

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

Bookkeeper/Secretary

Lois Joubert ext. 101

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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Yvonne Normand, Secretary 308-3474

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Dwight Ledoux 942-6732

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH: Bernel Fontenot

CHAPEL: Priests of the Diocese

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group 4 Norma Hargroder 12/22/18

Group 5 Bertha Reed 12/29/18

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 19 –
Third Sunday of Advent**

In the book of Genesis, we hear the story of Jacob and his twelve sons. His two youngest sons were Joseph and Benjamin. Joseph was an interpreter of dreams and his father's favorite. After his brothers secretly sold him into slavery to the Ishmaelites, the Ishmaelites then sold him to the Egyptians. Moved by Joseph's ability to interpret dreams and grateful that his interpretations saved them all in a time of famine, the Egyptians placed him in a position of honor and wealth. Joseph's family eventually join him and benefit from his extraordinary gift. The Hebrews remain in Egypt, become slaves of the Egyptians, and experience freedom through the work of Moses. But it is the great patriarch, Joseph son of Jacob, who uses his gifts to help save God's people in their time of need.

Many generations and centuries later another Joseph takes his place in salvation history. This Joseph, a faithful man of Israel, chooses a young woman of Israel to become his wife. The couple is betrothed to be married. We know his story. We know how disappointed and disturbed he becomes when he is confronted with the news that his betrothed, Mary, is with child. It was well within his rights to expose her to the law, to see that she would be stoned to death for this serious violation of the law. His decision to divorce her quietly shows his powerful compassion and mercy. He could not be the one to put his beloved to death, no matter how justified he would be. He chose mercy above the law.

And then he dreams. Like Joseph of the Old Testament, this Joseph interprets his dream to save not only the Blessed Mother, but the entire world. Where Joseph, son of Jacob, saves the Hebrews from famine, Joseph, betrothed of Mary, saves the world from death. His decision to remain at Mary's side and become the earthly father of the child Jesus, frees all of us. His interpretation of dreams invites all of us to heed the voices of angels in our midst.

St. Joseph is the model of the new patriarch. He stands by his wife and son. He teaches his son his carpentry skills and what it means to be a man of faith. He teaches Jesus what it means to be a person of compassion and mercy. He teaches Jesus what it means to be a person of patience and fidelity. The Son of God learns from His earthly father what it means to be a humble person with unconquerable strength. The Son of God learns what it means to be a man of God.

In this holy season of Advent, the Father once again gives us a person to model for us and to walk with us on our journey to Bethlehem. The Father gives us a son of David to accompany us to the City of David. St. Joseph, the interpreter of dreams, teaches us to know our God, to listen to His voice and the voices of His messengers, and to trust in His presence in our lives. The Father of St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother and the Christ is OUR Father. He stirs up the saints and all creation to lead us to Himself. He will have us by His side for eternity. He will liberate us from our sin and hold us in love. He will wait until the last of us enjoys the fullness of His embrace. He is our God and we are His people.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

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 09, 2018

REGULAR	\$8573.12
GOAL	\$9000.00
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$60.00
Poor / Needy	\$320.00
ICON	\$35.00
Christmas Flowers	\$115.00
OCS Foundation	\$10.00
Retired Religious	\$1126.25
Immaculate Conception	\$1218.03

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Second Collection

12/16/18 – Bishop's Services Appeal

12/23/18 – No 2nd Collection

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. – 12/16 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mon. - 12/17

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

Tue. - 12/18

6:00pm Come, Lord Jesus!

Wed. - 12/19

5:00pm Come, Lord Jesus!
5:15pm Come, Lord Jesus!

Thu. - 12/20

1:30pm Christmas Decorating
6:00pm The Light Is ON (6-8)

Fri. - 12/21 – Office Closed

Sat. - 12/22

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Zeph 3:14-18a *The Lord will sing joyfully because of you.*

Isaiah 12 *“Cry out with joy and gladness: For among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.”*

Phil:4-7 *Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near.*

Luke 3:10-18 *They all asked whether John might be the Christ.*

John the Baptist challenges the crowds in today's Gospel. Eager to follow him, they ask what they should do. John responds with practical guidance: share your food and clothing, act honorably, be honest. We are not told what they do, but we are told they were filled with expectation. As we listen to God's word, filled with expectation with a week and a half until Christmas, let us take John's guidance to heart.

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 15

4:00pm Brent Soileau; Rev. Joseph C. DeLuca; Patrick Murray Labbe; The Sick & The Dying; William "Bill" Hatch & Family; Irene Cummings Guillory; Julius & Rita M. Lambert; Barbara Burleigh Thibodeaux; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Carolyn M. Bertrand; Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Ricky Jock; Nola Guidroz; Mercedes & Scott Henry and Frances & Robert Arnold; Abbie Babineaux(B); Wayne, Jeanette & Jonathan Lalonde; Lester Lemoine; Madelyn McKinney; Charles F. Going & Family; Rita Hargroder; Anna Lois Joubert

Sunday, December 16

08:00am Joseph James Robin, Sr. & Jr.; Tina(BD) Faul & Family; Bernel(BD), Arthur & Eva Fontenot; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand

10:00am Richard Bordelon; M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull; James & Anita Lanclos; M/M Emillian Bodin & Joyce Lagrange; Lee & Beverly Faul & Mark Capone; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; M/M Lee Martin, Jon Martin & Loray Martin Bertrand & Rita Darby; Malcolm "Slick" & Margaret Martin; Lawrence Kelly & Darius & Zetta Deville; Bertha, Jill & Collins Lanclos Sr.; Guise Tran Ho; Special Intention; A. J. (Gus) & Ruth DaGian; J.C., Bernice, Cyril James Diesi II & Peyton Cornette; Joyce & Baby Ortego

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners; Rose Fisher; The Sick & The Dying; Dr. Glen Hunt; Jackie Bordelon & Gabrielle "Gabby" LaJack

Monday, December 17

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

Tuesday, December 18

12:05pm The Sick & The Dying; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; A. B. Courville, Sr.(DA); Thomas, Sr.(BD) & Albert and Merella Huckaby

Wednesday, December 19

12:05pm Rose Fisher; Kathryn DeJean Howard; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; The Sick & The Dying; Arthur Wyble

Thursday, December 20

12:05pm Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; The Sick & The Dying; Pat & Ron Dupuis (WA)

Friday, December 21

12:05pm The Sick & The Dying; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Lee(DA), Kristie & Vivian Artigue

Saturday, December 22

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, Geneva Scallan, 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

Please keep OCS students in your prayers as they begin their mid-term exams this week before departing for the Christmas break on Thursday. Classes will resume on Monday, January 7.

Congratulations to the "Students of the Year" who will now prepare for diocesan-level competition: Marsha Savage, 12th grade; Carter Zeringue, 8th grade; and Chris Jesclard, 5th grade.

At this special time of the year, please remember our Angel Appeal Drive! Donations may be made online through the OCS website at www.OCSvikings.com. May God bless our angels for caring!

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 December 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

RAYMOND LAVERGNE

Sadly, we announce that Raymond Lavergne, a retired member of our maintenance staff passed away last Saturday, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Raymond served loyally for over 41 years. He retired in January of 2017. Funeral services were held Saturday, 12/15 at Immanuel Church of God in Christ in Opelousas.

THE LIGHT IS ON

This Thursday, December 20th, Msgr. Harrington will be in the confessional and available for the Sacrament on Reconciliation from 6pm until 8pm.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Christmas Mass schedule here at St. Landry is as follows:

- 4PM Christmas Vigil –Children's Mass. Children are encouraged to bring a new and unwrapped toy and meet inside the main entrance to the church to be a part of the procession. Toys will be placed in the manger in the sanctuary.
- 6PM Christmas Vigil
- 9AM Christmas Morning

(Note – There will be NO 12:05pm Mass on Christmas Eve.)

The Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is as follows:

- December 31st – 4PM Anticipated Mass
- January 1st – 9AM & 5PM

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Offices (Valentin Hall) will be closed from Friday, December 21st through Sunday, December 30th. We will close at noon on December 31st and we will be closed on January 1st. Regular office hours will resume on January 2nd. EMERGENCY phone messages WILL be responded to in a timely manner.

THANK YOU!

The family of Renella Lavergne expresses their appreciation to the "Friends of the Bereaved" and Msgr. Harrington for the outpouring of support during their most difficult time.

