

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 08

4:00pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; M/M Norris Leger; Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Deceased Parishioners of Opelousas Community Choir; Bonnie Wyble Shaver (BD); Lastrapes Family; Fr. James Brady (Ordination Anniversary); Octave Pavy (BD); Luke Robert Ragas

SUNDAY, JULY 09

08:00am Moise & Martha Lagrange; Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossman & Clarice D. Faul; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon, Lastrapes Family; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Bradley Marks (DA); Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Jackie D. Bordelon; Evelyn Kidder; Christine LeDoux (BD); David LeDoux; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Bernard Joubert (BD)
10:00am Donovan Lavergne; Jimmy Soileau and Joyce & Loyce Joubert; Families of Fields and Voitier; Lee Garland Halphen; Wayne Lavergne; Warren Soileau; Ezra & Velma Martin and Denise Hull (DA); Luke Robert Ragas; Cameron James Dupre; Ronald Boudreaux; Glenda Pitre
5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, JULY 10

12:05pm Martin Jr. & Miriam (DA) Roy; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Luke Robert Ragas

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

12:05pm Luke Robert Ragas; Family of M/M Mentor Richard; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; Mayance Dupre & Clayton & Eula Soileau (DA)

THURSDAY, JULY 13

12:05pm Paul Prudhomme; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Luke Robert Ragas;

FRIDAY, JULY 14

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Alvin Marks (DA); Luke Robert Ragas

SECOND COLLECTION
The second collection this weekend will benefit the Diocese of Soroti in Uganda. See the article "Mission Appeal" on page 3 for more details. Please be generous!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
This Friday, July 14th is Fr. Pettit's Birthday... We wish him a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

YOUTH NEWS!
Our HS Youth Group spent the past week on retreat in Alabama! The week was loaded with Spiritual awakening, community building, and FUN! See our Facebook Page for some of the sights and sounds!

SANCTUARY LAMP
Church: Fr. Neil Pettit (BD)
Adoration Chapel: Ezra Martin

PRAYER INTENTIONS
Nela Badeaux; Mercedes Bihm; Leslie Buller; Dora Clay; Carl Crump; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Howard Fournier; Charlotte Guidry; Allen Harrington; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Ronnie Leger; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Kenneth Moreau; Craig Ortego; Belle Pitre; Ben Pitre; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronnie Savoy; Chris Soileau; Greg Tate; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Burnell Vidrine; Brett Walker

PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

- PRIESTS**
- 07/09 | Fr. Angelo Cremaldi
 - 07/10 | Fr. Barry Crochet
 - 07/11 | Fr. Francis Damoah, SVD
 - 07/12 | Fr. Hampton Davis
 - 07/13 | Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc
 - 07/14 | Fr. Michael DeBlanc
 - 07/15 | Fr. Edward Degeyter

- DEACONS**
- 07/09 | Dcn. Carlton Lee
 - 07/10 | Dcn. Robert Leger
 - 07/11 | Dcn. Barney Lejeune
 - 07/12 | Dcn. Leon Lejeune
 - 07/13 | Dcn. Thomas Lindsey
 - 07/14 | Dcn. Joesph Liuzza
 - 07/15 | Dcn. Phillipe Lizotte

SEMINARIANS
Trey Fontenot | Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ville Platte

VACATIONING?
Don't miss Mass...
www.masstimes.org

GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

MISSION APPEAL

As part of the annual Mission Cooperation Plan, St Landry Church this weekend has the opportunity to support the mission of the Diocese of Soroti, Uganda. Fr. Geoffrey Akiso Odongo from Uganda is here this Sunday to celebrate all the Masses and to make the appeal. Below is a brief profile of the projects for which the Diocese of Soroti is seeking support.

The Catholic faith continues to spread in leaps and bounds in the Diocese of Soroti. For example, in 2019 alone, there were 31,309 Infant Baptisms. Every single Church parish in the entire Diocese is filled beyond capacity at its principal Sunday liturgies with a significant number of people standing outside the Church. After over 5 years without a Bishop, Pope Francis in March 2019 appointed Bishop Joseph Eciru Oliach to lead and shepherd the people of God in the Diocese. After his episcopal ordination in May 2019, he had 22,600 Confirmations between June and December of 2019 alone!

To meet the overwhelming need for pastoral services, the new bishop created 15 new parishes in the summer of 2019 and additional 11 since then. These were created by breaking up the largest of the existing 26 parishes. In essence, the number of parishes have doubled! These new parishes are in dire need for buildings and other facilities (churches, rectories, halls and other health/ social/ educational amenities). The proceeds from this mission appeal will therefore be applied towards facilitating the development of these new parishes. The funds will especially be dedicated to the procurement of manufactured and/or imported building products (cement, iron bars, roofing metals, iron sheets and paint) to enable the construction of buildings in the new parishes. In addition, most of these parishes are located in rural areas with no grid electricity and water systems. The proceeds will also be applied to securing solar electricity systems and water units: water wells/water boreholes/rain water harvesters

- Every donation counts and nothing is too small. Here is a sample of what your donation could help purchase:
- \$ 10 can purchase one bag of cement
 - \$ 25 can purchase one piece of roofing timber
 - \$50 can purchase one bundle of 6 iron rods
 - \$ 100 can purchase one bag of roofing nails
 - \$ 100 can purchase one Roofing Iron Sheet
 - \$ 1,000 can purchase 800 Gallon Water Tank for rain-water harvest
 - \$ 5,000 can purchase a solar unit to light up the Rectory
 - \$ 10,000 can fund the construction of a water-well or borehole for perennial water supply.

For more information, please visit the following the Website: www.soroticatholicdiocese.org

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING
Zechariah 9:9-10
The Lord shall come to reign in Zion..

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
A prayer of praise to God who is our king.

SECOND READING
Romans 8:9,11-13
Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 11:25-30
Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

OFFERTORY
JULY 02, 2023

Regular: \$12601.87 Goal: \$9000

Maintenance & Repair	\$1285.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$325.00
Poor & Needy	\$325.00
Opelousas Catholic School	\$61.20

ADORATION CHAPEL
The Chapel re-opened Saturday morning with the new addition of an "almost complete" restroom. Please be patient as we complete the project over the next couple of weeks! Meanwhile visit the Chapel and visit the website... we ALWAYS need more perpetual committed adorers!

Adoration Chapel

A FEW VACANT HOURS REMAIN!

SIGN UP

stlandry.weadorehim.com

Could you not watch one hour with me? Mt 26:40

St. Landry Catholic Church Presents

SOURCE & SUMMIT

SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE / ADORATION / CONFESSION

Fr. Neil Pettit
Speaker

Wed. July 12 | 5:30-6:30PM
Date & Time

ST. LANDRY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCS CORNER

Opelousas Catholic curriculum coordinators for 2023-2024 include Mrs. Hope Charles who holds a Master's in Administration and Supervision, is certified in grades 1-8 and is an Elementary Math Specialist; Mrs. Jessica Fontenot with a Master's Degree in Library Science and runs the school library while teaching 7th grade English and Reading; and Mrs. Lainie Manuel certified in Math and Business Education and currently teaches Algebra I Honors, Geometry, and Geometry Honors. These ladies will assist teachers in implementing standards as well as interpreting standardized test scores and will work closely with assistant principals in all curriculum areas. The administrative offices will re-open on July 18th. For information about admissions, email brileyj@ocsvikings.com; about grades K-4, email citronm@ocsvikings.com; about grades 5-8, email heintzm@ocsvikings.com; about grades 9-12, email guidryk@ocsvikings.com; and about tuition/fees, email emoneth@ocsvikings.com.