TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME





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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



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

4:00pm Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Geraldine Touchet; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Al Soileau; Paula Bienvenu; Jimmy Soileau, & Joyce & Loyce Joubert; M/M Norris Leger, Toby &Winnie Lalonde, & Family; William & Dorothy Hatch, & Family; Kenneth & Barbara B. Thibodeaux; Charles F & Mercedes Going, & Family; Deceased Parishioners of Opelousas Community 12:05pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00am Bernel Fontenot (BD); M/M John, John Ir., Jacob & Michael FaKouri: Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossmann & Clarice D. Faul; David LeDoux; Amar, Maryina, & A. B. Courvelle, Sr.; Barbara Durio, & Family; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; Bernel (BD), Arthur & Eva Fontenot; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Paula Bienvenu;

Good Samaritan & Family; Barbara St. Amand; Alvin, Bradley & Richard Marks; Amar Courvelle; Gertrude Andrpont Marks, Williard & Williard Ray (Bubba) Andrepont; Release of Souls in Purgatory

Janys Elise Huntington Schexnader; 10:00am Hushel & Brenda Bordelon; Jessie Clark; Ezra & Velma Martin, & Denise Hull; Luke Robert Ragas; Emmett & Luke Baquet; Ernest & Esther LeBlanc; Carole Viviano; Ronald Boudreaux; Emma Grace Guillory; Special Intention; Fields & Voitier Families; Wayne & Sharon Wyble;

Dawn Lavergne Blanchard; Glenda Pitre; Elizabeth Claire; Warren Soileau, Chris LeBlanc; Donvan Lavergne; Wayne Lavergne; Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Marie (BD) & Martin A. Roy, Sr.; Faith Ortego Hamilton

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

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 Hacket; Brandon and Angie Larry Harper; 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; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Chris Soileau; Greg Tate; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Burnell Vidrine; Brett Walker

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters invite you to join Court St. Landry #119! Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm, held at Queen of Angels Church Hall. Call Debbie Fay at 337-308-3107 for more info! Next meeting: October 10, 2023

PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

PRIESTS

09/24 | Fr. Michael Luxbacher, LC

Msgr. Charles Mallet 09/25

Msgr. Curtis Mallet, JCL, VG 09/26

09/27 | Fr. Arockia Mariasusai, SVD

Fr. Charles Massie 09/28

09/29 | Fr. Suresh Mathangi

09/30 | Fr. Kenneth Mayne

DEACONS

09/24 | Dcn. Kenneth David

09/25 | Dcn. James Davis

09/26 | Dcn. Alvin Dejean

09/27 | Dcn. Raymond Derouen

09/28 | Dcn. Daniel Didier

09/29 | Dcn. Sammy Diesi

09/30 | Dcn. Timothy Francis Donovan

SEMINARIANS

Trey Fontenot | Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ville Platte

SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: Msgr. Robert Romero (BD) Adoration Chapel: Rain

CEMETERY TOURS

It's almost that time! The Annual Cemetery Tours are scheduled for October 14, 15, 21 & 22. There are brochures at the entrances to the church with details!

Confirmation Registration **NOW OPEN!** Students entering grades 8-11 can register. Registration forms are available in the Valentin Hall Office or on our website. www.stlandrycatholic.com ST. LANDRY

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Students will have early dismissal on Monday to accommodate a teacher in-service. Candy bar sales continue this week by elementary students who appreciate everyone's support!

Vikings' football travels to face Menard on Friday night ... go Vikings! Volleyball season continues with high school games on Tuesday at 4:30 pm in the OC gym.

On Thursday, a special field trip to UL-Lafayette's Angelle Hall will be enjoyed by grades 2 & 3 for the production of "Beauty and the Beast".

Alumni, mark your calendars for the Homecoming game on October 20th! All are invited to "Come Home"! Additionally, the parade is set for October 19th. Please plan to participate!





Gospel Reading Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offence to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9 God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18 God is near to those who call upon him.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20c-24,27a Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16
In the parable of the workers in the vineyard,
Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

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