

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

One of the great concerns I have heard over the years from fellow Catholics is this, "I don't know how to pray well," or "I wish I could meditate like the Saints did." A few months ago, I read somewhere, (I have forgotten where and the author) that meditation (prayer) can be defined like this, "any act habitually entered into with our whole heart as a way of awakening and maintaining a more interior awareness of the present moment." I believe that to be true. Here, I recall a weekday homily Deacon Collins preached about prayer, "Show up and shut up!" was the gist of the homily on prayer. Simply put, just the DESIRE to be open to God is beautiful prayer. Again, I am reminded what Archbishop Sheen once said when someone was concerned about the content of one's prayer, i.e., "Was it good enough?" Archbishop Sheen had a wonderful personal experience, "I knelt down and said a prayer of adoration, and then sat down to meditate and immediately went to sleep. I woke up exactly at the end of one hour. I said to the good Lord, 'Have I made a Holy Hour?' I thought His angel said, 'Well, that's the way the Apostles made their first Holy Hour in the garden -- asleep!'" I have always found consolation in Archbishop Sheen's experience. Lent is coming up. In fact, it is around the corner. Perhaps we could adopt as one of our penances more time to just show up before God and be quiet, resting in His presence. And even if we should doze off, God is just happy and delighted that we made a conscious decision to be with Him.

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

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Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen
Pastor



OC CORNER

OCS is happy to announce that our progress and compliance were complimented in the recent visit by a State Auditor and the Assistant Superintendent of Lafayette Diocesan Schools. They reviewed the progress of our writing grant that provided chrome books, carts, printers, and Activ boards for our ELA teachers in grades 4-12. Congratulations to 5th grader Mary Claire Braham for her "City-Wide First Place" award in the essay contest of the D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony! OC also takes pride in the nine high school students recently inducted into the National Honor Society: Madeline Aymond, Alex Castille, Lora Charles, Jordan Doucet, Noah LaBruyere, Morgan Nicholas, Avery Provost, Jesse Roy, and Katie Wagley.

HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

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. David Rozas; Monday: Rev. William Ruskoski; Tuesday: Rev. Michael Russo; Wednesday: Rev. Francois Sainte-Marie, MIC; Thursday: Rev. Garrett Savoie; Friday: Pope Francis; Saturday: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

NOTICE TO ALL SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINED INDIVIDUALS

Notice has been received that the Safe Environment recertification is now on line. All those who must recertify please do so now. If you have any problems, please call Deacon Collins at 337-781-7185.

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 first. Many thanks.

Please welcome Earlis and Kathleen Leday to the Parish.

EVENTS

OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH SPECIAL LENTEN ACTIVITY - SOUP, SALAD AND SERMON

Monsignor Keith, our Pastor, will provide a light supper of soup and salad, and then preach a short homily on The Ten Commandments, The Beatitudes and The Precepts of the Church to be held on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall: March 13th at 6:00 pm: The Ten Commandments; March 20th at 6:00 pm: The Beatitudes; and March 27th at 6:00 pm: The Precepts of the Church. Please feel free to attend.

BATON ROUGE EARLY VOCAL ENSEMBLE CONCERT (B.R.E.V.E.)

The Baton Rouge Early Vocal Ensemble Concert (B.R.E.V.E.) will be here at Our Lady Queen of Angels on Sunday afternoon of March 31st at 2:00 pm in the Church. The group will be singing with a chamber orchestra on a program of prayerful and appropriate music for the Lenten season. The performance is free and all are welcome. Please mark your calendars.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME/FATIMA/LONDON

In commemoration of his 30th anniversary of priesthood ordination, Fr. Michael Russo, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette, is leading a pilgrimage to Rome and Fatima on May 25th through June 5th, with an optional extension to London through June 8th. Brochures are available at the Fatima Church Office (337) 232-8945. There is only limited space available, so now is the time to make contact.

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR MARCH 2019

Feb. 24-Mar. 2, 2019- Lorraine Bertinot
Mar. 3-9, 2019- Keith & Bonita Bourque
Mar. 10-16, 2019- John & Laura Braham
Mar. 17-23, 2019- Charles Briley
Mar. 24-30, 2019- Jackie Caton
Mar. 31-April 6, 2019- Carl Pitre
Thank you for your commitment!



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SEMINARIANS

Cade LeBlanc & Matthew Pitre-Eunice
Michael Vidrine-Melville
Sean Fontenot & Luke Johnson-Ville Platte
Extra prayer cards can be found in the back of the Church

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection \$15,699.24
BSA \$221.00
Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship! "Everything we have and give comes from God." (Corinthians 29:11-17)

READERS

Sat., Mar. 2 4:00 p.m. J.P. Griffin
Sun., Mar. 3 8:30 a.m. James Doherty
10:30 a.m. Russell Jesclard
5:15 p.m. Lee Deranger

ALTAR SOCIETY

Mar. 2 - 8. Elsie Smith & Team
Linens (Mar. 2). Gail Phillips

ACTIVITIES

Sun., Feb. 24 3:30-5:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group Meeting in Parish Hall
Mon., Feb. 25 4:00-5:00 p.m. CCD Classes 1st-6th
5:30-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7th-11th
Tues., Feb. 26 5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting
6:30 p.m. 4th Degree Business Meeting
Wed., Feb. 27 6:45 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
Sun., Mar. 3 2:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Meeting @ Java Square
Mon., Mar. 4 No CCD Classes 1st-6th Mardi Gras Holiday
No CCD Classes 7th-11th Mardi Gras Holiday

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. Anyone wishing to attend the class MUST contact the Office to make an appointment with Deacon Bill Pollingue 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 adorers. 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, 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

THE PERFECT GIFT

When you want to give someone a special gift, consider giving an hour of prayer in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Body, blood, soul and divinity. Beautiful prayer intention cards are available in the Church Office. Cost \$1.00.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK



Store Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (337) 942-7060 (337) 942-3411 942 Crosswell Lane Ocean Springs, LA 70570

MASSES

Sat., Feb. 23 4:00 p.m. Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Alvin Taylor, Ernest and Janel Duplechin, Charles and Mercedes Going Family, William and Dorothy Hatch Family, Father Joseph Deluca, Harold and Elvina Venable, Nazel Fontenot, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Lynwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr. and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry and Family, Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Peyton J. Cornette and Cyril Diesi, Lawrence and Barbara Wiltz, Jacqueline James, Lois Robert, Amelie Brou D'Arensbourg (Birthday), Special Intention, David Diesi, Wilson Mouton, Viola L. Mello
Sun., Feb. 24 8:30 a.m. Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Norma Cortez, Joyce and Huey Bourque, Debra Basile, Ronald Fontenot, Irvin Deranger, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Gene, Bea, Bill and William Bourdier, Tom and Georgiana Bellow, T.D., Dolores, Dewey and Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianna, Judy, Roy and Velton, Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean and Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Kady-Soileau Families, Wyble-Elder Families, Broussard-Leday Families, Hunt-Arceneaux Families
10:30 a.m. Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff, Greg and Rick Durio, Don and Cathy Chachere Family, Calvin Matthew Kennedy, Cecily Soileau, Cecile and Lennie LeBlanc, Allie and Herbert Soileau, Morgan Adams, Mary Gayle Fontenot
5:15 p.m. John Mengarelli, Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry
Mon., Feb. 25 5:15 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
Tues., Feb. 26 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger
Wed., Feb. 27 5:15 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
Thurs., Feb. 28 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
Fri., Mar. 1 5:15 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
Sat., Mar. 2 4:00 p.m. Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Harold Stout, Joseph and Thelma Richard, Alexis and Elodie Richard, Ernest and Janel Duplechin, John Cass Lemoine, Jr., Harold and Elvina Venable, Rose Huguet, Nazel Fontenot, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Maggie Richard, Rene Fontenot, Scotty Artigue, Frank Macip (Anniversary of Death), Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Peyton J. Cornette and Cyril Diesi, Leger and Comeaux Families, Viola L. Mello, Jacqueline James, Lois Robert
Sun., Mar. 3 8:30 a.m. Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Norma Cortez, Leopold A. Castille (Anniversary of Death), Joyce and Huey Bourque, Debra Basile, Ronald Fusilier, Irvin Deranger, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Dr. John Ferrazzano, T.D. Dolores, Dewey and Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianna, Judy, Roy and Velton, Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine (Anniversary of Death), Bertrand, Jean and Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield
10:30 a.m. Ben and Pat Crosby, Moise and Amy Courville, James Soileau, Jamie Gibson, Calvin Matthew Kennedy, Cecily Soileau, Cecile and Lennie LeBlanc, Allie and Herbert Soileau, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff, Greg and Rick Durio, Don and Cathy Chachere Family, Morgan Adams, Mary Gayle Fontenot, Special Intentions
5:15 p.m. John Mengarelli, Sylvia Richard, James Bellard & Family, Walter Ancelet and Family, Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry

USHERS NEEDED

There is an urgent need for ushers at all Masses, but especially at the Sunday 5:15pm Mass. Please consider ministering in this fashion. Please contact Chris Marshal at 692-0838, Darrell Zerangue at 351-3784, or you can offer your assistance to the regular ushers at any of the Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

From now on, we will not accept Mass Intentions over the phone. The likelihood of error is too great and we don't want the intentions printed incorrectly. Mass Intentions remain at \$5.00 a Mass.

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.