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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

My Dear People of the Diocese of Lafayette:

Radio Maria USA is a Catholic radio network headquartered in Alexandria, Louisiana, and is part of the World Family of Radio Maria. Radio Maria was born as parish radio in 1983 in the Archdiocese of Milan, Italy. Its purpose was to keep parishioners informed and to help them through prayer, the daily Mass and the Rosary. It quickly spread to other parts of the world.

On May 25, 2000, the first English-speaking Radio Maria in the United States began broadcasting from its station in Alexandria, Louisiana. Since that time, ten (10) more frequencies have been added. Radio Maria currently operates in more than forty (40) countries, spreading the Gospel to millions of listeners in more than fifteen (15) languages.

Currently, Radio Maria has radio coverage through 1360 AM in parts of the Diocese of Lafayette, especially in the New Iberia and Lafayette area. They are continually working to expand their coverage throughout the Diocese. They are also available via live streaming on the internet at <http://radiomaria.us/listen-to-the-radio/> and/or thru a free mobile app.

By this letter I wish to re-affirm that Radio Maria is an approved apostolate in the Diocese of Lafayette. I commend them for their good work of prayer, Catholic programming and evangelization.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,



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

JDD:mhb

xc: Reverend Emilio Garreaud, National Priest Director, Radio Maria USA

O. C. CORNER

Registration for new students will begin February 19 once the application for admission has been accepted. With questions, contact Mrs. Briley, Admissions Director, at 942-5404 ext. 109 or email brileyj@ocsvikings.com.

Catch the last performances of OC Drama Club's Spring Showcase on Feb. 17 at 7 pm and then at 2 pm on Feb. 18 at the Opelousas Little Theatre. In addition, OC wishes the best to the drama students who will be competing in the University of Louisiana Drama Rally on Thursday.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS 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. Anselm Ofodum; Monday: Rev. Paul Onuegbe; Tuesday: Rev. Paul Osterle, SJ; Wednesday: Rev. Anthony Ostini, SJ; Thursday: Rev. Jose Padinjarepedika; Friday: Rev. John Paul, SJ; Saturday: Rev. Donald Pelous.

HOLY FATHERS'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

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.

EVENTS

DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN

There will be a Lenten Day of Prayer for Ladies on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau. The theme will be "Finding an Attitude of Gratitude". It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end with Mass at 2:15 p.m. The presenter will be Fr. Joe Tetlow, S.J. Total cost is \$25.00. Space is limited so please register early. For more information on this special Day of Prayer, please contact Our Lady of the Oaks at (337) 662-5410.

CENTENNIAL NEWS

■ **Death of Bishop Jeanmard** - On February 23, 1957, Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard died at the age of 77. He served as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette for over 37 years. In that time he oversaw incredible growth for the diocese. One of Bishop Jeanmard's lasting legacies was his service to African Americans in the Diocese. In his will, he requested that his body be laid after his death at St. Paul's before it was brought to the Cathedral for the funeral and burial. Jeanmard's death made national news as Time magazine ran a picture of black parishioners offering their respects to Bishop Jeanmard, with the caption: "Last Homage to Negroes' Friend."

■ **Centennial Indulgence** – an indulgence granted by Pope Francis can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (with the usual conditions for an indulgence). Please see the Diocesan Webpage for more information. The Centennial Prayer will be in the Cathedral beginning January 11th or you may print it from the webpage (available in various languages on webpage).

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Feb. 18-24, 2018— Keith & Kathy Hebert
Feb. 25-Mar. 3, 2018—Marty & Earl Heintz
Thank you for your commitment!



OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offerory Collection	\$12,975.50
Opelousas Catholic Collection	\$20.00
BSA	\$1,427.00
Latin America	\$65.00
Centennial Sale	\$20.00
Catholic Relief	\$5.00
Black/Nat Am. Missions	\$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

Feb. 24	4:00 p.m.	Buster Leblanc
Feb. 25	8:30 a.m.	Michael Ortego
	10:30 a.m.	Lessley Fontenot
	5:15 p.m.	Vickie Reed

ALTAR SOCIETY

Feb. 24 - Mar. 2	Verona Courville and Team
Linens (Feb. 24)	Flo Pierrottie

ACTIVITIES

Mon., Feb. 19	4:00-5:00 p.m.	CCD CLASSES, 1,2 and 3
	6:00-7:00 p.m.	CCD CLASSES, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Tues., Feb. 20	4:00-5:00 p.m.	CCD CLASSES, 4, 5 and 6
Wed., Feb. 21	2:00 p.m.	"Come Lord Jesus" Call 942-7059
	4:45 p.m.	Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Soup, Salad and Sermon
Sat., Feb. 24	9:00 a.m.	First Confession for First Communion Candidates

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Parents of this Parish who wish to have their children baptized will meet for instructions at Our Lady Queen of Angels in the Parish Conference Room on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. Please call the Office to make an appointment with Deacon Bill at 942-5628.




ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Adoration Chapel remains in need of several adorers. Below please find a listing of all hours that have only one committed adorer. Please call Claire Robichaux at 337-351-4674 if you are able to sign up for an A.M. hour or Marie LeBlanc at 337-948-8940 if you are able to sign up for a P.M. hour. The Adoration Chapel committee thanks you in advance.

Sunday:	A.M. – 7:00, 10:00, 11:00	P.M. - 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00
Monday:	A.M. – 6:00, 8:00, 11:00	P.M. – 1:00
Tuesday:	A.M. – 11:00	P.M. – 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00
Wednesday:	A.M. – 6:00, 9:00	P.M. – 1:00, 4:00
Thursday:	A.M. – 9:00	P.M. – 3:00
Friday:	A.M. – 9:00, 10:00, 11:00	P.M. – 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00
Saturday:	A.M. – 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00	P.M. – 1:00, 4:00, 5:00

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

 **St. Landry HomeCare**
St. Landry Extended Care Hospital
Louisiana Hospice & Palliative Care
Louisiana Family Fitness Center



MASSES

Sat., Feb. 17 4:00 p.m. Charles and Mercedes Going Family, William and Dorothy Hatch Family, Father Joseph C, Deluca, Mary Rettberg, Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Ray Couvillion and Family, Nazel Fontenot, Rene Fontenot, Scotty Artigue, Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Jacqueline James, Mr. and Mrs., Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Palazzo, Levoys "Lee" Smith, Viola L. Mello, Special Intention

Sun., Feb. 18 8:30 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Irvin Deranger, Richard and Rena Millspaugh, Darnas Daigle (Birthday), Special Intention, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families

10:30 a.m. Marie and Pappy Richard and Lori Thomasson, Russell and Loula Reed, Daniel Mansfield, Morgan Adams, Sarah Jarrell, Franklin Courville, Sylvan Soileau (Anniversary of Death), Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff and Greg Durio, Special Intention, James Guglielmo, Ben and Pat Crosby, Moise and Amy Courville, Mrs. Ulysse Fontenot, Girlie and Willis Fontenot, Sal Diesi, Jr.

5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Special Intention, Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry

Mon., Feb. 19 5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Going, Sr. and Families, Special Intention

Tues., Feb. 20 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Special Intention, Sylvan Soileau, Bobbie Mouton

Wed., Feb. 21 5:15 p.m. Sarah Jarrell, Special Intention, Neil Bertinot, Tony and Gladys Bertinot, Martha and Alphonse Clary, Dona and Johnny Clary

Thurs., Feb. 22 7:00 a.m. Special Intention, Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Fri., Feb. 23 5:15 p.m. Special Intention, David Diesi, Wilson Mouton

Sat., Feb. 24 4:00 p.m. Alvin Taylor, Charles and Mercedes Going and Family, William and Dorothy Hatch and Family, Father Joseph C. Deluca, Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Carolyn Pitre (Anniversary of Death), Bobby Wyble, Nazel Fontenot, Lynwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr. and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry and Family, Dalton and Evelyn Coeaux, Mary Deville, Rose Kimble, Jacqueline James, Levoys "Lee" Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Palazzo, Viola L. Mello, Thelma, Lacey and Randall Spell, Special Intention

Sun., Feb. 25 8:30 a.m. Wilbur and Alice Reed, Anita Durio, Myrtle Gibson, Sarah Jarrell, Ronald O. Fusilier, Bobby Wyble, Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Irvin Deranger, Special Intention, T.D. Dolores, Dewey and Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy and Velton Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean and Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Girlie and Willis Fontenot

10:30 a.m. Ella Sittig and Family, Russell and Loula Reed, Daniel Mansfield, Raymond C. Couvillion, Morgan Adams, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff and Greg Durio, Special Intention, James Guglielmo, Sal Diesi, Jr.

5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Special Intention

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SEMINARIANS

Deacon Ben Pitre-St. Landry
Cade LeBlanc & Matthew Pitre-Eunice
Michael Vidrine-Melville
Sean Fontenot & Luke Johnson-Ville Platte
Drew Labbe-Galveston/Houston Diocese
(family from Opelousas)

Extra prayer cards can be found in the back of the Church