

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

It is Monday morning and the Parish Office is closed for the holiday. I slept in (until 6 a.m. instead of 4 a.m.), and began my day as I always do: before the Blessed Sacrament. I am usually in the Church at 4:30 doing my Holy Hour, but this morning I did not get to pray until about 6:30 a.m. It was then I noticed it. The rising sun made the stained glass windows in the Church come alive, ever so gradually. That ever-so-gradual coming alive of the windows as the rising sun touched them made me think of God's grace. More often than not, God's grace has a gradual transformative power. It usually does not change us instantly. It is not magic, it is not automatic. St. Thomas Aquinas tells us "grace builds upon nature." Our human nature has to be inclined toward God, oriented so that the Son's Light can reach us and make us come alive with faith, with hope, with charity.

Sometimes we get discouraged when our human nature slips into a recurring sin; sometimes we get upset with God that He is not fixing the problems we have with our spouse, our children, our co-workers. The truth is God is always working, always ready to enlighten, to enliven, to make us new - but all in time. Our human nature has to be open (or the human nature of the one we're praying for or worried about).

God is always faithful and the reason there is darkness in our lives often rests in nature and not in God, for God is Light.

Never give up praying, my dear Parishioners. Never give up trusting that Christ is the light that dispels all darkness.

I know it is uncomfortable to wait for an answer to prayer, to be patient while we anticipate a resolution to a problem, to suffer until peace can be restored. With remote everything these days, we can get tricked into thinking we can control grace with a remote. It is only in the quiet sitting before and with the Lord that the Son's light can enlighten us over time. It's now 7:45 a.m. and the colors in the stained glass windows are dancing on the walls. Availing ourselves to God's grace in prayer will have us, in time, dancing for joy - a joy that comes from knowing God is with us.

With reliance upon Our Lady Queen of Angels, I remain,

In the Lord Jesus,

Handwritten signature of Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen

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Pastor

STEWARDSHIP

A lot of people are willing to give God the credit, but not too many are willing to give Him the cash.

ATTENTION AIC, HOLY GHOST AND OC GRADUATES!

If anyone has a group picture of a graduating class in cap/gown from AIC, Holy Ghost, or OC, please share it with the Catholic Schools of Opelousas Alumni Association. The association is refurbishing the alumni wall composite pictures, and some class pictures are missing. Thus, a group picture of this type could be enlarged and framed for the hallway. Please contact Becky Diesi at 948-1068; Donald Giron at 281-0360 or Kathy Hebert at 942-8565 as soon as possible.

OLD TIME BINGO PLUS SALAD BAR

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Landry #119 - Opelousas is sponsoring an "Old Time BINGO plus Salad Bar." A delicious meal of Salad and Dessert! 10 Prize Bingo Games, 1 Blackout Game, Great Door Prizes. Saturday, August 7 here at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church Hall. Doors open and salad served at 6 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. Advance Tickets \$12.00. Tickets not sold at door. For more information call Janis Courvelle at 337-999-1234 or 337-789-0971.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Circle of Friends will hold their annual Singles Retreat on September 11, Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$10.00. For more information or to register, please call the Office of Marriage & Family life at 337-261-5653 or visit www.cofcircleoffriends.webs.com. Circle of Friends is a Separated and Divorced Support Group that meets at Holy Cross Church, 505 Broadmoor Blvd., Lafayette. Meetings are held on Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Guest speaker for July 19 will be Eva Young, Spiritual Director, speaking on Centering Prayer.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

As a ministry to the sick, the Knights of Columbus members have prayed with (and for) the sick in their homes. If you would like to have them come to your home for prayer, please contact Derek Faust, at 351-3211 or you can call the church office at 942-5628. They are available for prayer on the second Wednesday of each month during the hours of 4-7 p.m.

PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Our Father in Heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all harm during this hurricane season and protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Thank you for your favors in the past. Amen.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Cursillo: Men's Cursillo, Aug. 26-29 & Nov. 4-7; Women's Cursillo, July 22-25 (Special needs) & Oct. 21-24.

Charismatic Mass: Every 4th Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 145 Martin Luther King Dr., Lafayette.

Suicide Survivors Support Group: Meeting 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Edmond Church (Dowling Hall) - 4131 West Congress, Lafayette.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Experience new romance, deeper communication, and feeling even closer to your spouse. Registration is open and now limited. Call 1-800-586-5469 for information.

Beginning Experience Coping Program: Lafayette-Monday at St. Mary's Church - 6:00 p.m., Ville Platte at FAMILY LIFE CENTER-6:30 p.m. call 363-5450. This is a program designed to help the widowed, separated and divorced make a new beginning. Call 948-6226 or 981-0569 for more information.

Retrouvaille of Acadiana: "Rediscovery" is your marriage in trouble? Call 991-9627 or 1-800-470-2230 for information. Weekend for couples struggling or hurting in their marriages. Date - call above phone to register.

Acadiana Salutes Our Servicemen/Women: Support Group meetings 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m., American Legion Hall on Surrey Street, Lafayette - call 896-4337.

Traveling Catholics: For nationwide mass times & locations: call 1-410-676-6000 or internet www.Masstimes.org.

Grief Support Group: Opelousas General Health System 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Al-Anon: Every Wed. from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church CCD Building - corner of Alberta & Bullard Sts., call 948-7224 for more information.

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House-Grand Coteau: AA meeting Tues. at 7:00 p.m. - Alanon Meeting Tues. at 6:30 p.m.-Men's retreat. For more info call 668-5410-Women's Retreats - Married Couples Retreat. Personally Directed Retreat - call 662-5410 - Mid-Week Retreats for Women - Weekend Retreats for Women, call 337-662-5410 for more info & to register

Jesuit Spirituality Center - Grand Coteau: Individually directed retreats. For an application form call 337-662-5251. website: www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org. Staying Sober with the 12 Steps: For application form visit website: www.jesuit-spiritualitycenter.org or call 337-662-5251.

Natural Family Planning Classes: July 12 (Aug. 9, Sept. 13) Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Our Lady of Fatima Church, Knight Hall, Lafayette, 337-453-2594 & Aug. 10 (Sept. 14, Oct. 12) Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., St. Peter's Church Hall, Carencro, 337-896-8848 & Aug. 15 (Sept. 12, Oct. 3), Sundays, St. Pius Church, Lafayette, 337-237-0667 or 261-5433.

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READERS

Sat., July 17. 4:00 p.m. Joe Miller
Sun., July 18. 8:30 a.m. Peggy Crow
10:30 a.m. Tim Shafer
6:00 p.m. Yuwa Vosper Wopghiren

ALTAR SOCIETY

July 17-July 23 Mrs. Irene Briley & Committee
Linens (July 17). Mrs. Priscilla Devalcourt

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Total Offertory Collection. \$11,272.00
Friends of the Mission 328.00
Poor Box 37.00
Chapel Donations. 29.00
Collection for Peter's Pence 68.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

ACTIVITIES

Sat., Sun., July 10 & 11 ALL MASSES: COLLECTION FOR:
Catholic Communications
Peace Rosary at 149 Kyle St.
Tues., July 13 8:30 a.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
Wed., July 14 2:00 p.m. Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass

PERPETUAL EUCHARIST ADORATION
The Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the following favor:
1. For the financial miracle.

INSTRUCTION FOR BAPTISM

The instructions for parents who wish to have their children baptized will be held on first Thursday at Valentin Hall at 6:30 p.m. FIRST, please call the office to register 942-5628.

NOTICE

REGISTER NOW FOR CCD FALL CLASSES
ALL STUDENTS WHO WILL BE MAKING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION THIS COMING YEAR MUST REGISTER NOW. THIS INCLUDES THOSE WHO WILL BE ATTENDING CLASSES HERE AND THOSE ATTENDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH THROUGH BAPTISM

Congratulations to Karlie Elizabeth Hebert who was baptized on June 27, 2010 and Haisley Jade Lalonde on July 4, 2010.

LIFE AWARENESS RETREAT

Thinking about life as a religious; priest, sister or brother, come to Life Awareness, a weekend of discerning about religious vocation. Open to SINGLE Catholics between the ages of 18 to 50, August 6-8 at St. Charles Center, Diocese of Lake Charles, 2151 Sam Houston Jones Parkway, Lake Charles. The fee is \$25.00 for the weekend (scholarship funds are available). For more information contact: Fr. Aaron Melancon, Vocation Director, 337-261-5690 or email: betty@diolaf.org; or vocations@diolaf.org.

PRAYER FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

"Lord hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior." Amen.

I.C.O.N.S.

I.C.O.N.S. food bank is in need of help with food, time or money. Please be generous and help the needy. Call 594-8845 on Mondays or Thursdays to offer your help. Location of I.C.O.N.S. is 1411 N. Market St. Food can be brought here and we will deliver to I.C.O.N.S.

"Lord, when we're poorly treated, remind us that You can transform harm into good."

MASSES

Sat., July 10 . . . 4:00 p.m. Harold & Genevieve Lastrapes/ Paul Kimball/ Winnie Kimball, M/M Arthur Kimball & Sons, M/M Moise Smith, John & Albert/ Julia Palazzo/ Margaret V. Martin/ J.C. & Bernice Diesi/ Evelyn Comeaux/ Alex B. Chachere/ Burnley Bordelon, M/M Edward Bordelon & M/M Dennis Fontenot/ Mrs. Clayus Stelly/ Rene Fontenot/ Edward Verdino/ Mary J. Bihm/ M/M Wilbur V. Reed, Sr./ M/M Ebon Reed, Anita R. Durio & Myrtle R. Gibson/ Helen & Jack Sharp/ Charles Martin

Sun., July 11 . . . 8:30 a.m. Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courvelle/ George & Nettie Stelly & Elsie Wyble/ Deanna Chachere/ Buddy Hackett/ Sadie Metrejean, Madie Brignac, John & Ester Wyble/ Roger & Norris Woodson, Ida & Moise Kidder/ Avie Stelly/ Ronald Fusilier/ Donald Chachere, Sr./ Sylvia B. Chachere/ Donald & Sylvia Chachere Family/ Jenny Hardy/ Angie Aymond/ Newton Stout/ Chris Moreau/ Jeff Vizinat/ Pollingue & Logan Families/ Anne Mathilde Olivier/ Joshua Peck

10:30 a.m. PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH

6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Priests of Diocese/ Leonce Lalonde, Jr./ William C. Sandoz/ Lena & Blackie Franchebois/ Alex B. Chachere/ M/M James J. Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux Families/ Wayne Wyble

Mon., July 12 . . . 5:15 p.m. Bobbie Mouton/ John G. Fontenot/ Alex Chachere & Deanna D. Chachere/ Wayne Wyble/ Peter J. Mayeux/ Christian Sebastien (B)/ Robert "Bob" Fontenot/ Genevieve Burleigh

Tues., July 13 . . . 7:00 a.m. Neil Bertinot, Gladys & Tony Bertinot, Martha Clary (Anniversary of Death) & Alphonse Clary/ Isaac & Loretta Stagg/ Alex B. Chachere/ Deanna Chachere/ George Briley (B)

Wed., July 14 . . . 5:15 p.m. Huey L. Bourque & Andy Stelly/ Theo Mills/ Alex B. Chachere/ Deanna D. Chachere/ Wayne Wyble

Thurs., July 15 . . . 7:00 a.m. Percy Credeur/ Eleanor Auzenne/ Ann Briley (B)/ Alex B. Chachere/ Deanna D. Chachere

Fri., July 16 5:15 p.m. Bill, Gene & William Bourdier/ Paul Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., M/M Charles Castille Sr., Harold Castille & Myrtle Smith/ Alex B. Chachere/ Deanna D. Chachere/ Wayne Wyble

Sat., July 17 . . . 4:00 p.m. Harold & Genevieve Lastrapes/ Paul Kimball/ Winnie Kimball, M/M Arthur Kimball & Sons, M/M Moise Smith, John & Albert/ Julia Palazzo/ Gladys & Charlie Dore/ M/M T. D. & Dewey Auzenne, Augustine & Cary Auzenne, Veltan, Judy & Roy Lemelle, Geraldine Auzenne, Teddy Auzenne (Anniversary of Death)/ J.C. & Bernice Diesi/ Thelma Richard & James Earl Fontenot/ Leonce Lalonde, Jr./ Curley Lanclos/ Betty Diesi, David Diesi & R.C. & Elaine Musgrove/ Darius & Elsie Bourque/ Yolande M. Carroll & Angele & Henry David/ Rene Fontenot/ Benjamin & Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Lee & Bernice Guidry, Tracie K. Carriere, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Jr./ Herman & Ida Rabalais/ Edward Verdino/ Lena & Blackie Franchebois/ Alex B. Chachere/ Deanna D. Chachere/ Ruth D. Soileau & Lynch Phillips Family/ Helen & Jack Sharp/ Evelyn Comeaux

Sun., July 18 . . . 8:30 a.m. George & Nettie Stelly & Elsie Wyble/ M/M James J. Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux Families/ Jenny Hardy/ Angie Aymond/ Newton Stout/ Chris Moreau/ Pollingue & Logan Families/ Jeff Vizinat/ Anne Mathilde Olivier

10:30 a.m. For Vocations/ Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courvelle/ Margaret V. Martin/ Alex B. Chachere/ Deanna D. Chachere/ J.C. & Bernice Diesi/ M/M Alton Soileau/ Irene Comeaux/ Mildred Guidry/ Rogers & Irma Gobert/ Emily Tausin & M/M Antoine Tausin/ Donald Chachere, Sr./ Sylvia B. Chachere/ Donald & Sylvia Chachere Family/ Wayne Wyble/ Hilda Trosclair/ Mickie S. Sandoz (B)/ Grace S. Soileau/ Isabelle & Richard Lacombe, Sr./ Mary Magdeline Joseph (Anniversary of Death)/ Alfreda Journet/ Betty S. Thornhill/ Genevieve Burleigh

6:00 p.m. PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH

NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new in the parish and are not registered in our parish census, we invite you to do so by providing your:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Or come by the office to get acquainted.