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**MESSAGE FROM DEACON WILLIAM POLLINGUE
REFLECTIONS ON THE INCARNATION**

With the arrival of Christmas and all of the joy that it brings, we must take care so that we not overlook the Mystery that is taking place. Through the Virgin Mary, Jesus is coming into this world, as one of us, so that he can undo what Adam had done. This event, known as the *Incarnation*, which means “the act of being made flesh,” is describing the Son of God sharing in our human nature. The early Church Fathers wrote: “God has become man, so that man might become God.” Nothing could be more clearly documented in the Scriptures than the fact that the principle purpose of the incarnation was to save men from their sins: “For the son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10; cf. Matt. 9:13; Mark 10:45).

It is for this reason that the doctrine of the incarnation is so central to a biblical Christian celebration of Christmas. If we are to truly enter into the spirit and celebration of Christmas in Christian worship then we must focus our attention on the event of the incarnation, which is the heart of the Christmas message. Where we stand on the doctrine of the incarnation often defines the dividing line between orthodoxy and heresy, between true Christianity and other religious cults. God, taking upon himself a share in human nature, has been a real stumbling-block for people wanting to accept Christianity. It is in the mystery of the God-Man, the incarnation, that Jews, Moslems, and others encounter many other difficulties as well; such mysteries as the virgin birth, miracles, and even the resurrection are hard to grasp without a true acceptance of the incarnation.

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O. C. CORNER

“Frank’s for Vikings” is being sponsored by Frank’s Po-Boys on E. Landry Street. During the first week of January, Frank’s is donating 5% of sales to Opelousas Catholic.

Two important dates coming up in 2017: The Vitality Summit is set for February 2nd in Our Lady Queen of Angels Church Hall; and the annual OC Tasters’ Dinner and Auction event is February 8th in the Opelousas Civic Center. Mark your calendars!

Faculty and staff will return to school on January 4th, and students will return for classes on January 5th. OC wishes all a blessed New Year!

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. Borgia Aubespin, SVD; Monday: Rev. Emmanuel Awe, SSJ; Tuesday: Rev. Donald Bahlinger, S.J.; Wednesday: Rev. Matthew Barzare; Thursday: Rev. Herbert Bennerfield; Friday: Rev. Lloyd Benoit; and Saturday: Rev. Paul Bergeron.

HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

December: Universal Intention: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. **Evangelization:** That the people of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

+VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR JANUARY 2017

Jan. 1-7, 2017: Kenny & Cindy Pitre; **Jan. 8-14, 2017:** Josie Prudhomme; **Jan. 15-21, 2017:** Alfred & Carmela Richard; **Jan. 22-28, 2017:** Don & Cathy Chachere; **Jan. 29 - Feb. 4, 2017:** Dean & Johanna Riviere. Thank you for your commitment! Remember to pray for our local Seminarians: Ben Pitre, Matthew Pitre, Cade LeBlanc, Michael Vidrine, Sean Fontenot, and studying to become a Monk, Marquis Simon. Extra prayer cards are in the back of Church.

EVENTS

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be closed from 22 December 2016 at noon until 3 January, 2017 at 1:00pm. The Adoration Chapel will be closed 22 December 2016 at 6:00pm through 3 January 2017 at 6:00am.

CCD “SPECIAL NIGHTS”

As we did in previous years, once a month for the high school students in religious formation who meet on Monday nights and the Catholic School Confirmation students, we will have a special presentation and supper served at 5:15pm. Below are the dates to come early. **Mondays at 5:15pm: January 30th; February 20th; and March 27th.**

ICON WORKSHOP/RETREAT

The Diocese of Lafayette Office of Worship is sponsoring a week-long residential icon painting workshop at the Jesuit spirituality Center n Grand Coteau, LA., from January 30 through February 5, 2017. Instructor is Dmitri Andreyev of Prosopton School of Iconology. Participants will leave with a completed icon of St. Michael the Archangel, Leader of the Heavenly Hosts. Cost is \$1230.00 and includes room and board for the week, 36 hours of painting instruction, and all art supplies. For more information, please contact Faye Drobnic at fdrobnic@diolaf.org or call (ss7) 261-5554 or (337) 344-7031.

**LOUISIANA RIGHT TO LIFE’S
GEAUX FORTH RALLY**

All are invited to Louisiana Right to Life’s **Geaux Forth Rally** in Washington, DC on Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The rally will be at 5000 Seminary Road, VA 22311 and the cost is \$20 per person. There will be live music, inspiring testimonies, pro life vendors, lunch, and more. Please contact krista@prolifelouisiana.org or 337-303-8886 for more information or to register your group.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collections \$11,297.75
Bishop’s Services Appeal 92.00
Collection for Opelousas Catholic 12.00
Collection for Archdiocese of the Military 25.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious 91.00

*Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship!
“Everything we have and give comes from God.” (Corinthians 29:11-17)*

READERS

VIGIL MASSES-CHURCH

Dec. 314:00 p.m. Monica Guillory
5:15 p.m.

NEW YEAR’S DAY MASS

Jan. 1:8:30 a.m. Michael Ortego

ALTAR SOCIETY

Dec. 31 - Jan. 6 Linda Hunt & Committee
Linens (Dec. 31) Claire Robichaux

ACTIVITIES

Mon., Dec. 26 NO CCD Classes
Mon., Dec. 26-Jan. 3 @ 1:00 p.m. PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Mon., Dec. 26-Jan. 3 @ 6:00 a.m. ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED
Tues., Dec. 27 NO CCD Classes
Wed., Dec. 28:2:00 p.m. “Come Lord Jesus”

Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro–Life Rosary before Mass
Sat., Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 “SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ASSISTANCE TO OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC FOR PARISHIONERS WHO QUALIFY”

Sat., Dec. 31:4:00 p.m. Mass
5:15 p.m. Mass

Sun., Jan. 1:8:30 a.m. Mass

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.

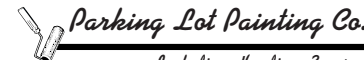
If you can commit to an hour with Jesus, please call!
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Claire Robichaux (942-7059)
12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. - Marie LeBlanc (948-8940)
6:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m. - Jerome Collins (H-948-4595 or Cell-781-7185)

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

ADORERS NEEDED

Our Perpetual Eucharist Adoration Chapel is in great need of adorers during the time block of 12:00pm-5:00pm. Many adorers have had to exit their hour due to illness. Subsequently, those hours are now either without an adorer or with a single adorer. We ask all of our parishioners to seriously consider one of these times. Our chapel is only as strong as the strength of commitment of our adorers. Please consider one of these hours; call Marie LeBlanc at 337-948-8940. Thank you for your consideration. **Sunday, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, and 3:00pm.; Monday, 1:00pm; Tuesday, 12:00pm, and 2:00pm; Wednesday, 4:00pm; Thursday, 2:00pm. (this hour does not have an adorer); Friday, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 3:00pm and 4:00pm; Saturday, 1:00pm (this hour does not have an adorer).**

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MASSES

Sat., Dec. 244:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Alvin Taylor, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Percy Thibodeaux, Obbie Bordelon, Charles F. & Mercedes Going, Bill Hatch & Fr. Joseph DeLuca, Mary Beth Tate, Evelyn Comeaux, James “Red” Nezat, Morgan Goudeau, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Bea, Bill, Gene & William Bourdier, Sophie, Rene, Gene & Judi Hidalgo, Jean Comeaux, Alphan & Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot & Sandra Gay, Paul & Pat Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., Alex Chachere, M/M Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille & Myrtle Smith, Charles, Yolande & Angele Carroll & Henry David, Joe Riley & Linda Riley, Agnes & James Daigle, Jim Daigle, Julie Marcantel, Don Johnson, Cecily Camille Soileau, Thelma, Lacey & Randall Spell, Lemaire & Ortego Families, Don Johnson, Nadine Taylor, Wilbur & Alice Reed, Anita Durio, Rene Guidry, M/M John Couvillion, Lawrence, Maise, Curtis Soileau & Family, Wyvos Edmond, Girdle & Willis Fontenot, Lloyd, Marie & Janet Andrus, Amanda Briggs, John & Sydney Cuccia, M/M Elridge Schwartzenburg & M/M Elmo Simon, Leroy & Grace Carriere, M/M Lory Carriere, Debbie Culbertson & Family, Joseph Stelly, Mary Gussie Stelly, Jeanette Stelly, Harold “Hoppy” Morris, Ronald Lalonde, Ferdie, Mark, Direk Franchebois, Raoul, Irene Mallet, Hugh, Melba Mallet, Eric Pellerin, Marie Marks & Lynn Marks, Dudley Fontenot Family & Darmas Daigle Family, Ronald Fontenot, Special Intention, Bert Miller Family, Ray Bernard Family, Cindy & Nick Foret, Donna Bernard Family, Joey Bernard Family, Timmy Bernard & Family, Ann & Berton Fontenot, Gabe Speyrer Family, Kear Roy Family, Warren Meche Family, Marie & Gilda Marshall, Louis Ella Bernard, Jerry Guidry Family, Scott Stagg Family, Chris Ortego Family, Gregory Wade Fontenot, Steve Ronald Fontenot, Robert “Bob” Fontenot, Eura B. Touchet, Jacques Daigle, Nicky Daigle, Norma D. Robinson, Carla F. Fontenot, August Fontenot, Pearl Alphonse, Larry Stoute, Mary Magdaline Joseph, Mark Garrard Robertson, Angela Henry, John Richard, Alzada Spraggins, Harvey Darbonne, Joseph Broussard, Myrtle Henry, Honore & Gladys Tate, Helen & Vince Fontenot, Coy Pavy & In Thanksgiving for my 4 children
6:00 p.m. Adrien Stoney Angelle, Antoine “Free” & Shirley Berg&

Edna Dekerlegand
Sun., Dec. 259:00 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courvelle, 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., Irvin Deranger, Dudley & Glenn Macip, Harold Pellerin, Marius “Tommy” Oge, Jr., Paul T. & Ruby T. Pitre, Todd Joseph Doucet, Morgan Adams, Sarah Jarrell, Donald & Sylvia Chachere, Sr., Donald & Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex & Deanna Chachere, Jim, “Tat”, Jeff & Greg Durio, Lucille “Lucy” Veltin, Gerrit Paul Ryder, The Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, Carrie V. Soileau & Grace Soileau Nora & James “Bougay” Stelly, James “Jim” Wallace, Carrie Soileau & Grace Soileau, Cecily Camille Soileau, Robert Lee Mills Family, John G. Fontenot, Marcus Paul Fontenot, Avie Stelly, M/M Clayus Stelly, M/M Ulysse Fontenot, Sr., Dugal & Richard Families, Neil Bertinot, Martha & Alphonse Clary, Gladys & Anthony Bertinot, Dona & Johnny Clary, Deceased Members of Reed & Taylor Families, Dugal & Richard Families, Huey & Joyce Bourque, Andy & Zetta Stelly, Preston Smith, Ida Pavy & Albert Boudreaux, J.D. Ermon, Jules Olivier, Abram & Irene O. Lafleur, Alphonse & Angela Wyble, Dusty Ardoin & Bobbie Mouton, Sal, Betty & David Diesi, Ernest Duplechain, Darius & Elsie Bourque, Lloyd & Birdie Ardoin, Wayne Wyble, Sharon Wyble Brayson, Chad Bellow, Nelson, Evelyn, Ricky Badeaux, Sheriff Howard Zerangue, Edward & Winnie Zerangue & Family, Avie & Ludie Manuel & Family, Lillian & Ray B. Guillory, Frank & Julie Stelly, Robert & Leontine Delhoussaye, T.D., Dolores, Dewey(Anniversary of Death) & Charmaine Auzenne, Veltou Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy & Veltou Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean, Hilton & Sylvia, Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Lee Singleton, Sr., Alison King, Audrey DeFils, Nazel Fontenot, Harry L. & Scott Smith, M/M A.B. Smith, M/M Butley Smith, M/M Theo Bert Lavergne, Sr. & Theo, Jr., M/M Raymond Lavergne
5:15 p.m. Benjamin & Frances Richard, Claudette Richard, Benny Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee & Bernice D. Guidry

Mon., Dec. 265:15 p.m. Paul & Pat Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., Alex Chachere, M/M Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille & Myrtle Smith, Neil Bertinot, Martha & Alphonse Clary, Gladys & Anthony Bertinot, Dona & Johnny Clary
Tues., Dec. 27:7:00 a.m. Charles, Yolande(Anniversary of Death) & Angele Carroll & Henry David
Wed., Dec. 285:15 p.m. Scotty Artique (B), Billy Lester, Jeanette Charles(Anniversary of Death)
Thurs., Dec. 29:7:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS
Fri., Dec. 30:5:15 p.m. Paul & Pat Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., Alex Chachere, M/M Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille & Myrtle Smith, Bea, Bill, Gene & William Bourdier, Sophie, Rene, Gene & Judi Hidalgo
Sat., Dec. 314:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Alvin Taylor, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Percy Thibodeaux, Obbie Bordelon, Charles F. & Mercedes Going, Bill Hatch & Fr. Joseph DeLuca, Mary Beth Tate, Evelyn Comeaux, James “Red” Nezat, Morgan Goudeau, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Alphan & Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot & Sandra Gay, Paul & Pat Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., Alex Chachere, M/M Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille & Myrtle Smith, Marie Marks & Lynn Marks, Honore & Gladys Tate, Helen & Vince Fontenot
5:15 p.m. PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS

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

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.