

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Wednesday of this week, Ash Wednesday, begins the holy season of Lent. For forty days we enter into the desert with our Blessed Lord. We go there to imitate Him in prayer, fasting and works of charity. By following Him in the desert, by carrying the cross, we will also imitate Him in resurrection to new and everlasting life.

Charity, helping those in need, is one of the central missions for each of us as individuals and as a Diocese. Charity is so important that Our Lord makes it a condition to enter heaven. "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was naked and you clothed me, a stranger and you made me feel welcomed." (Matthew 25).

Our Catholic Charities of Acadiana gives us the opportunity to fulfill the command of the Lord to care for the needs of others. Just last year, Catholic Charities of Acadiana provided 585 people with the safety of shelter, shared 94,000 meals with those experiencing hunger, and provided for the basic needs for 411 people experiencing homelessness with 4,000 showers and by washing 1,759 loads of laundry. Catholic Charities of Acadiana also utilized more than \$120,000 in preventing households from experiencing homelessness and an additional \$627,000 in rebuilding and repairing homes impacted by the 2016 floods.

So many have been helped by Catholic Charities of Acadiana. There is more that can be done. I am asking every parish and mission in the Diocese of Lafayette to begin the season of Lent by taking up a collection at all Ash Wednesday Masses. I ask that you help donate to Catholic Charities whatever you can. The amount you give is between you and God. We in Acadiana are by nature generous people and seek to help those in need. Please help as we serve Christ by helping others.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop of Lafayette

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OC CORNER
OCS takes great pride in the team of 8th graders - Gabe Reed, Nolan Fourrier and Rhett Duhon who competed in the Regional Science Fair and placed FIRST in Chemical Energy and SECOND OVERALL in the Junior Division! They were also nominated for Broadcom Masters. We wish them the best as they prepare for state competition!
Online enrollment opened on February 11. Current students are asked to enroll prior to March 7. New student applications are still being accepted. Anyone interested in more information about OCS can visit the school website (www.OCSvikings.com), check out the OCS Facebook page, or contact Admissions Director Joanne Briley at 337-942-5404 ext. 109. You will be welcomed into the OCS family! Classes will resume on Thursday of this week after the Mardi Gras break.

HOLY FATHER'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION
That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

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: Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel; Monday: Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell; Tuesday: Rev. William Schambough; Wednesday: Rev. Gary Schexnayder; Thursday: Rev. Paul Schott, SJ; Friday: Rev. Andrew Schumacher; Saturday: Rev. Clinton Sensat.

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.

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.
ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CELEBRATION – MARCH 17TH
On March 17, the "Tupa Tupa" traditional meal will be held after the **11:00 am** Mass in **Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall**. Lunch will be served. As part of the St. Joseph Altar Celebration, memorial candles will go on sale Monday, February 4th – Thursday, March 14th. Candles will be available in the following colors: Green, Red, and White at a cost of \$5.00 each. These candles can be obtained in Memory of a Loved One or Special Intention. Please see Mary Gautreaux, Ruthie Guidry or Cindy Noel if you have any questions.
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, **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.

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR MARCH 2019
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 \$12,144.45
BSA \$1,063.00
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. 9 4:00 p.m. Buster LeBlanc
Sun., Mar. 10 8:30 a.m. Charles Cravins
10:30 a.m. Lessley Fontenot
5:15 p.m. Lee Deranger

ALTAR SOCIETY
Mar. 9 - 15 Verona Courville & Team
Linens (Mar. 9) Vickie Reed

ACTIVITIES
Sun., Mar. 3 Second Collection for Tuition Assistance to Opelousas Catholic
8:30 a.m. Coffee and Donuts after Mass
3:30-5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group Meeting in Parish Hall
Mon., Mar. 4 Parish Office Closed
No CCD Classes 1st-6th Mardi Gras Holiday
No CCD Classes 7th-11th Mardi Gras Holiday
Tues., Mar. 5 Parish Office Closed
Wed., Mar. 6 Special Collection for Catholic Charities of Acadiana at all Ash Wednesday Masses
7:00 a.m. Mass for Ash Wednesday
12:05 p.m. Mass for Ash Wednesday
2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
5:15 p.m. Mass for Ash Wednesday
Fri., Mar. 8 4:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary of The Seven Sorrows of Mary
The Way of the Cross (Immediately following 5:15 Mass)

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, 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

Opelousas Pharmacy & Ash-Ca-Nat's Gifts & Boutique
517 E. Prudhomme St., Opelousas • (337) 942-7551
DME Retail
7591 I-49 S. Service Rd., Opelousas • (337) 942-8911
Lafayette Pharmacy and DME
333 Heymann Blvd., Lafayette • (337) 266-4621

MASSES
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, 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., Marcianne, Judy, Roy and Velton, Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine (Anniversary of Death), Bertrand, Jean, Hilton and Sylvia Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Wayne Guillory (Anniversary of Death), Linda Brown

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, Calvin M. Kennedy,
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
Mon., Mar. 4 5:15 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
Tues., Mar. 5 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Marcus Paul Fontenot
Wed., Mar. 6 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
12:05 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
5:15 p.m. Rose Huguet, Mildred Benoit, Fontenot and

Stelly Families, Neil Bertinot, Gladys and Tony Bertinot, Martha and Alphonse Clary, Johnny and Dona Clary
Thurs., Mar. 7 7:00 a.m. Glenn Macip (Anniversary of Death), Ronnie Ardoin
Fri., Mar. 8 5:15 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
Sat., Mar. 9 4:00 p.m. Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Ernest and Janel Duplechin, Harold and Elvina Venable, Rose Huguet, Nazel Fontenot (Birthday), Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Anita Thomas, Lynwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr. and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry and Family, Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Peyton Cornette, Cyril Diesi, Viola L. Mello, Jacqueline James, Lois Robert, Jean Alleman and Family, Emeline Burleigh, Wilbur Reed, Harold Morris
Sun., Mar. 10 8:30 a.m. Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Joyce and Huey Bourque, Norma Cortez, Debra Basile, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Tom and Georgiana Bellow, Dennis and Daniel Reed, Darmas Daigle Family, Sarah Jarrell, Ronald Fusilier, Wilbur Reed, Jr.
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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.