

THE VOICE OF ST. LANDRY'S

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 Father Neil Pettit
 Deacon Sammy Diesi
 Deacon Dwayne Joubert
 Deacon John Miller (Retired)

Mass Times
 Saturday Anticipated Mass 4:00pm,
 Sunday Mass 8:00am, 10:00am, & 5:00pm
 Weekday Masses—Monday—Friday 12:05pm,
 Saturday 8:00am

After Hours
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 the automated directory.

Pastoral Staff
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Confession Times
 Weekdays—30 minutes before Mass Times
 Saturday—3:00pm—3:45pm

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 prior to proposed date of wedding to schedule
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 website; www.stlandrycatholicchurch.com.

Office Hours
 Monday—1:00pm—4:00pm
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 8:30am—Noon, 1:00pm—4:00pm
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GOAL	\$9000.00
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Bishop's Services Appeal	\$10.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
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Call the church office if you have a doubt... We can mail you a Census Form!

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Sunday, 07/31	Fr. Andrew Schumacher
Monday, 08/01	Pope Francis
Tuesday, 08/02	Pope Emeritus Benedict, XVI
Wednesday, 08/03	Bp. J. Douglas Deshotel
Thursday, 08/04	Bp. Emeritus Michael Jarrell
Friday, 08/05	Fr. Clinton Sensat
Saturday, 08/06	Fr. Bryce Sibley

PRAY FOR OUR DEACONS

Sunday, 07/31	Dcn. John Miller
Monday, 08/01	Dcn. Thomas Adams
Tuesday, 08/02	Dcn. Arthur Bakeler, Jr.
Wednesday, 08/03	Dcn. Scotty Baudoin
Thursday, 08/04	Dcn. Harris Bergeron
Friday, 08/05	Dcn. Glen Bertrand
Saturday, 08/06	Dcn. Jose Vincente-Blanco

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Dcn. Michael Vidrine	St. John, Melville
Trey Fontenot	Sacred Heart of Jesus, VP
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Prayer for Protection Against Hurricanes

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

CHARLENE RICHARD

The Annual Mass for Charlene Richard, Servant of God, will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6pm at St. Edward Church in Richard.

Fête-Dieu du Teche

The 8th Annual Fête-Dieu du Teche will be held on Monday, August 15, 2022! Join us as we celebrate the 257th Anniversary of the arrival of the Acadians and the Catholic Faith. Hosted by the Community of Jesus Crucified, the festivities will begin at 8AM with French Mass with Bishop Douglas Deshotel at St. Leo's in Leonville. After Mass, at 9AM, the 40-mile Eucharistic Boat Procession to St. Martinville will begin, making stops along the way for Rosary and Benediction in Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breaux Bridge, and Parks. The final stop will be at Evangeline Oak in St. Martinville, followed by processions to Notre Dame, St. Martin de Tours, and Our Lady of Sorrow. To participate or for more information call 337-394-6550, email fetedieu-duteche@gmail.com or visit fetedieu-duteche.org.

BISHOP'S PRO LIFE ROSE DINNER

Join us on August 20, 2022 for our annual ecumenical Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner & Awards benefiting the six area pregnancy centers and the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate. The 2022 Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner & Awards will be held at the University of Louisiana of Lafayette Ballroom. Join us to celebrate remarkable individuals who have said "yes" to the pro-life movement in the Diocese of Lafayette through their commitment, dedication, and work in protecting the dignity of human life. Why a rose dinner: Tied to many miracles, the rose is a privileged symbol for Mary, Queen of heaven and earth. Mary said yes to life and the world was changed immeasurably. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit six area pregnancy centers and the diocesan Office of Pro-Life Apostolate to continue their life-saving ministries throughout the Diocese. These centers include The Desormeaux Foundation's Women's Center of Lafayette, A Pregnancy Center and Clinic (Lafayette), The Unexpected Pregnancy Center (New Iberia), Vermillion Women's Resource Center (Abbeville), The New Life Pregnancy Center (Mamou), and the Opelousas Pregnancy Center. Call our office at 337-261-5598 to find out more about becoming a sponsor of the event, table sponsor, student or clergy sponsor.

PRAYER FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL

Father, we praise You for who You are. We give You thanks because You created us in your own image. Also we pray for knowledge and understanding for teachers, pupils and parents. We pray that you will be with our teachers and pupils as they start a new school year. We pray that you will give pupils tenacity as they seek for understanding and new revelations in their studies. Father we also pray for parents, that they will support pupils by building a closer working relationship with teachers and staff. This we ask in Jesus Name.

FIRST FRIDAY

Eucharistic Adoration will be in church beginning at 7:00 AM Friday (8/05) ending with Benediction at 11:30 AM. Mass will follow at 12:05 as usual.

SOURCE AND SUMMIT

Source & Summit hour of reflection, adoration and reconciliation is held the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:30pm—6:30pm! The next Source & Summit is Wednesday August 10th!

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group meets the First Sunday of each month at 6:00pm in Valentin Hall... Next meeting is next Sunday, 8/07... Join us and **bring a friend!**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 30

4:00pm Junior, Loretta & Stephen Hargroder; Patrick Murray Labbe; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Marie Genin Hammons; Louis B. Halphen

Sunday, July 31

08:00am Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Billie P. Dossman; Alvin Haynes (BD); Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Rayburn Vidrine; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Barbara St. Amand; Moise & Martha LaGrange

10:00am Manuel, LaFleur & Guillory Family; Kent Manuel (Healing); Mildred & J.D. Dupre; Glyn & Bessie Durio & Dorothy Durio Collins; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Burnel Manuel Sr.; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Dennis Reed; Lee L. Dupre; Families of Fields and Voitier; LaGrange and Dupre Family; Trina M. Ardoin

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, August 01

12:05pm Rayburn Vidrine; Emile & Nancy Fontenot (BD); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

Tuesday, August 02

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Rayburn Vidrine; Arthur & Eva (DA) Roy; Les Bidstrup Williams

Wednesday, August 03

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

Thursday, August 04

12:05pm Aaron Courville (BD); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard &

Francis Bordelon; Hal Guillory (DA); Leonita Sires Miller

Friday, August 05

12:05pm Gabrielle "Gabby" LaJack; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

Saturday, August 06

08:00am J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Dora Clay; Johnny Fontenot; Trisha Guidroz; Jeremy Hargroder; Brandon and Angie Hathon; David Ledoux; Ronnie Leger; Sandi Lloyd; Taylor Marales; Cheryl B. Myers; Ben Pitre; Sr. Suellen Tenneyson; Hien Tran; Brett Walker; Suzanne G. Williams; Bekhi Wimberly



SANCTUARY LAMP

CHURCH—Back to School

CHAPEL—Good Health

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

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