

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners:

Next weekend Holy Week begins. During this upcoming Fifth Week of Lent, in our Liturgy, we get the sense that something is changing. If you noticed, the statues have been removed except the Cross and the Stations of the Cross. We are getting closer and closer to those days when we remember with sincerity, sobriety and sacred solemnity that moment in history when the God-Man gave us His Body and Blood as food, when the same God-Man gave His Body on the Cross, when that very God-Man slept in a tomb only to be awakened on the third day, assuring us who believe that we will have an eternity of days in heaven.

In the 7th century, St. Andrew of Crete once preached a homily on a Palm Sunday. May we be edified by his words and follow his invitation to go together to meet Christ and to run and accompany Him as He hastens toward His Passion, spreading before His feet not garments or soulless olive branches but ourselves. Here are his words:

“Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today He returns from Bethany and proceeds of His own free will toward His holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with Himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of His own free will to make His journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: He will not dispute or raise His voice to make it heard in the streets. He will be meek and humble, and He will make his entry in simplicity.

“Let us run to accompany Him as He hastens toward His passion, and imitate those who met Him then, not by covering His path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before Him by being humble and by trying to live as He would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at His coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

“In His humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and He is glad that He became so humble for our sake, glad that He came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to Himself. And even though we are told that He has now ascended above the highest heavens - the proof, surely, of His power and Godhead - His love for man will never rest until He has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with His own in heaven.

“So let us spread before His feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in His grace, or rather, clothed completely in Him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before Him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of His victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children’s holy song: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King of Israel.”

With reliance upon Our Lady Queen of Angels, I remain



Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen

O. C. CORNER

The Scholastic Book Fair for grades 6-12 is being held this week in the high school library. Parents and family members are invited to support the book fair and encourage reading! Shopping hours are 7:15 am to 3:15 pm. You can also visit the Book Fair Homepage for information: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/opelousascatholicsschool>.

Congratulations to the OC Junior Beta Club for outstanding participation in the Junior Beta State Convention. The OC Junior Beta Club’s Quiz Bowl Team made it all the way to the finals at the state convention!

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. Francois Sainte-Marie, MIC; Monday: Rev. Garrett Savoie; Tuesday: Rev. William Schambough; Wednesday: Rev. Gary Schexnayder; Thursday: Rev. Nicholas Schiro, SJ; Friday: Rev. Paul Schott, SJ; Saturday: Rev. Clinton Sensat.

HOLY FATHER’S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR MARCH 2018

Mar. 18-24, 2018-- Anne Hollier
Mar. 25-31, 2018-- Mike & Linda Hunt
Thank you for your commitment!



EVENTS

SENIOR ANGELS’ CARD PARTY

This has been re-scheduled for May 2nd. Registration forms will be in the April 7th bulletin.

HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING

This year we are honored to have the following for our Holy Thursday footwashing ceremony: Paul Payne, Pamela Payne, Ronald Dejean, Jerri Dejean, Rhonda Marshall, Chris Marshall, Mary Chachere, Gerald Chachere, Bonnie Bourque, Harvey Wimberly, Karen Wimberly, and Joseph Augustine.

The Parish thanks Brenda Stephens for organizing this.

CENTENNIAL NEWS

• **Second Centennial Deanery Mass** will be at St. Landry Catholic Church, our 2nd oldest canonically established Church in the Diocese, on **March 23 at 6:30pm** in Opelousas. All Clergy and Laity are invited to attend this Mass and reception with our Bishop Deshotel as we continue to honor and celebrate this Centennial Jubilee Year of our Diocese. This is an exciting year and it is good for all of us from all parts of the Diocese of Lafayette to come together for the Centennial Events to reflect upon our past and recommit to the future that God is leading us into. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

• **Jubilee Bible Marathon** – In honor of the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette 1918-2018, the Holy Bible will be read from cover to cover in the Square of St. Martinville beginning **Wednesday, April 4th at 12:30pm to Sunday, April 8th at 4:30pm - 100 hours for 100 years!!!** All are invited to come and participate in this Proclamation of the Foundation of our Faith. Come and marinate in the word. For more information or to sign up as a Reader, call Fr. Michael Champagne at 337- 394-6550. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as much as possible of this extraordinary event.

• **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.

LAST PEWS IN CHURCH

Please, kindly remember the last pews in the Church on all sides are for the handicapped. Please be polite and allow those who are handicapped to sit in these pews first. Many thanks.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection \$11,281.16
Opelousas Catholic Collection \$270.00
BSA \$1,183.00
Centennial Sale \$30.00
Catholic Relief \$130.00

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

READERS

Mar. 24 4:00 p.m. J.L. Phillips and Monica Guillory
Mar. 25 8:30 a.m. Michael Ortego
10:30 a.m. Iggie Castille
5:15 p.m. Vickie Reed

ALTAR SOCIETY

Mar. 24 - 30 Anna Pitre and Team
Linens (Mar. 24) Gail Phillips

ACTIVITIES

Sun., Mar. 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent
Mon., Mar. 19 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. 20 4:00-5:00 p.m. CCD CLASSES, 4, 5 and 6
6:00 p.m. CCD Closing Mass
Wed., Mar. 21 2:00 p.m. “Come Lord Jesus”
Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
6:30 p.m. Couples’ Mass in Parish Hall
Sat., Mar. 24 8:00 a.m. Altar Server Rehearsal for Palm Sunday
First Communion Retreat
Sat. & Sun., Mar. 24 & 25 Collection to Aid Church in Eastern Europe and Africa
Sun., Mar. 25 10:15 a.m. Solemn Procession and Mass for Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
Family Fun Day

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 adoror. 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
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

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MASSES

Sat., Mar. 17 4:00 p.m. Charles and Mercedes Going and Family, William and Dorothy Hatch and Family, Father Joseph C. Deluca, Jacqueline James, Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Nazel Fontenot, Rene Fontenot, Scotty Artigue, Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, William “Bill” Simien, Richard Millspaugh, Harold Stout, 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, Thelma, Lacey and Randall Spell, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Walton Caire

Sun., Mar. 18 8:30 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Irvin Deranger, Special Intention, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Rodney Bellard, Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Mary Delores Straub

10:30 a.m. Marie and Pappy Richard, Lorin Thomasson, Sarah Jarrell, Morgan Adams, Russell and Loula Reed, Daniel Mansfield, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, “Tat”, Jeff and Greg Durio, Special Intention, Jackie Mills, Ben and Pat Crosby, Moise and Amy Courville, Girlie and Sal Diesi, Jr., Girlie and Willis Fontenot; James Guglielmo, Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families

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

Mon., Mar. 19 5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, “Tat”, Jeff and Greg Durio, Violette Sibille (Birthday), Edward “Pappy” Sibille, Dawn and Gary Sibille, Dr. Scott Sibille (Birthday), Special Intention

Tues., Mar. 20 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Special Intention, Sylvén Soileau

Wed., Mar. 21 5:15 p.m. Angele Carroll (Birthday), Charles and Yolande Carrrol, Henry David, Special Intention

Thurs., Mar. 22 7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Fri., Mar. 23 5:15 p.m. Beth Marshall, Special Intention, Dennis and Daniel Reed, Myles Soileau, Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Sat., Mar. 24 4:00 p.m. Charles and Mercedes Going and Family, William and Dorothy Hatch and Family, Father Joseph C. Deluca, Jacqueline James, Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Nazel Fontenot, Gene, Bea, Bill and William Bourdier, Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Ella Sittig and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Palazzo, Levoys “Lee” Smith, Bobby Wyble, Viola L. Mello, Special Intention, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Walton Caire, Raphael Troclair (Anniversary of Death)

Sun., Mar. 25 8:30 a.m. Sarah Jarrell, Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Irvin Deranger, Girlie and Willis Fontenot, Special Intention, Rodney Bellard, Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, T.D., Dolores, Dewey and Charmaine Auzenne, Veltou Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy and Veltou Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean and Hilton (Anniversary of Death) Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Lee Singleton, Sr., Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Mary Delores Straub

10:30 a.m. Special Intention, Sal Diesi, Jr., Russell and Loula Reed, Daniel Mansfield, Morgan Adams, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, “Tat”, Jeff and Greg Durio, Adrien “Stoney” Angelle, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Deckerlegand, Mr. and Mrs. Antoine “Free” and Shirley Bergeron, Harold Stout, Jackie Mills, Neil Bertinot, Tony and Gladys Bertinot, Martha and Alphonse Clary, Dona and Johnny Clary, James Guglielmo, Gerrit Paul Ryder and The Ryder and Quebedeaux Families
5:15 p.m. Special Intention, Judge Denis A. Barry

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