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Monday | 1:00pm-4:00pm
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MASS TIMES

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:00pm Sunday Mass | 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm Weekday Masses | Monday-Friday 12:05pm, Saturday 8:00am

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

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:00pm Jackie D. Bordelon; Orelia (BD) & Nat Broussard; Ernest A. & Ena F. (BD) McKinney; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Sarah Groth (BD)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Barbara St. Amand; Faith Ortego 08:00am Hamilton; Jimmy Guillory; Gertrude Andrepont Marks; Willard & Willard Ray (Bubba) Andrepont; Moise & Martha Lagrange; Bernel, Arthur (BD) & Eva Fontenot; Amar, Maryina & A. B. Courvelle Sr.; Elaine Guillory; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Maddux John Cade Dupre; Koby Joubert (BD); Randolph LeBlanc & John Dano; Family of Adam & Rosita Guidry; James E. & Mattie W. Martin; Alvin, Bradley & Richard Marks; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; David LeDoux; Brad Douget

10:00am Families of Fields and Voitier; Marie St. Amand Hardy; Vivian Murray & Floyd Stephens; Billy Jarrell & Marie P. (BD) Barnett; Dorothy Claire White; Hushel & Brenda Bordelon; Malcolm "Slick", Margaret Martin & Shawn P. (Special Intention); Warren Soileau; Laurent J., & Billie P. Dossman and Clarice D. Faul; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Wayne Lavergne; Elizabeth Claire; J. Y. Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon 5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Marlene N. Beauxis; Joseph "Joe" W. Cortez; Barbara "Bobbie" Mouton

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

06:30am St. Landry Church Parishioners 12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; James T. Guglielmo (BD); Faith Ortego Hamilton; Larry & Brenda Lanclow; Elaine Guillory 05:30pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

12:05pmJoseph & Lita Culotta, Sr.; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Gene Harold (BD) & Janice Marks

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

08:00am J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Linda (BD) Artall & Family

LENTEN FRIDAYS

Each Friday during Lent, the Catholic Daughters, Court St. Landry will host a "Soup & Movie" evening in Valentin Hall. A "meatless soup" will be served following the 5:15pm Stations of the Cross, with a movie showtime of 6pm. Don't miss out on this Family Friendly evening each Friday during the season

PRAYERS FOR **OUR CLERGY**

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02/20 Fr. Michael Moody, SVD

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OCS CORNER

It was a privilege for OCS to recognize the "Teachers of the Year" recently at a school Mass followed by a reception! Honored as "Elementary Teacher of the Year" is Mrs. Hope Charles; and as "Secondary Teacher of the Year" is Mrs. Sara Cart. The school is blessed to have these outstanding ladies on staff!

Students and faculty/staff will enjoy Mardi Gras break and will return to class on Thursday. The Athletic Council reminds all about their barbecue dinner sales on Sunday, February 26. Call the school for tickets!

The Angel Appeal Drive continues for the 2022-2023 school year. Please consider a gift, large or small, to help OCS maintain and nourish academics with a full-time interventionist to assist students in need. Mail your gift to OCS Advancement Office, 428 E. Prudhomme St., Opelousas or make an online gift at www.OCSvikings.com. God bless!

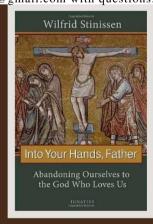
LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm beginning March 1st. Register at: https://forms.gle/739aDbxb8BQejwev6. Contact Dawn Blumrich @ dawnblumrich@gmail.com with questions.

In the spiritual life, we need a central idea: something so basic and comprehensive that it encompasses everything else. According to Carmelite Father Wilfrid Stinissen, surrender to God.

abandonment to the One who loves us,

completely, is that central reality. The life of Jesus shows us the centrality of abandonment, for it is truly the beginning and the end of his mission on earth.



Into Your Hands, Father



■ Gospel Reading Reflection

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel is set to open THIS Wednesday (Ash Wednesday). The Chapel will open for adorers at Ipm on Wednesday! There are still a few remaining opportunities for committed adorers. (Mainly "late night / early morning" and weekend time slots.) Please prayerfully consider committing to these times. Also please be attentive to notices that might be posted on our social media platform (Facebook) for last minute updates! Please call the office for more information.



READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18 Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103: 1–4,8,10, 12–13 Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 3:16–23
Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:38–48
My command to you is: love your enemies,
pray for your persecutors.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Darryl Bihm; Dora Clay; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Julie Ford; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Ronnie Leger; Patti Lindsey; Judi R. Lucito; Taylor Marales; Belle Pitre; Ben Pitre; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronnie Savoy; Christine Stelly; Sheila Stelly; Greg Tate; Hien Tran; Brett Walker; Bekhi Wimberly

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