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ST. LANDRY CATHOLIC CHURCH _____ Est. 1756 | Opelousas, LA _____

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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

4:00pm Al Soileau; William & Dorothy Hatch & Family; Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Charles F. & Mercedes Going & Family; Jackie D. Bordelon; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Paula Bienvenu; Tina Wyble (BD); M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Robert Sr., Madeline & Albert Going; Francis & Charlene Soileau; Kenneth & Barbara B. Thibodeaux; Dewey (BD) & James Kirt Cormier (BD); Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00am James E. & Mattie W. Martin; Family of Adam & Rosita Guidry; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Paula Bienvenu; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; David LeDoux; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Alvin Marks (BD); Barbara St. Amand; Wanda Dupre (BD); Cheryl Mosely; Good Samaritan & Family

10:00am Ezra & Velma Martin, & Denise Hull; Glenda Pitre; Dr. Dan Buller; Donvan Lavergne; Luke Robert Ragas; Mrs. Sue G. Hebert; Ronald Boudreaux; Carole Viviano; Joseph Ray Pitre; Warren Soileau; Jimmy Soileau, Joyce & Loyce Joubert; Deceased Parishioners of Opelousas Community Choir; Jessie Clark; Dawn Lavergne Blanchard; Fields & Voitier Families; Chris LeBlanc; Janys Elise Huntington Schexnader; Raeburk Soileau; Troy Whipp

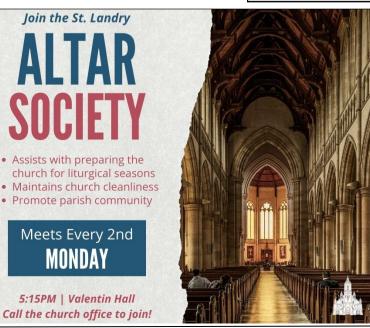
5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

12:05pm Sam & Elva (BD) Moncla; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Mayance & Wanda (BD) Dupre, Wayne Wyble & Sharon Branson Families

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: Msgr. Russell Harrington (BD) Adoration Chapel: John Arthur Guidroz (DA)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Nela Badeaux; Mercedes Bihm; Fr. Alan Breaux; 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; Patty Hacket; 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, Carol Sue Arnaud

CEMETERY TOURS

It's almost that time! The Annual Cemetery Tours are scheduled for October 14, 15, 21 & 22. There are brochures at the entrances to the church with details!



PRIESTS

10/08	Rev. Aaron Melancon
10/09	Rev. Bill John Melancon
10/10	Rev. Andre Metrejean
10/11	Rev. Mark Miley
10/12	Rev. Thomas Montelaro
10/13	Rev. Michael Moody, SVD
10/14	Rev. Randall Moreau

DEACONS

10/08| Dcn. Perry Guidry
10/09| Dcn. Joseph Herd Guilbeau
10/10 | Dcn. Russell Hayes
10/11 | Dcn. Clifford Hebert
10/12 | Dcn. Joseph Hebert
10/13 | Dcn. Marcel Hebert

10/14 | Dcn. Randy Hyde

This coming week, I will be on my annual retreat. Please pray that my time away is both spiritually fruitful and restorative.

– Fr. Pettit

Source & Summit in October has been cancelled, as Fr. Pettit will be away on his annual retreat.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters invite you to join Court St. Landry #119! Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm, held at Queen of Angels Church Hall. Call Debbie Fay at 337-308-3107 for more info! Next meeting: October 10, 2023



An important event this week is "Grandparents' Day" on Wednesday for grades PreK through 4, beginning with a Prayer Service in the gym at 8:30 am and followed by classroom visits and refreshments. Grandparents are encouraged to attend and bring smiles to the children's faces!

Vikings football will face Catholic of Pointe Coupee on Thursday night in Donald Gardner Stadium at 7:00 pm.Go Vikes!

Homecoming is getting closer! Plan to join together with family and friends for the game on October 20 at 7:00 pm with a Pre-Game Presentation of past queens and captains at 6:30 pm. In addition, prepare to enjoy the Parade on October 19 at 5:30 pm down Union Street! It will be a fun and memorable time!



<u>T</u> Gospel Reading Reflection

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:I-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading. This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7 The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard..

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20 The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9 Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-43 Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

OFFERTORY

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Regular: \$13,491.00 Goal: \$9000

Maintenance & Repair	\$1170.00
OCS Foundation	\$10.00
World Mission Sunday	\$10.00
BSA	\$10.00
Poor	\$312.75



BECOME AN Altar Server

Boys who have made their 1st Holy Communion are invited to become an Altar Server and be part of this important ministry.

Altar Servers serve all weekend Masses.

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

