

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

4:00pm Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; Charlene (DA) & Roy Whaley, Sr.; Al Soileau; Paula Bienvenu; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; William & Dorothy Hatch & Family; Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Kermit Christ; Charles F. & Mercedes Going & Family; Wanda Dupre (BD)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:00am Amar, Maryina & A. B. Courville, Sr.; Alvin, Bradley & Richard Marks; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; David LeDoux; Bea Beaugh (BD) & Family; Paula Bienvenu; Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossmann & Clarice D. Faul; Gertrude Andrepont Marks, Willard & Willard Ray (Bubba) Andrepont; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; Barbara St. Amand; Release of Souls in Purgatory; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; J.Y. Sr, Nita, Richard, & Francis Bordelon  
10:00am Donvan Lavergne; Raeburk Soileau; Dawn Lavergne Blanchard; Jessie Clark; Carole Viviano; Janys Elise Huntington Schexnader; Deceased Parishioners of Opelousas Community Choir; Fields & Voitier Families; Mrs. Sue G. Hebert; Warren Soileau; Joseph Ray Pitre; Dr. Dan Buller; Troy Whipp; Luke Robert Ragas; Chris LeBlanc  
5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

12:05pm Louis B. Halphen; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Wayne Wyble & Sharon Branson

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

12:05pm Anthony J. Fontenot (BD); Emile (DA) & Nancy Fontenot; Pap Roy; David LeDoux (BD); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Julia DeJean (DA)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

12:05pm Joseph & Lita Culotta; Sr., J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Gervis "BB" Babin; Larry (DA) & Brenda Lanclow

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: The People of Israel  
Adoration Chapel: Aimee G. Savoie (BD)

#### 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 Hackett; Larry Harper; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Mike & Linda Labbe; Brian Jackson; Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Karen Lanclous 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, Mavis Quebedeaux

## PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

### PRIESTS

10/15| Rev. Joseph Nasser, SJ  
10/16| Rev. James Bam Nguyen  
10/17| Rev. Theodore Nnabugo  
10/18| Rev. Albert Gayle Nunez  
10/19| Rev. Godwin Nzeh, CMF  
10/20| Rev. Mark Alewo Odoguje  
10/21| Rev. Anselm Ofodum

### DEACONS

10/15| Dcn. Bryan Istre  
10/16| Dcn. Roland Jeanlouis  
10/17| Dcn. Dwayne Joubert  
10/18| Dcn. Joseph Ulysse Joubert  
10/19| Dcn. George Jourdan  
10/20| Dcn. Jim Kincel  
10/21| Dcn. Brian Kirk

#### YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group will gather NEXT Sunday (10/22) @ 4:15pm to pray the Rosary with the intentions of the people of Israel and World Peace... Please join us!

#### FATHER BEN PITRE

Our native son, Father Ben Pitre is currently deployed as Navy Chaplain aboard the USS Gerald R. Ford... You might note that this is the ship that has been placed off the coast of Israel in response to the Hamas attack last week. Please pray for the safety of Fr. Pitre and all involved in this conflict.

### OCS CORNER

Students and staff will enjoy their "Fall Break" on Monday and Tuesday and will return for classes on Wednesday in time for "Homecoming Week"! The parade is set for Thursday at 5:30 pm down Union Street followed by the coronation in the gym. On Friday evening, alumni are invited to the Alumni Welcome Tent at 6:00 pm, the pre-game presentation of alumni royalty begins at 6:30 pm, and the game kicks off at 7:00 pm. Go Vikings!

Family and friends are also reminded about the next "Raising Cane's Night" this Wednesday from 3 pm to 8 pm. Mention Opelousas Catholic when making a purchase and a percentage of the purchase price will go to benefit OC! Thank you!

## GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

## READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10a  
The Lord will provide richly for his people.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1-6  
The Lord is our shepherd.

### SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20  
Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-14  
Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

## OFFERTORY

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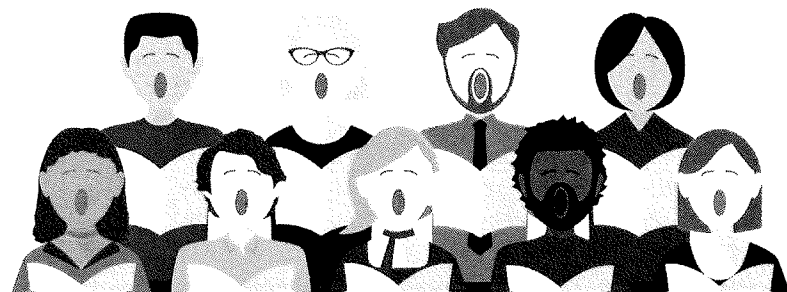
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Maintenance & Repair \$352.00  
OCS Foundation \$46.20  
World Mission Sunday \$430.00

## Join the Choir!

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

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



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.

Sign Up Deacon Joubert (337) 942-6552



*Adoration*  
**SIGN-UP**

Contact us @ (337) 942-6552 or stlandrychurch@diolaf.org to sign up!

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