

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

I have been busy with lots of funerals as of late, not only funerals of our parishioners, but funerals of personal friends whom I have known for about 30 years. While no funeral is "easy" to celebrate as a priest, those funerals where personal grief is an added dimension is a great challenge. But as my classmate and best friend told me a few weeks ago, "We are at that age that death will visit more frequently those whom we know and love."

Now, that is juxtaposed to the graduations over which I am presiding. By the time you read this message, Opelousas Catholic will have commissioned another class "to go out into the world and proclaim the good news of the Gospel."

In addition to Opelousas Catholic, I will also have the privilege of celebrating the graduation Masses for both of the Schools of the Sacred Heart: the Academy and St. John Berchmans. So, on the one hand I have been dealing with death and on the other hand I have been dealing with new life, new beginnings.

Sounds like a split personality kind of living doesn't it: death to life back to death to life again. This back and forth, on a human level, is not always easily bearable. But for a person of faith, it becomes expected, never easy, just expected.

This back and forth is actually the Easter Mystery, the Paschal Mystery – the Passover from death to life. And one who has faith can make the Passover without despair more easily than one who has no faith. Here, the central figure is Jesus, the new Passover Himself. He is one to whom a person of faith looks and is comforted, is consoled. Jesus, the new Passover is not just the One to whom we look during those moments of death, Jesus is also the One to whom we look when there are new beginnings, new life. Because new beginnings and new life can make us haughty and proud, keeping one's eyes on Jesus in both death and new beginnings keeps a person rooted in the right attitude.

So while the end of my April and the first half of my May have been flooded with the reality of death, the last weeks of my May are focused on new beginning for so many. I should not be surprised – we are still in the Easter Season!

With reliance upon Our Lady Queen of Angels, I remain
In the Lord Jesus,



Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen
Pastor

O. C. CORNER

Congratulations to all students who worked hard in the classroom this year and have received academic awards over the last couple of weeks. OCS would like to spotlight three 8th graders who received top awards in the Junior High Awards Ceremony: Olivia Hebert & Emily Richard, "Outstanding 8th Grade Academic Achievement"; Olivia Hebert, "Junior High Viking Award"; and Gracie Bellard, "Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur Endowment Scholarship".

Final exams are being taken this week, and parents are reminded of the noon dismissals. The last day of classes for the students is Thursday. May God bless all with a safe and relaxing summer break!

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. Bert Mead, SJ; Monday: Rev. Glenn Meaux; Tuesday: Rev. Aaron Melancon; Wednesday: Rev. Bill Melancon; Thursday: Msgr. Louis Melancon; Friday: Rev. Mark Melancon; and Saturday: Rev. Andre Metrejean.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

May: Pope's Intentions for Evangelization: Christians in Africa. That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration is being held now for students who will be returning or who will be coming for the first time. All students attending Catholic schools and are in the 2nd grade must register now for First Communion. Likewise, students attending Catholic schools and are in the 11th grade making Confirmation must register now.

Msgr. Paul Metrejean will be celebrating his 54th year as a priest this coming Thursday, May 25th. We want to wish him well and keep him in your prayers. May God bless him!

EVENTS

LIL' ANGELS' CAMP

Queen of Angels Lil'Angels' Camp is scheduled for July 10th thru July 14th, 2017, from 8am to 12noon. Registration is being held now at the Parish Office. The deadline for registering is June 9th, 2017.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Lady Queen of Angels' Knights of Columbus Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, May 28th from 7:00am – 12:00pm. Please sign up online @ www.bloodhero.com; Sponsor code: ourladyqueenofangels. All donors will receive a "BE A HERO" American Donor t-shirt!

UPCOMING DIRECTED RETREATS
JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, announces these upcoming individually directed retreats: **Silent, Individually-Directed Retreats of 3, 5, or 8-days begin on the following dates: Mon., May 29 or Thur., June 1; Mon., June 19 or Thur., June 22.** For an application form to register, visit the website jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or call 337/662-5251, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon and 1:00 – 5:00 pm.

A HEALING & HOPE WITH IMMACULEE' ILIBAGIZA

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 114 Bienvenu St., Church Point, LA, will be having a weekend of Healing & Hope with Immaculee' Ilibagiza on Friday & Saturday, June 30-July 1, 2017. This retreat includes her witness of the power of prayer, miracles of the Rosary, and inspirational music. Registration contact Annette Micek at abbette@immaculee.com and local contact is Debbie Fontenot at 337-288-5792 or dfontenot@ompwildcots.com. Tickets are \$57 for individual or \$76 for one plus guest.

We welcome to the Parish our new parishioners,
Barry & Pam Briley.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offerory Collection \$11,929.85
Collection for Opelousas Catholic 166.00
Bishop Services Appeal 1,116.00
Catholic Home Mission 10.00
Holy Land 5.00
Catholic Relief Services 5.00

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

READERS

May 27 4:00 p.m. Monica Guillory
May 28 8:30 a.m. James Doherty
10:30 a.m. Josie Prudhomme
5:15 p.m. Lee Deranger

ALTAR SOCIETY

May 27 - June 2 Peggy Crow & Committee
Linens (May 27) Vickie Reed

ACTIVITIES

Sun., May 21 8:30 a.m. After Mass / Altar Society Breakfast
Wed., May 24 2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
Sun., May 28 7:00 a.m.-12 p.m. KC's Blood Drive

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 (948-4595 or Cell-781-7185)

NEED AT LEAST ONE ADORER FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

Tuesday, 2:00pm; Friday, 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.

SUCCESS AT MOTHERS' DAY BAKE SALE

The High School Youth Group and their Sponsor, Ann Speyrer, thank the parishioners for support of their projects which allows for fellowship and outreach. We could have not done it without you and the grace from God and approval of Msgr. DeRouen. We appreciate help from Verona Courville, Shane Smith, Senior Angels, Ladies Altar Society, Bellevue Rosary Group, Rita Soileau, Lea Duplechain, Youth Group members and donors. Many, many others. THANKS!

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MASSES

Sat., May 20 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Evelyn Comeaux, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Nazel Fontenot, Glenn Winn, Ralph Ortego, Alphan & Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot & Sandra Gay, Gladys & Honore Tate, Helen & Vince Fontenot, Lisa Deville, George Chauvin, Shawn Dejean, Greg Salvo, Michael Janise, Gladys Daigle, Ida Rabalais, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Alvin Taylor, Andy Stelly(B), Thelma, Lacy & Randall Spell, Gilda & Marie Marshall, Darnas Daigle' Kernel Gaspard(Anniversary of Death)

Sun., May 21 8:30 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courville, Harold & Todd Fontenot, Rose P. Ryder, Octave "Tat" Pitre, Denise L. Hanks, John A. Green, Verbis Lafleur, Jacqueline James, Irvin Deranger, M/M James Hunt & Family & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux & Family, M/M Rivers Lavergne & Family, M/M Luke Thibodeaux & Family, Alvarez Hertzock, M/M Abram & Irene Lafleur, M/M Alphonse & Angela Wyble, Jules Olivier, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Anna Leger, Jesse, Jr., Dudley & Glenn Macip, Tommy & Jerry Oge', Allen Ardoin, Percy Thibodeaux, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin & Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Paul & Pat Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., Alex Chachere, M/M Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille, Myrtle Smith & Gary G. Castille, Pete Wade, Debbie Briley

10:30 a.m. Morgan Adams, Sarah Jarrell, Lucille "Lucy" Veltin, James "Jim" Wallace, Donald & Sylvia Chachere, Donald & Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex & Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff & Greg Durio, Cecily Camille Soileau, Lillian & Ray B. Guillory, M/M Elridge Schwartzburg & M/M Elmo Simon, Gerrit Paul Ryder, Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, Beatrice Sue Grimmert, Allen Ardoin, Daniel Mansfield, Jackie Mills, Willis & Girlie Fontenot, Special Intentions

5:15 p.m. Jimmy Mizzi

Mon., May 22 5:15 p.m. PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS

Tues., May 23 7:00 a.m. Isaac, Loretta & Kathleen Stag

Wed., May 24 5:15 p.m. Irvin Deranger, Neil Bertinot, Martha & Alphonse(Anniversary of Death) Clary, Gladys & Anthony Bertinot, Dona & Johnny Clary

Thurs., May 25 7:00 a.m. Ernest Duplechin, Happy Thanksgiving to St. Rita

Fri., May 26 5:15 p.m. Dennis & Daniel Reed

Sat., May 27 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Evelyn Comeaux, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Nazel Fontenot, Glenn Winn, Ralph Ortego, Alphan & Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot & Sandra Gay, Gladys & Honore Tate, Helen & Vince Fontenot, Lisa Deville, George Chauvin, Shawn Dejean, Michael Janise, Dennis Scott(Anniversary of Death), M/M Lloyd Ardoin, Sr., Allen & Isabel Smith, Debbie Briley, Alice & Wilbur Reed, Anita Durio & Myrtle Gibson, Allen & Isabel Smith, Debbie Briley

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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