

MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In a short time, we will all have the opportunity to elect new leaders for our nation, state and local communities. The right to vote is a cherished right, won by the sacrifices of many men and women who have served our country in the past and the founders who established our Constitution.

As citizens of the United States, we have a duty to vote, a moral obligation to improve the community in which we live and to elect good leaders who make good and just laws that protect the rights and freedoms of all. St. Paul even told the early Christians to be good citizens of the Roman Empire and to give good example by their lives.

The Catholic Church does not endorse any candidate or political party. All Catholics should inform themselves of the positions held by the various candidates and vote for those who most closely reflect the values and moral teaching that we as Catholics believe build a good and just society. There can be differences of opinions about how that is best achieved.

For us as Catholics and for all people of good will, the following are beliefs that are nonnegotiable:

- The reverence and sacredness of every human being from conception in the womb until natural death because the human person is created in the image and likeness of God.
• The right to life of every child in the womb.
• The sacredness of the family as the basic building block of society.
• The definition of Christian marriage as the permanent union of one man and one woman open to new life.
• The right of the human person to decent housing and employment at a just wage.
• The just and fair treatment of immigrants who come to our country to seek a better life for themselves and their families.

These are values which we believe improve our society and preserve our civilization. I pray that each Catholic in the Diocese of Lafayette will take this duty to vote seriously and exercise that duty. May the Holy Spirit guide us all as we seek the will of God and build a just society for all citizens of the United States.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

[Handwritten signature of J. Douglas Deshotel]

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop of Lafayette

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O. C. CORNER

In an effort to help those stricken with cancer, OCS students are participating in a "Change for Miles" program to benefit the Miles Perret Center.

OCS was so happy to recognize the Marianites of Holy Cross as Homecoming Parade Grand Marshals in celebration of their 175th anniversary and senior Emily Ortego as Parade Captain for her outstanding qualities. Congratulations also to the 2016 Homecoming Court and the Queen Madelyn Dupont and Maids Blaire Guidry and Jade Bellard!

Don't forget to text 1vikings to 43101 every day to help OCS win the \$10,000 prize in the Super 1 Foods "Cash for Schools" program!

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Sunday: Rev. Mikel Polson; Monday: Rev. Rubin Primor; Tuesday: Bishop Glen John Provost; Wednesday: Rev. Herve Racivitch, SJ; Thursday: Rev. Hernando Ramirez, SJ; Friday: Rev. Louis Richard; and Saturday: Rev. Michael Richard.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

October: Universal Intention: The journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.. Evangelization: That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

EVENTS

SPIRITUAL GET-AWAY

Are you wishing for a spiritual get-away? Join Religious Ramblers on October 25th for a trip to Alabama. Father Greg Cormier is leading the group to the SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT, BENEDICTINE MONASTERY, AVE MARIA GROTTTO and EWTN. There will be many opportunities for spiritual growth and awesome closeness to God. We will return on October 28th. Call Bonnie Wyble for more info.

HOLY GHOST CHURCH "ANNUAL CREOLE FESTIVAL"

Holy Ghost Catholic located at 747 North Union Street in Opelousas, will host its 24th Annual Creole Festival on the weekend of November 4-6, 2016. Festivities include: Friday: Fried Catfish Dinners\*Gospel Music at 6:00pm; Saturday: Bar-B-Que Chicken, Port Steak and Pork Stew Dinners\*Live Zydeco Banks at 30:00pm until 10:00pm; Sunday: Bar-B-Que Chicken, Pork Steak & Pork Stew Dinners\*Parade at 1:00pm followed by a Live Zydeco Band. Hot Boudin, Cracklings, Homemade Pies and other foods will also be available. There will also be Fun Jumps and games for the children. FREE ADMISSION!

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 818 12th Street, Lafayette, will be held on October 21st, 5-10pm, 22nd, 11am-10pm and 23rd, 11am-8pm, 2016. The theme for the fair is "Reunite the Old with the New and Stay 'Lit' for the Lord". The three day events will include food, beverages, fun, games, live music, dance, and a variety of booths to name a few. No ice chest or outside food allowed, bring your own lawn chairs. New Orleans Saints Games on big screen T.V.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Offertory Collection (\$12,315.70), Bishop's Services Appeal (2,036.00), World Mission Sunday (750.00), Opelousas Catholic (180.00), Catholic University (100.00).

Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship! "God loves a cheerful giver." (Corinthians 9:5-15)

READERS

Table with 2 columns: Date and Reader Name. Includes Oct. 22 (4:00 p.m. Buster Leblanc), Oct. 23 (8:30 a.m. Gina Tuttle, 10:30 a.m. Paula Carriere, 5:15 p.m. Kathy Hebert).

ALTAR SOCIETY

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ACTIVITIES

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

The instructions for parents of this Parish who wish to have their children baptized will be held at Our Lady Queen of Angels on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. FIRST, PLEASE CALL THIS OFFICE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT 942-5628.



PERPETUAL EUCHARIST ADORATION

The Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the following favor:
1. For many blessings.

If you can commit to an hour with Jesus, please call!

6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Claire Robichaux (942-7059)

12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. - Marie LeBlanc (948-8940)

6:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m. - Jerome Collins (H-948-4595 or Cell-781-7185)

NEED AT LEAST ONE ADORER FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

Tuesday, 2:00pm; Friday, 8:00am, 12:00pm, 3:00pm & 4:00pm;

Saturday 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00pm; Sunday, 3:00pm

THE PERFECT GIFT

When you want to give someone a special gift, consider giving an hour of prayer in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Body, blood, soul and divinity. Beautiful prayer intention cards are available in the Church Office. Cost \$1.00.

CONGRATULATIONS

Three Opelousas Catholic Students have been recognized as Academic All-State Winners. Two are Sadie Boss (parishioner) and Madeline Hansen for swimming and the third is Sarah Joubert for cross country.

The Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette will celebrate Mass for the first time here as our Bishop next Sunday at the 10:30am Mass. A reception will follow after the Mass at the Parish Hall.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Michael H. Montgomery, M.D. Office
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THE FAMILY CLINIC

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Opelousas, LA 70570 www.familyclinicinc.com

MASSES

Sat., Oct. 15 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Percy Thibodeaux, Obbie Bordelon, Charles F. & Mercedes Going, Bill Hatch & Fr. Joseph DeLuca, Mary Beth Tate, Norris & Roger Woodson, Moise & Ida Kidder, Rodney Higginbotham, Evelyn Comeaux, Charles, Yolande & Angele Carroll & Henry Davy, Agnes Porch & Rena Millspaugh, Ronald "Bip" Boyd, James "Red" Nezat, Paul & Patricia "Pat" Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., Alex Chachere, M/M Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille & Myrtle Smith, Gary Castille & Special Family Intentions, Alphan & Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot and Sandra Gay

Sun., Oct. 16 8:30 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courville, Genevieve Cortez, Harold & Todd Fontenot, Rose P. Ryder, Octave "Tat" Pitre, Denise L. Hanks, M/M James Hunt & Family & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux & Family, M/M Rivers Lavergne & Family, M/M Luke Thibodeaux & Family, Mary Beth Tate, Verbis Lafleur, Jacqueline James, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin & Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger & Jesse, Jr., Jacqueline James, Ernest Duplechin, Darius & Elsie Bourque, Irma Quirk, Robert Gassmann, Dudley & Glenn Macip, Mack Adams, III, Eddie Rene, Sr., Dr. George Bourgeois, Irvin Deranger, Girlie & Willis Fontenot, Dudley, Ronald & Dickie Fontenot, Theo Lavergne(Anniversary of Death), Harry L. & Scott Smith

10:30 a.m. Morgan Adams, Sarah Jarrell, Donald & Sylvia Chachere, Sr., Donald & Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex & Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff & Greg Durio, Lucille "Lucy" Veltin, J.D. Emon, Gerrit Paul Ryder, The Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, Nora & James "Bougay" Stelly, Carrie V. Soileau & Grace Soileau, James "Jim" Wallace, Lloyd & Birdie Ardoin, Sharon Wyble Branson(Anniversary of Death), Gladys & Honore Tate, Helen & Vince Fontenot

5:15 p.m. Benjamin & Frances Richard, Claudette Richard, Benny Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee J. & Bernice D. Guidry

Mon., Oct. 17 5:15 p.m. Morgan Goudeau, Josh & Gloria(Anniversary of Death) Gaines

Tues., Oct. 18 7:00 a.m. Ray Dugal

Wed., Oct. 19 5:15 p.m. Irvin Deranger, Morgan Goudeau

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5:15 p.m. PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF

ANGELS

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.