

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

The next two bulletin letters will be the new policy that Bishop Deshotel has implemented regarding Mass in funeral homes. Please read carefully.

“Dear Brothers in Ministry:

“Burying the deceased is a Corporal Work of Mercy and has been part of the Church’s pastoral work from the very beginning (Catechism, no. 2447). Death has been vanquished by Jesus Christ’s resurrection and His promise that all who follow Him will share in a like resurrection to new and everlasting life (Romans 6:5). The Church’s funeral rites emphasize this essential truth of Christianity in the three stations of the funeral rite: the vigil, the funeral mass, and the graveside service.

‘The Christian funeral is a liturgical celebration of the Church. The ministry of the Church in this instance aims at expressing efficacious communion with the deceased, at the participation in that communion of the community gathered for the funeral, and at the proclamation of eternal life to the community. (Catechism, no 1684)’

“The funeral of a loved one presents us as pastors of souls with a wonderful opportunity to catechize those who attend the funeral and to assure the family of the deceased of the entire church’s solicitude and support in their time of need. In an emotional time like a funeral, extra pastoral sensitivity is required of us. Many times family members or friends of the deceased have not been practicing their faith, may be of other faiths or have no faith at all. The opportunity for pastoral outreach and evangelization is full of possibilities simply because in the face of death and grief human beings are drawn into the true perspective of faith in the risen Christ (Catechism, no. 1687).

“Unfortunately, the medicalization, privatization, and secularization of death and dying are becoming more and more the norm. Inherent in these ‘efficiencies’ is the escapist desire to make death invisible and convenient, ‘getting over it as quickly as possible.’ I suggest to you that what is at stake is the avoidance of the mystery of death and the loss of the spiritual and emotional benefits experienced when ritual and grief are authentically integrated. Some parents do not even bring their children to wakes, thereby depriving the little ones of the opportunity to consider the bigger picture of life, death and eternity. Fortunately, the Church has been praying and reflecting on these mysteries since the salvific events of Holy Week, culminating in the proclamation of the Lord’s resurrection.

“It is for this reason that I ask you to be very attentive to celebrating the Funeral Rites of the Church as the Church intends. These rites have been carefully prepared and faithfully handed on. For example, the Vigil and/or Rosary before the funeral Mass can be a time of prayer, reflection and consolation. If a family requests time for a eulogy, it is also an appropriate time for that.

“ ‘A funeral for any deceased member of the faithful must generally be celebrated in his or her parish church.’ (Canon 1177, 1) Therefore, the funeral Mass should always be celebrated in the parish church of the deceased. The Church building and the altar are symbols of Christ and our communion with and in Him. These eschatological symbols emphasize that it is through the Church, the body of Christ, that we are reborn in Baptism, nourished with the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, forgiven of sin in Penance, and finally ushered to eternal life by the family of the Church. Only on a rare occasion and for a serious reason should a funeral Mass be conducted in a funeral home. Such a case would be of an aged spouse of the deceased or the grave inconvenience of transporting a physically handicapped relative. Again, I expect that this should be the exception, not the norm.”

...to be continued.

O. C. CORNER

Congratulations to all 69 OCS high school graduates of 2017! Special commendations go out to the top-ranking seniors: Sarah Joubert, Valedictorian; Mallory Fontenot, Salutatorian; Elizabeth Duplechain, Historian; Madelyn Dupont and Samantha Dupre, Recorders. The class accumulated \$1.8 million in scholarships (including estimated TOPS) from universities, colleges, organizations and individuals to further their education. We wish them well!

Parents are encouraged to check ParentsWeb and/or the school website (www.OCSvikings.com) for updated information during the summer months.

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: Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell; Monday: Rev. Randall Moreau; Tuesday: Rev. Jason Mouton; Wednesday: Msgr. Richard Mouton; Thursday: Rev. Sebastian Myladiyil, SVD; Friday: Rev. Jerome Neyrey, SJ; and Saturday: Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD.

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.

EVENTS

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UPCOMING WOMEN’S RETREATS-JUNE 2017

(Two Locations and Times) Meet Sister Mary Madeline Todd OP, STD from the Nashville Dominicans, their keynote speaker for the following events. She is an international speaker and published writer. Together all will discover what it means to take a risk, trust in Jesus and hear the words, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace...” (Mark 5:34) Washington, LA: Join them for a morning of spiritual refreshment. The morning schedule will be as follows: 9:30am – Mass with Father Jared Suire; 10:30am – Talk by Sister Mary Madeline Todd OP, STD and 11:45am – Lunch will be served. Registration fee is \$10 – please mail your checks to Immaculate Conception, P.O. Box 116, Washington, LA 70589. Include your name and phone number. Eunice, LA: Join them for an afternoon of renewal and encouragement. The afternoon schedule is as follows: 2:00pm – Talk by Sister Mary Madeline Todd OP, STD in the Church; 3:00pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet in song and Coffee and refreshments will follow in the Church hall. Send the \$10 fee to St. Thomas More Church, PO Box 1022, Eunice, LA, 70535. Include your name and phone number for registration.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will close every Friday during the months of June and July starting this coming Friday, June 9, 2017.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection \$10,100.15
Bishop Services Appeal 25.00
Catholic Home Mission 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

June 10 4:00 p.m. Malcolm Miller
June 11 8:30 a.m. Bruce & Bernadette Gaudin
10:30 a.m. Russell Jesclard
5:15 p.m. Jan Vige

ALTAR SOCIETY

June 10 - 16 Elsie Smith & Committee
Linens (June 10) Vickie Reed

ACTIVITIES

Sat. & Sun., June 3 & 4 SECOND COLLECTION FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE TO OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC FOR PARISHIONERS WHO QUALIFY
Sun., June 4 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group Meeting
Wed., June 7 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. KC’s Membership Meeting

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, 12:00pm, 3:00pm & 4:00pm;
Saturday 11:00 am; 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00pm; Sunday, 3:00pm

VOCATIONAL CHALICE

Richard Lucito will be speaking at all Masses next weekend concerning the sign-up for the Vocational Chalice. Forms will be available on that weekend after the Masses for the sign-up. Forms will remain in the back of the Church for the next several weeks for those who miss the first sign-up. When filled at other times, please put in the collection basket. For more information, please contact Judi or Richard Lucito at 337-942-9496.

INVITATION

Monsignor W. Curtis Mallet invites you to attend his Mass of Thanksgiving when he celebrates his 25th Anniversary of priestly ordination on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Immaculata Chapel, (1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana), to be followed by a cake and punch reception in the Fusilier Auditorium. The Mass will be live-streamed in Fusilier Auditorium to accommodate additional seating.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK



MASSES

Sat., June 3 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Evelyn Comeaux, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Ralph Ortego, Alphan & Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot & Sandra Gay, Rene Fontenot & Scottie Artigue, Gene, Bea, Bill & William Bourdier, George Chauvin, William “Bill” Simien & Mary Deville, Howard Pitre, Lynwood Hidalgo, M/M Felix Hidalgo & Family, M/M Vincent Guidry & Family, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Lionel, Jeanita”Jane”, Missy & Charlie P. Joubert, Harris, Dorothy “Dot”, & Gretchen Lafleur

Sun., June 4 8:30 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courvelle, 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, Burnley, Edward & Aline Bordelon, Dennis & Pearl Fontenot, 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, Shawn Dejean, Theresa Briley, Dr. John V. Ferrazzano, John E. Bradley, Dete Angelle(B 5/30)

10:30 a.m. Morgan Adams, 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 Grimmitt, Allen Ardoin, Daniel Mansfield, Jackie Mills, Willis & Girlie Fontenot

5:15 p.m. Benjamin & Frances Richard, Claudette Richard, Benny Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice D. Guidry

Mon., June 5 5:15 p.m. Kirk Kirkpatrick(Anniversary of Death), Marcus Paul Fontenot,

Tues., June 6 7:00 a.m. Gladys Auguste & Family, Gerald D’Arensbourg, Florin Haydel

Wed., June 7 5:15 p.m. Irvin Deranger, Alvin Taylor, Morgan Adams(B), Neil Bertinot, Martha & Alphonse Clary, Dona & Johnny Clary, Woodrow, Carl & Lisa Deville, Hilda Montet

Thurs., June 8 7:00 a.m. Kirk Boudreaux

Fri., June 9 5:15 p.m. Dennis & Daniel Reed

Sat., June 10 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Evelyn Comeaux, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Ralph Ortego, Alphan & Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot & Sandra Gay, Louis R. LaBruyere, III, Thelma, Lacey & Randall Spell, Wilbur & Alice Reed, Anita Durio & Myrtle Gibson, Theresa Briley, Hilda Montet, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Richard Millsbaugh & Rena Millsbaugh

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5:15 p.m. M/M Lloyd Ardoin, Sr.

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.