

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners:

Forgive my rant this Sunday. I cannot understand why, I must say, for the life of me, once again, when signs of erratic and dangerous behavior were reported to authorities in Florida, those people in authority did not act. The FBI acknowledges it dropped the ball. But, how can it, given the climate these days. Like the Orlando massacre, there were signs. It seems to me that the old adage comes true far too often these days, "Evil triumphs when good people do nothing."

Parents, if your children tell you someone is acting weird or being threatening and demonstrating erratic behavior, tell someone. Call the Sheriff. If a teacher sees unusual behavior, report it. To say it is not our business is a cop-out and we fail to be responsible. Vigilance is one of the best preventative measures we can employ.

For the life of me, as well, I can't understand why anyone of us would mind a stricter gun control law for those who have criminal records or mental illness. As an American, I believe in the Second Amendment wholeheartedly, but why should any of us be against a convicted felon or a person with mental illness having a history of violence not being allowed to purchase one of these weapons. I admit I am not an expert on the gun control debate. I do appreciate deer sausage from hunters when they have snagged a deer, so I am not a gun hater. A question I ask is why are there not background checks for anyone buying a gun? Or are there? If there is a law that requires these regulations and the sellers of guns do not follow the law, why don't the authorities close the doors of these stores?

I agree wholeheartedly that gun control alone will not alleviate all violence. Sadly, the Florida shooting might have been avoided if those who heard or read or saw the bizarre warning signs had reported these signs to the proper authority and those who received the report followed through with thorough investigations.

We are called to be vigilant over and over again. It is our business to report to the proper authority when we see something that could be potentially suspect. Taking that courageous step by someone could save the life of someone we love or even ourselves.

With reliance upon Our Lady Queen of Angels, I remain



Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen

O. C. CORNER

Congratulations to the following people who were honored at the end of the Catholic Schools Week mass: Deacons Dwayne Joubert and William Pollingue, NCEA Distinguished Graduates; Steve Guidroz, Achiever/Supporter of the Year; Blaire Emonet and Tammy Fontenot, Teachers of the Year; and Sarah Dupre, Eli Guidroz, and Rowen Bergeron, Students of the Year. OC takes great pride in these outstanding individuals!

New students are now registering for the 2018-2019 school year once their application for admission has been accepted. With questions, contact Mrs. Briley, Admissions Director, at 942-5404 ext. 109 or email brileyj@ocsvikings.com.

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. Neil Pettit; Monday: Rev. Daniel Picard; Tuesday: Rev. Mikel Polson; Wednesday: Rev. Ruben Primor; Thursday: Pope Francis; Friday: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; Saturday: Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel.

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

Mother Drexel - On March 3, 1955, Mother Katharine Drexel passed away at the age of 96. She and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, which she founded, would have a profound and lasting effect on the Diocese of Lafayette. With her sisters and her financial support, the diocese founded many parishes and schools, particularly for the African American Catholics in Acadiana. Her support began in New Iberia in 1917 when she donated funds for a new church, school, and hall to be built. The parish was named after her recently deceased brother-in-law Edward. At the time of her death, Mother Drexel was donating \$20,000 a year to schools and churches in the diocese. In 2000 she was canonized a Saint by Pope St. John Paul II.

Centennial items being sold - Centennial Paperweight, Centennial Yard Signs and Centennial History Book can be purchased at Diocesan Central Office, Cathedral Gift Shop, Queen of Angels Church in Opelousas and St. Martin de Tours Church in St. Martinville.

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR MARCH 2018

Feb. 25-Mar. 3, 2018--Marty & Earl Heintz
 Mar. 4 -10, 2018--Susie Hilliard
 Mar. 11-17, 2018-- Brent & Kristie Hoffpaur
 Mar. 18-24, 2018-- Anne Hollier
 Mar. 25-31, 2018-- Mike & Linda Hunt
 Thank you for your commitment!



OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection \$13,164.70
 Opelousas Catholic Collection \$2.00
 BSA \$375.00
 Latin America \$0.00
 Centennial Sale \$0.00
 Catholic Relief \$0.00
 Black/Nat Am. Missions \$21.00

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

READERS

Mar. 3 4:00 p.m. Joe Miller
 Mar. 4 8:30 a.m. James Doherty
 10:30 a.m. William Jarrell
 5:15 p.m. Jan Vige

ALTAR SOCIETY

Mar. 3 - 9 Jo Ann Barron and Team
 Linens (Mar. 3) Irene Briley

ACTIVITIES

Mon., Mar. 5 4:00-5:00 p.m. CCD CLASSES, 1,2 and 3
 5:30-7:00 p.m. CCD CLASSES, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
 Tues., Mar. 6 4:00-5:00 p.m. CCD CLASSES, 4, 5 and 6
 6:00 p.m. Ushers Meeting
 Wed., Mar. 7 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. & Sun., Mar. 3 & 4 Second Collection for Opelousas Catholic
 8:30 a.m. Coffee and Doughnuts after Mass
 3:30-5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group Meeting

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, 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



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MASSES

Sat., Feb. 24 4:00 p.m. Alvin Taylor, Charles and Mercedes Going Family, William and Dorothy Hatch 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 Comeaux, Mary Deville, Rose Kimble, Jacqueline James, Levoy's "Lee" Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Palazzo, Viola L. Mello, Special Intention, Thelma, Lacey and Randall Spell

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, Ella Sittig and Family, T.D., Dolores, Dewey & Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianna, 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. Russell and Loula Reed, Daniel Mansfield, Morgan Adams, Raymond C. Couvillion, Special Intention, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff and Greg Durio, James Guglielmo, Sal Diesi, Jr.

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

Mon., Feb. 26 5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Special Intention

Tues., Feb. 27 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Special Intention, Sylvén Soileau

Wed., Feb. 28 5:15 p.m. Special Intention, Verna Stoute (Anniversary of Death), Judge Denis Barry (Anniversary of Death), Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ardoin, Sr. Dennis and Daniel Reed

Thurs., Mar. 1 7:00 a.m. Special Intention, Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Fri., Mar. 2 5:15 p.m. Special Intention

Sat., Mar. 3 4:00 p.m. Charles and Mercedes Going and Family, William and Dorothy Hatch and Family, Father Joseph C. Deluca, Lee Andrepont, Jacqueline James, Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Ed and Shirley Moscovis Family, Dan and Pat Miller, Nazel Fontenot, Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Allen Ardoin, Charles Loeb, Joseph White, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Palazzo, Levoy's "Lee" Smith, Viola L. Mello, Sharp Family, Howard Pitre Family, Special Intention, In Thanksgiving

Sun., Mar. 4 8:30 a.m. Henry and Irene David, Ronald O. Fusilier, Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Irvin Deranger, Bobby Wyble, Special Intention, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, T.D., Dolores, Dewey and Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianna, Judy, Roy and Velton Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine (Anniversary of Death), Bertrand, Jean, Hilton and Sylvia Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Mary Dolores Straub

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

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