

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

Here are the last 9 of the suggestions for Lenten penances. Hope these suggestions may help you have a holy and profitable Lent.

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



Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen
Pastor

Here are 9 remaining things you might consider giving up this Lent and beyond:

- 11) **A spirit of poverty** – Believe with God that there is always more than enough and never a lack.
- 12) **Feelings of unworthiness** – You are fearfully and wonderfully made by your creator. (see Psalm 139)
- 13) **Doubt** – Believe God has a plan for you that is beyond anything you could imagine. The future is brighter than you could ever realize.
- 14) **Self-pity** – God comforts us in our sorrow so that we can comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.
- 15) **Retirement** – As long as you are still breathing, you are here for a reason. You have a purpose to influence others for Christ. That does not come to an end until the day we die.
- 16) **Excuses** – A wise man once said, if you need an excuse, any excuse will do.
- 17) **Lack of counsel** – Wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum.
- 18) **Pride** – Blessed are the humble.
- 19) **Worry** – God is in control and worrying will not help.

O. C. CORNER

OCS thanks everyone who attended and/or helped in any way for two recent school events, the Vitality Summit and the Tasters' Dinner and Auction! It is heartwarming to see the love and support for Opelousas Catholic School!

Registration for new students in 2017-18 is now open. Current student registration continues without a late fee penalty until February 20th. The 2017-18 fee schedules are posted to our school website at www.OCSvikings.com. Please call the school if any information is needed on the RenWeb registration process.

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. Barry Crochet; Monday: Rev. Hampton Davis; Tuesday: Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc; Wednesday: Rev. Michael DeBlanc; Thursday: Rev. Edward Degeyter; Friday: Rev. Michael Delcambre; and Saturday: Rev. Mark Derise.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

February: Pope's Intentions for Evangelization: Comfort for the Afflicted. That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

PRAYER FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

"Lord hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior." Amen.

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. They are available for prayer on the second Wednesday of each month during the hours of 4 – 7 PM.

EVENTS

SPECIAL MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES OF ALL AGES

A SPECIAL Mass for all married couples of all ages will be held on **Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:30pm in Queen of Angels' Church Hall.** It is sponsored by Queen of Angels Men's Mass Group. The Mass will be one to encourage married couples, both young and "more experienced" in our ever changing world. Monsignor Paul Metrejean will offer mass and begin at 6:30pm and a gumbo meal by Mark LeBlanc will follow. **All married couples are invited to attend while we encourage and support one another through the holy bond established in the Sacrament of Matrimony.** There is no cost to attend, however we'll pass a hat to cover the cost of the meal. We do need a count of those attending so please **RSVP by Monday, February 20th** by calling the Church Office at 942-5628 or by emailing Keith Hebert at hebertkeith1@aol.com or Don Fisher at don@goingcpa.com. Please RSVP by Feb.20 and hope to see you on the 22nd! May God bless!

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

On **Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 10:00 am** in the Church Hall there will be a planning meeting for the St. Joseph Altar. St. Joseph Altar Celebration will begin Saturday, March 18, 2017 after the 4:00 pm Mass with the Blessing of the St. Joseph Altar and the Holy Rosary. On Sunday, March 19, 2017 after the 11:00 am Mass there will be the "Tupa Tupa" Ritual. If anyone is interested in helping with this great event, please confirm your attendance with **Mary Gautreaux at 337-308-3373 or 337-678-0903.** Candles are available in the following colors: **Green, Red & White** and the amount is \$5.00. These candles can be purchased in Memory of a Loved One and other Special Intentions. Candles are now available for purchase. Please see **Priscilla Stansbury** in the business office on Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

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., Feb.13 or Thur., Feb. 16; Mon., Mar. 6 or Thur., Mar. 9; Mon., Mar. 20 or Thur., Mar. 23.**

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offeratory Collection \$12,607.33
Collection for Church in Latin America 10.00
Bishop's Services Appeal 933.00
Collection for Opelousas Catholic 185.00

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

READERS

Feb. 25 4:00 p.m. J. L. Phillips
Feb. 26 8:30 a.m. Michael Ortego
10:30 a.m. Paula Carriere
5:15 p.m. Jan Vige

ALTAR SOCIETY

Feb. 25 - March 3 Laura Noel & Committee
Linens (Feb. 25) Gail Phillips

ACTIVITIES

Mon., Feb. 20 .3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. CCD Classes 1,2,3
5:15-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7,8,9,10,11
Tues., Feb. 21 .3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. CCD Classes 4,5,6
6:30-8:00 p.m. RCIA (Office Conference Rm)
Wed., Feb. 22 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. Married Couples' Mass (Parish Hall)

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

On Monday, February 20th, the students who attend classes on Monday nights and all Catholic School Confirmation students must report at 5:15 pm.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you are a Catholic male 18 years or older who is seeking to strengthen your faith while supporting your parish and pastor through parish based programs, please contact Bruce Gaudin at 337-948-3818 or bruce@bgaudin.com.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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MASSES

Sat., Feb. 18 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Evelyn Comeaux, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Nazel Fontenot, Glen Winn, Wilbur & Alice Reed, Anita Durio & Myrtle Gibson, Mrs. Ulysse Fontenot, Sr.(B), Alphan & Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot & Sandra Gay, Sylven Soileau(Anniversary of Death), Ralph Ortego, Thelma, Lacey & Randall Spell, Rose Kimble(B) & Mary Deville, Lloyd, Marie & Janet Andrus, Amanda Briggs, John & Sydney Cuccia

Sun., Feb. 19 8:30 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, Harold & Todd Fontenot, Rose P. Ryder, Octave "Tat" Pitre, Denise L. Hanks, Verbis Lafleur, Jacqueline James, Ernest Duplechin, Darius & Elsie Bourque, Irvin Deranger, Marius "Tommy" Oge', Jr., M/M James Hunt & Family & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux & Family, M/M Rivers Lavergne & Family, M/M Luke Thibodeaux & Family, Henry Toluoso, Wilbur & Alice Reed, Anita Durio & Myrtle Gibson, Janice Fuchs, John A. Green, Alvarez Hertzock, M/M Abram & Irene Lafleur, M/M Alphose & Angela Wyble, Jules Olivier, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Anna Leger, Jesse, Jr.

10:30 a.m. Morgan Adams, Sarah Jarrell, Lucille "Lucy" Veltin, James "Jim" Wallace, Cecily Camille Soileau, Lillian & Ray B. Guillory, M/M Elridge Schwartzburg & M/M Elmo Simon, Gerrit Paul Ryder, Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, M/M Robert Going, Edmond Gibson & William "Bill" Simien, Janice Fuchs, Carrie V. Soileau & Grace Soileau, Marie Richard

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

Mon., Feb. 20 5:15 p.m. Bobbie Mouton, Special Intentions for Richard Horecky

Tues., Feb. 21 7:00 a.m. Sarah Jarrell(B)

Wed., Feb. 22 5:15 p.m. Irvin Deranger

Thurs., Feb. 23 7:00 a.m. Hubert Richard

Fri., Feb. 24 5:15 p.m. Huey & Joyce Bourque

Sat., Feb. 25 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Evelyn Comeaux, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Nazel Fontenot, Glen Winn, Ralph Ortego, Mildred Cortez(Anniversary of Death), William "Bill" Simien & Agnes Porche, Alvin Taylor

Sun., Feb. 26 8:30 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, Harold & Todd Fontenot, Rose P. Ryder, Octave "Tat" Pitre, Denise L. Hanks, Verbis Lafleur, Jacqueline James, Ernest Duplechin, Darius & Elsie Bourque, Irvin Deranger, Marius "Tommy" Oge', Jr., M/M James Hunt & Family & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux & Family, M/M Rivers Lavergne & Family, M/M Luke Thibodeaux & Family, Henry Toluoso, Wilbur & Alice Reed, Anita Durio & Myrtle Gibson, Janice Fuchs, Irvin Deranger, Alvarez Hertzock, M/M Abram & Irene Lafleur, M/M Alphose & Angela Wyble, Jules Olivier, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Anna Leger, Jesse, Jr., T.D., Dolores, Dewey & Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianna, Judy, Roy & Velton Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean & Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield

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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.