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MESSAGE FROM DEACON WILLIAM POLLINGUE
REFLECTIONS ON THE INCARNATION
(Continued From Last Week)

The uniqueness of our Christian faith is directly related to the biblical teaching of the incarnation of Christ. Christianity shares with many other religions the belief in an infinite and transcendent God who is the source of the world's existence.

The unfolding of God's plan of redemption can be seen in the events surrounding Christmas: the Incarnation and birth of the Messiah. This new era of salvation begins with the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb.

This Christmas season, let us find encouragement in the wonderful and reassuring image of our Christian God who comes to us in a cradle so that he might share in our human suffering, and redeem us through experiencing His cross.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year....Deacon Bill

O. C. CORNER

Congratulations to the OC Vikette Dance Team for placing 3rd in the State Jazz Competition among all divisions ... a great accomplishment!

OC takes pride in the elementary Christian Students of the month for November: Jackson Trahan & Lennon Weaver, PreK; Kane Ledoux & Wayne Singleton, K; Gretta Clark & Arturo Irving, 1st; Hallie Miller & Layla Sylvester, 2nd; Ella Borne & Katherine Marcantel, 3rd; Riley Holman & Ethan Joubert, 4th; and Alexis Lafleur & Reese Ledoux, 5th.

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.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

January: Pope's Intentions for Evangelization: Christian Unity. That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

USHERS NEEDED

There is an urgent need for ushers as well as a need for more ushers to help at the Sunday 5:15 pm Mass. Please consider ministering in this fashion.

+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.

EVENTS

SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will reopen on 3 January, 2017 at 1:00pm. The Adoration Chapel will reopen on 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.

ICON WORKSHOP/RETREAT

The Diocese of Lafayette Office of Worship is sponsoring a week-long residential icon painting workshop at the Jesuit spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, LA., from January 30 through February 5, 2017.

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.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

The Knights of Columbus prayer group continues to pray with (and for) the sick in their homes and hospital. If you would like to have them come to your home for prayer, please contact Norbert Auzenne, at 879-2292 or you can call the church office at 942-5628.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory & Christmas Collections \$33,431.65
Bishop's Services Appeal 10.00
Collection for Opelousas Catholic 15.00
Campaign For Human Development 20.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious 40.00
Church In Latin America 4.00

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

READERS

Jan. 7 4:00 p.m. J.L. Phillips
Jan. 8 8:30 a.m. James Doherty
10:30 a.m. William Jarrell
5:15 p.m. Lee Deranger

ALTAR SOCIETY

Jan. 7 - 13 Anna Pitre & Committee
Linens (Jan. 7) Gail Phillips

ACTIVITIES

Sun., Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ASSISTANCE TO OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC FOR PARISHIONERS WHO QUALIFY
Mon., Jan. 2 NO CCD Classes PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED
Tues., Jan. 3 NO CCD Classes
6:30-8:00 p.m. RCIA Meeting (Conference Room)
Wed., Jan. 4 2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before 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.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

GUARANTY Auto-Residential Commercial
GLASS, INC. Garage Doors - Mirrors Shower Doors - Tub Doors
Richard and Carrol Lafleur, Owners
1009 W. Vine St. Ph. 337-948-7700
Opelousas, LA 70570 Fax 337-948-8661

MASSES

Sat., Dec. 31 4:00 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

Sun., Jan. 1 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., Irvin Deranger, Dudley & Glenn Macip, Harold Pellerin, Marius "Tommy" Oge, Jr., Joe Riley & Linda Riley, Irvin Deranger, 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., Ernest Duplechain, Darius & Elsie Bourque, 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 & Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianna, Judy, Roy & Velton Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean, Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield(Anniversary of Death), Nazel Fontenot

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

Mon., Jan. 2 5:15 p.m. Tracie K. Carriere(Anniversary of Death)
Tues., Jan. 3 7:00 a.m. Gladys Auguste & Family
Wed., Jan. 4 5:15 p.m. Winnie Ardoin, Irvin Deranger
Thurs., Jan. 5 7:00 a.m. Marcus Paul Fontenot
Fri., Jan. 6 5:15 p.m. Warren Boudreaux
Sat., Jan. 7 4:00 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, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Alphan & Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot & Sandra Gay, Nazel Fontenot, Lloyd, Marie & Janet Andrus, Amanda Briggs, John & Sydney Cuccia, Rene Fontenot & Scotty Artigue
Sun., Jan. 8 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(B) Leger & Jesse, Jr., John A. Green, Irvin Deranger, Marius "Tommy" Oge', Jr.

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, James "Jim" Wallace, Bobby Mouton, Lydia Hunt, Lori Domegeaux

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.