donovan Labbe
Wednesday, 12/12 Fr. Keith La Bove
Thursday, 12/13 Fr. Paul LaFleur
Friday, 12/14 Fr. Jeremy Lambert, LC
Saturday, 12/15 Fr. Michael Keith Landry

Eternal Father, we lift up to You, these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

1ST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Registration is now in progress for the sacraments of 1st Holy Communion (2nd graders) & Confirmation (11th graders). Come by Valentin Hall during office hours to register.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 08

4:00pm Mercedes & Scott Henry & Frances & Robert Arnold; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon, Sr.; Philip Jules Frilot; Anna Lois Joubert; Lester Lemoine; Wayne, Jeanette & Jonathan Lalonde; Dallas Barron, Jr.; Madelyn McKinney; Barbara Burleigh Thibodeaux; Bobbie Mouton; Winnie, Steve, Ronnie, Dusty Ardoin; Rita Hargroder; The Sick & The Dying; Irene Cummings Guillory; Carolyn M. Bertrand; Patrick Murray Labbe; Danny & Anna Richard; Billie; Derbes & Hilda Soileau; Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Therese Hazel Hollier; Fr. Joseph C DeLuca; William "Bill" Hatch & Family; Charles F. Going & Family; Ricky Jock; M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull (BD); Drucella F. Harper

Sunday, December 09

08:00am Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Taylor Morales & Gerald Kidder, Sr.; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Marion & Lois Harmon; Velta Dupre Bajat

10:00am Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Lester (BD) & Judy (DA) LeJeune; Patricia S. Woodson; William Kane Weakland; Lawrence Kelly & Darius & Zetta Deville; Lee & Beverly Faul & Mark Capone; Special Intention; The Sick & The Dying; Guise Tran Ho; M/M Emillian Bodin & Joyce Lagrange; Richard Bordelon; Bertha, Jill & Collins Lanclos Sr.; M/M Lee Martin, Jon Martin & Loray Martin Bertrand & Rita Darby; James & Anita Lanclos.; Shelia Beadle Fontenot; Malcolm "Slick" & Margaret Martin; Joyce & Baby Ortego; J.C., Bernice; Cyril James Diesi II & Peyton Cornette; Reginald Hebert; Ozelima Tabb Fontenot; Clevence Mott Family

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners; Rose Fisher; Edval (BD) & Merci Jannise; Patrick Murray Labbe

Monday, December 10

12:05pm Adolph & Constance Lanclos and Adele & Heribert Bernard Living & Deceased Members; James A. Herbert (BD); Special Intention; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Roberto Valle; Geraldine "Gerry" Arnaud; The Sick & The Dying

Tuesday, December 11

12:05pm Nita & J. Y. Bordelon, Sr., The Sick & The Dying

Wednesday, December 12

12:05pm Nita & J. Y. Bordelon, Sr.; The Sick & The Dying; Rose Fisher

Thursday, December 13

12:05pm The Sick & The Dying; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Brad(BD) & Sharon Ortego

Friday, December 14

12:05pm The Sick & The Dying; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon, Sr.; Martin Sr.; Angela; Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove

Saturday, December 15

08:00am Special Intention

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Dannie Ardoin, Brenda & Dennys Baird, Camden Barnard, Victoria Barron, Addi Baquet, Eric Baquet, Mona Bernard, Rada Bono, Derek Bourque, Connie Benoit, James Buford Bergeron, Paula Bienvenu, Robert Bienvenu, Marty Billeaudeau, Randy Bordelon, Alexandra Boudreaux, Joan Brady, Judy Smith Briscoe, Eden Broussard, Pat Burleigh, Nico Campbell, Ronnie Collette, Liz Constantino, Lloyd Cormier, Leroy Darbonne, Glenda G. Darbonne, Norman Darbonne, Francis "Flossie" David, Donald Dean, Angie Dejean, Rose DeKerlegand Barbara Dopson, Lee Dubuc, Wanda Dupre, Glyn Durio, Harriet Doucet, Brandon Fuselier, Glenda Gaudet, Albert Going, Robert Going, Jr., Sarah Groth, Rita Guidroz, Amelia Guillory, Gabrielle Hanson & Family, Norma Hargroder, Jeanette Harville, Carol Hebert, Eva Herbert, Corrace Hollier, Rosalie Jackson, Bryan Fontenot, Merci Janise, Jo Ann Jones, Leon Khan, Murphy Lanclos, Sr., Virgie Lanclos, Lisa Leblanc, Jenny Ledoux, Ronald Leger, Paul Leleux, Cassandra Marceaux, Malcolm Marcus, Kathy Martin, Heather E. Matt, Sidney Matt, Shirley Meche, Barbara Micheal, Marguerite Miller, Ed Moise, Taylor Morales, Glenda Moreau, Julia Ortego, Gene Paillet, Mary Paillet, Elliot Pavlovich, Keith Pavlovich, Glenda Pitre, Michelle Poulet, Butch Richard, Gerald Roy, The Keith Richard Family, Pap Roy, Clara Smith, Ronald Speyrer. Cindy Stelly, Andrew Stelly, Audrey Stelly, Lonnie St. Cyr, Becky Sylvester, Richard Tatman, Ervin Thibodeaux, Margaret Thibodeaux, Jacqueline Vautrot, Claire R. Venable, Wilma Villery, Brett Walker, Augustine Wilson, Brad Woodel, Evelyn Wyble

(It is diocesan policy that we must have permission from any individual that is to be placed on the list of intentions prior to their name being listed.)

OC CORNER

A Blood Drive will be held on campus on Tuesday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. On Wednesday, a special school mass for Advent in preparation for Christmas will be held at 9:10 am in St. Landry Catholic Church. Then on Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm, the elementary department will present their annual Christmas Play in the school gym. Families are invited!

To help the school's Foundation Trust Fund and the transformation of the library into a modern Media Center, family and friends are asked to gift the 2018-2019 Angel Appeal Drive. May God bless you for your generosity!

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

St. Landry Church Parish extends sincere appreciation to the generous parishioner who annually donates the little books with daily spiritual reflections for the advent season.



Centennial News –

- **Centennial Mass – All are invited** – the closing Mass for the Centennial Year of our Diocese will be December 12th at the Cajundome Convention Center at 6pm. Our Diocese and the wonderful people of our diocese and how God has poured forth His Love and guidance upon us in these last 100 Years will be the focus – A Century of Love. Along with the Mass, there will be a Historical Display and a slide presentation before and after the Mass as well as a presentation of the many people and cultures of our Diocese. The doors will open at 4:30 because there will be much to be a part of and see. All Catholics throughout our whole Diocese are invited and encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars.
- **Tolton – From Slave to Priest** – performed live by Jim Coleman, December 6th at 7pm and December 7th at 7pm at St. Pius X Elementary School Auditorium in Lafayette (205 E. Bayou Pkwy). Admission is \$25 (ages 10 & up). For ticket information contact Stephanie Bernard – 337-261-5694 or visit: www.diola.org
- **Centennial Yard Signs** – from now until Dec 12th, lets us all put out our Centennial Yard Signs in solidarity of faith, knowing that God continues to make us His Church with His grace. If you need a yard sign, they can be purchased at the following 4 locations - Acadian Religious, Crossroads Bookstore, Cathedral Gift Shop and the Diocese Chancery Office (14708 Carmel Drive).
- **Centennial Items for Sale** - a limited amount of items were created for this Centennial Year and are true collectors' items which will only be available during the remainder of this year. If you would like to have a Centennial remembrance, you can purchase them at Acadian Religious, Crossroads Bookstore, Cathedral Gift Shop and the Diocese Chancery Office (1408 Carmel Dr).

PRIESTS V. SEMINARIANS

Join us as the Runnin' Revs take on the Slammin Sems in the 13th Annual basketball game between the Lafayette Diocesan priests and seminarians. This popular, fun-filled, family event helps promote and support priestly and religious vocations. Tip-off is at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 12/18/18 at Cathedral-Carmel School Gymnasium, 848 St. John Street, Lafayette. Doors open at 6 pm.

DOLL & TOY FUND

Christmas is a joyous time of the year. But for some in our community, providing gifts for their families might be difficult. Beginning December 1st, the Catholic Daughters are sponsoring the Doll and Toy Fund toy drive. We are asking for new, unwrapped toys which can be placed under the Christmas tree near the front entrance of the church or in the wrapped boxes at the side entrances of the church. Monetary donations are also appreciated. You can make checks payable to Doll and Toy Fund and mail to 176 Rue Savanna Opelousas, La. 70570. For more information, please call Janis Courvelle at 337-789-0971.

FOOD for the POOR

As usual we will focus on helping those who are in need during the holiday season. We will again place boxes at the doors of the church during the month of November for non-perishable food donations. The donations will be sent to ICONS, our local food pantry, for distribution to those in need in our community.

FLAGS AT LAFLEUR MONUMENT

K. C. 1173 is asking for donations to replace Flags for Fr. Verbis Lafleur Monument. A set of 5 Flags cost \$250.00. Any and all donations would be appreciated. Make check payable to K. C. 1173 and mail to: 266 Meadow Circle – Opelousas, La. 70570. For more information contact Kenneth Thibodeaux at 337-945-5152. THANKS FOR PAST SUPPORT.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Below are special deadlines for the Holiday Season:

- Weekend of 12/23 – Deadline Noon 12/18
- Weekend of 12/30 – Deadline Noon 12/18
- Weekend of 01/06 – Deadline Noon 01/02

