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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

Dcn. 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, JULY 29

4:00pm Deceased Parishioners of Opelousas Community Choir; Jackie D. Bordelon; Kenneth & Barbara B. Thibodeaux; Junior, Loretta & Stephen Hargroder; Ronnie Ortego (DA); M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon;Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

o8:00am David LeDoux; Moise & Martha Lagrange; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossman & Clarice D. Faul; Evelyn Kidder; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Good Samaritan & Family 10:00am Families of Fields and Voitier; Luke Robert Ragas; Warren Soileau; Cameron James Dupre; Louis B. Halphen; Chris LeBlanc; Emma Grace Guillory; Glenda Pitre; Lee L. Dupre; Ronald Boudreaux

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, JULY 31

12:05pm Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; Gervis "BB" Babin; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 02

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 03

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Emile & Nancy Fontenot

FRIDAY, AUGUST 04

12:05pm Gerald Chachere; Aaron Courvelle (BD), Charlene B. Leger; Kenneth Thibodeaux; Behki Labbe-Wimberly; J.Y., Sr.; Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

CONFIRMATION

The Diocese has amended the age of Confirmation for our young people to 8th Grade. Therefore we, at St. Landry are inviting ALL STUDENTS grades 8-11 to confirm this school year... The date of Confirmation will be announced as soon as it becomes available, but REGISTRATION is now open with Confirmation to take place in the Spring of 2024... Additional information will be shared as it becomes available. You may call the office for questions regarding registration.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: Vacation Travelers Adoration Chapel: St. Landry Parishioners

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Nela Badeaux; Mercedes Bihm; Leslie Buller; Alaina and Baby Carliale; Dora Clay; Carl Crump; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Howard Fournier; Charlotte Guidry; Larry Harper; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Ronnie Leger; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Kenneth Moreau; Craig Ortego; Belle Pitre; Ben Pitre; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronnie Savoy; Chris Soileau; Greg Tate; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Burnell Vidrine; Brett Walker

PRAYERS FOROUR CLERGY

PRIESTS

07/30 | Fr. Darren Eldridge 07/31 | Fr. Peter Emusa 08/01 | Pope Francis 08/02 | Bishop Douglas Deshotel 08/03 | Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell 08/04 | Fr. Charles Esuaiko 08/05 | Fr. Cyprian Eze

DEACONS

07/30	Dcn. Juan Pagan
07/31	Dcn. Scott Peyton
08/01	Dcn. Richard Picard
08/02	Dcn. William Pollingue
08/03	Dcn. Kyle Polozola
08/04	Dcn. John Wayne Prejean
08/05	Dcn. Charles Richard

SEMINARIANS

Trey Fontenot | Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ville Platte

VACATIONING?

Don't miss Mass... www.masstimes.org



Interested in enrolling your child at OCS for a quality Catholic education? Classes have been filling up quickly, especially in Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and grades 3 and 8. In fact, grades 3 and 8 each have only 2 openings! Please contact Mrs. Joanne Briley as soon as possible at 337-942-5404 ext. 109 or email at <u>brileyj@ocsvikings.com</u>.

Staggered orientation days for designated grade levels and teacher in-service sessions are beginning soon with the first official day of the 2023-2024 school year to begin August 16 for all grade levels.

The monthly "Rosary at the Pieta" for August will be held this Wednesday at 5:30 pm in front of the main building around the Pieta statue. Alumni, school family and friends are invited to bring a lawn chair and join in prayer. May God continue to bless OCS!





Gospel Reading Reflection

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.







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

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

I Kings 3:5,7-12 Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130 The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30 God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:44-52 Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

OFFERTORY

JULY 16, 2023

Regular: \$7409.52 Goal: \$9000

Maintenance & Repair \$60.00 BSA \$3.00

YOUTH GROUP!

Our Youth Groups will be meeting NEXT Sunday (August 6th:

- Middle School Youth Group (Grades 4-7) will meet at 3:45pm
- High School Youth Group (Grades 8-12) will meet at 6:00pm Join us and BRING A FRIEND!



