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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, NOVEMBER 11

4:00pm John Ray Fontenot (BD); William & Dorothy Hatch & Family; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Paula Bienvenu; Al Soileau; Charles F. & Mercedes Going & Family; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Eddie DeKerlegand; Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; Shelton Daigle, Carrie Soileau, Harold Soileau, & Mattie Sylvester; Randy Herpin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00am Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossmann & Clarice D. Faul; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Barbara St. Amand; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Moise & Martha Lagrange; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Gertrude Andrepont Marks, Willard & Willard Ray (Bubba) Andrepont; Amar, Maryina & A. B. Courvelle, Sr.; Release of Souls in Purgatory; Alvin, Bradley & Richard Marks; David Ledoux; Paula Bienvenu

10:00am Chris LeBlanc (BD); Christopher Dunbar; Troy Whipp; Raeburk Soileau; Warren Soileau; Loretta Perron; Julie Johnson (BD); Ezra & Velma Martin, & Denise Hull; Junior, Loretta (DA) & Stephen Hargroder; Jimmy Soileau, Joyce & Loyce Joubert; Mrs. Sue G. Hebert; Joseph Ray Pitre; Fields & Voitier Families; Luke Robert Ragas; Jessie Clark; Dr. Dan Buller; Elizabeth Claire

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

12:05pm Ave Maria Prayer Group (BD); Beryle Sebastien (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Family of Hugh & Lula Bihm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Sebastien & Hargroder Families (DA); Lesley Biba (BD)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

12:05pm Marshall Deaton (BD) & Jeanne Marie Boullion (BD); Louis LeJeune (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: John Ray Fontenot Adoration Chapel: Tricia L. Guidroz (BD)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Carol Sue Arnaud; 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; Mavis Quebedeaux; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Elaine Smith Richard; Matthew Gene Richard; Chris Soileau; Greg Tate; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Allen Vidrine; **Burnell** Vidrine



PRIESTS

11/12	Rev. Michael Richard, JCL
11/13	Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero
11/14	Rev. Mario Romero
11/15	Rev. David Rozas
11/16	Rev. Michael Russo

- 11/17| Rev. Francois Sainte-Marie, MIC
- 11/18| Rev. Donald Saunders, SJ

DEACONS

- 11/05| Dcn. Malcolm Melancon
- 11/06| Dcn. David Menard
- II/07| Dcn. Cody Miller
- 11/08| Dcn. John Miller
- 11/09 Dcn. Michael Morrison
- II/I0| Dcn. Cuong Joseph Nguyen
- II/II| Dcn. Tuan Anh Nguyen

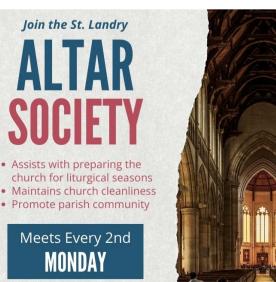
ADORATION CHAPEL

Committed Adorers are urgently needed for the following time slots:

- Thursdays at 3 pm; IIpmFridays at 4 pm; I0pm
- Saturdays at 6 am
- To sign up visit:
- www.stlandry.weadorehim.com

WIDOWS' GROUP

Healing Hearts, a widows' group, meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Crusillo Center. For more info, call Cindy Pitre. 337-331-4888 or Jane Dupre, 337-945-6881.



5:15PM | Valentin Hall Call the church office to join!

CORNER Let's remember "Cane's Night" on Wednesday (3 pm to 8 pm)! Mention OC when making your purchase, and Cane's will donate a percentage to our school! OC applauds the 2023 Homecoming Court: Grace Lafleur,

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Congratulations to the "Vikings of the Month of October": McCall Jones & Ben Hatfield, grade 5; Remi Bihm & Tristin Fontenot, grade 8; and Grace Lafleur & Chase Fontenot, grade 12.

Please remember two important giving opportunities, the Annual Angel Appeal Drive and "iGiveCatholic Day". For the appeal, send a gift to the OC Advancement Office at 428 East Prudhomme Street or make an online gift on the website (www.OCSvikings.com). "iGiveCatholic Day" is on November 28 with an advanced giving phase from November 14-November 27. Online gifts may be made through our OC profile page at https://lafayette.igivecatholic.org/organizations/opelousascatholic-school.



Gospel Reading Reflection

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In <u>last week's Gospel</u>, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8 Our souls are thirsting for God.

SECOND READING

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 God will raise all those who have died.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

OFFERTORY NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Regular: \$10,405.38 Goal: \$9000

Maintenance & Repair \$1707.00 BSA \$5.00 O.C.S. Foundation \$46.20





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.



