

TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday | 1:00pm-4:00pm
Tues., Wed., Thurs. | 8:30am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Closed Friday – Sunday

MASS TIMES

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:00pm
Sunday Mass | 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm
Weekday Masses | 12:05pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, 8:00am First Saturday of the Month

CONFESSION TIMES

Weekdays | 30 minutes before Mass
Saturdays | 3:00pm-3:45pm
Sundays | 4:15pm - 4:45pm

CLERGY

Father Neil Pettit, Pastor
Deacon Dwayne Joubert, Pastoral Associate
Deacon Sammy Diesi

PASTORAL STAFF

Dcn. Dwayne Joubert, Office Administrator
Lois Joubert, Bookkeeper
Sarah Meche, Receptionist / Secretary
Abigail Caffery, Director of Sacred Music
Charlie O'Chery, Director of Youth Ministry



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

4:00pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Kenneth & Barbara B. Thibodeaux; Jimmy Soileau, & Joyce & Loyce Joubert; Kermit Christ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

08:00am Paul W. Fontenot (BD) & Family; Good Samaritan & Family; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossmann & Clarice D. Faul; Barbara St. Amand; Moise & Martha Lagrange; James E. & Mattie W. Martin; Release of Souls in Purgatory; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Evelyn Kidder; David LeDoux; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

10:00am Chris LeBlanc; Elizabeth Claire; Janys Elise Huntington Schexnader; Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; Glenda Pitre; Emma Grace Guillory; Families of Fields and Voitier; Luke Robert Ragas; Warren Soileau; Deceased Parishioners of Opelousas Community Choir; Cameron James Dupre; Robert Boudreaux

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

12:05pm Fr Gene Tremie (DA); Martin Jr. & Miriam (DA) Roy; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

12:05pm Les Bidstrup; J.Y., Sr. Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

12:05pm Joseph & Lita Culotta, Sr.; Gervis "BB" Babin; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: Opelousas Catholic School
Adoration Chapel: Parishioners

CONFIRMATION

The Diocese has amended the age of Confirmation for our young people to 8th Grade. Therefore we, at St. Landry are inviting ALL STUDENTS grades 8-11 to confirm this school year... The date of Confirmation will be announced as soon as it becomes available, but REGISTRATION is now open with Confirmation to take place in the Spring of 2024... Additional information will be shared as it becomes available. You may call the office for questions regarding registration.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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



PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

PRIESTS

08/20 | Fr. Brian Harrington
08/21 | Msgr. Russell Harrington
08/22 | Fr. David Hebert
08/23 | Fr. Matthew Hebert
08/24 | Fr. T.J. Hebert
08/25 | Fr. Gregory Heslip, LC
08/26 | Fr. Matthew Higginbotham

DEACONS

08/20 | Dcn. Michael Thompson
08/21 | Dcn. Joseph Trahan
08/22 | Dcn. Tam Tran
08/23 | Dcn. Jeff Trumps
08/24 | Dcn. Stephen Van Cleve
08/25 | Dcn. David Vaghn
08/26 | Dcn. Durwood Viator

SEMINARIANS

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SHARE YOUR TALENTS BY
JOINING OUR 10:00AM SUNDAY CHOIR!

Contact Abigail Caffery at (337)942-6552 to join!



OCS CORNER

It is time to "Meet the Vikings" this Thursday at 6 pm! The location has been changed to the school gym. Come out and support our Viking athletes!

Football season 2023 kicks off on Friday as the Vikings participate in the St. Ed's Football Jamboree with their game set for 7 pm with Catholic High-New Iberia. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the high school office before Friday. Go Vikings!

The annual Cheer Clinic is planned for this Saturday. For information, email Katie Trahan at trahank@ocsvikings.com.

Attention alumni! Mark your calendars for the Homecoming game on October 20th! Join together with classmates for lots of fun and reminiscing ... especially the classes of 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004, and 2014 who are celebrating special milestones!

† GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1,6-7
The Lord reveals his salvation to all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
All the nations will praise God.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15,29-32
God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28
Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

OFFERTORY

AUGUST 13, 2023

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OCS Foundation	\$46.20
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023
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- DINNER
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- MUSIC
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GUEST SPEAKER
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REAL PRESENCE:
WHO IS PRESENT AND
WHAT DOES HE WANT?



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