

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Henri Nouwen was a priest of great spiritual insight. He was an author of many books and reflections. He died suddenly on 21 September 1996 at the age of 64. Below is a reflection he wrote and I think it is very beautiful.

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



Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen
Pastor

All is Clothed in Divine Light

"God exists, and the meaning of all that I am depends totally on that knowledge. I wonder constantly if I am genuinely allowing my life to be determined by that truth. Maybe part of my reason for hesitating to embrace this truth fully is that it challenges me to give up all control over my life and to let God be God, my God, the God of my neighbor, and the God of all creation. But I also realize that as long as I do not 'do' this, my life is an illusion and most of my energy is spoiled in trying to keep that illusion going.

Does all this mean that my thoughts, plans, projects, and ideas no longer matter? That conclusion has been drawn by people who used the spiritual life as a way to manipulate others and that conclusion has led, sadly enough, to false views on asceticism, obedience, surrender, to God's will, and certain forms of self-denial. The converted person does not say that nothing matters anymore, but that everything that is happens in God and that he is the dwelling place where we come to know the true order of things. Instead of saying: 'Nothing matters anymore, since I know that God exists,' the converted person says: 'All is now clothed in divine light and therefore nothing can be unimportant.'"

-Henri Nouwen

OC CORNER

Opelousas Catholic thanks all who made Catholic Schools Week so special ... serving the community through showering the Desormeaux Foundation with baby items to honoring vocations and our nation with a school wide "walking rosary" and more. What a spirit-filled week!

OC appreciates family and friends who prayed for our seniors who attended the National Right-to-Life March in Washington, DC while others participated in local pro-life activities. OC also held an "All-Day Pro-Life Rosary" in the school's prayer garden where classes came in one after the other to pray. It was beautiful!

Registration for current and approved new students will begin on Monday, Feb. 10. There are limited openings in kindergarten and first grade. If parents of potential NEW students have not yet completed the online application for admission, please do so now by going to the OCS website (www.OCSvikings.com).

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. Robert Courville, Monday: Rev. Angelo Cremaldi; Tuesday: Rev. Barry Crochet; Wednesday: Rev. Francis Damoah, SVD; Thursday: Rev. Hampton Davis; Friday: Rev. Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc; Saturday: Rev. Michael DeBlanc.

HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

PARISHONERS IN MILITARY

We recently received word that one of our parishioners, Rees Arceneaux, will begin basic training in the armed forces. Please keep him and all military personnel in your prayers.

EVENTS

COME MARINATE IN THE WORD!

100 hours for 100 years and 300 lectors for 300 years! The *Jubilee of the Word Marathon* is a unique way to celebrate the Centennial of Holy Ghost Catholic Church and the Tricentennial of the City of Opelousas! Beginning on Ash Wednesday February 26 at 12:30 PM the Bible will be read publicly cover to cover without pause in front of Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas. The Marathon will conclude on the First Sunday of Lent, March 1 at 4:30 PM. On Ash Wednesday Bishop Michael Jarrell, Opelousas native, will begin reading from the first chapters of Genesis at 12:30 pm and Bishop Douglas Deshotel will read at 4:30 pm. 300 lectors will be needed for 20-minute intervals. Lectors from churches from throughout Acadiana and others interested in reading are encouraged to sign up for a reading slot during the Marathon. All are encouraged to come listen and *Marinate* in the Word! Come and participate in a joint birthday celebration for Opelousas and Holy Ghost. For more information or to register as a lector, please contact Holy Ghost Catholic Church at (337) 942-2732. More information is available at www.hgcatholic.org and Fete-Dieu du Teche on Facebook.

HOLY GHOST CHURCH CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

As part of their centennial celebration, Holy Ghost Catholic Church will be taking a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on May 11-20, 2020. Rev. Lambert Lein, SVD will be the Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage. They still have availability for any interested individuals who would like to attend. For more information, please contact Fr. Lein at 337-942-2732 or Magnificat Travel at 337-291-1933.

EDUCATION & COMMITMENT WEEKEND, February 15th and 16th

† The 2020 Bishop's Services Appeal theme is Carrying the Light of Faith. It is also the 150th Anniversary year of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. Like St. Joseph, we are summoned to action to be hands of service and voices of hope, guided by hearts of loyal devotion. We are called to share our gifts with others because each of us has encountered Jesus on the road to the Father's house. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Bishop's Services Appeal.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection \$15,962.60
Collection for OC \$1,088.00

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

READERS

Feb. 15 4:00 p.m. J.L. Phillips
Feb. 16 8:30 a.m. Bruce and Bernadette Gaudin
10:30 a.m. Josie Prudhomme
5:15 p.m. Lee Deranger

ALTAR SOCIETY

Feb. 15 - 21 Anna Pitre & Team
Linens (Feb. 15) JoAnn Barron

ACTIVITIES

Mon., Feb. 10 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. CCD Classes 1st-6th
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7th-11th
Tues., Feb. 11 5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting in Parish Office
Wed., Feb. 12 2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass

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 adorer. Please call Claire Robichaux at 337-351-4674 if you are able to sign up for an a.m. hour or Kitty Wyble at 337-247-0382 if you are able to sign up for a p.m. hour. The Adoration Chapel committee thanks you in advance.

Sunday:
a.m. – 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 p.m. – 12:00

Monday:
a.m. – 6:00, 9:00, 11:00

Tuesday:
a.m. – 6:00, 7:00 p.m. – 12:00, 5:00

Wednesday:
a.m. – 7:00, 8:00 p.m. – 1:00

Thursday:
a.m. – 7:00, 9:00, 10:00 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. – 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 p.m. – 1:00, 4:00, 5:00

THE WEDNESDAY 7:00 A.M. HOUR PRESENTLY HAS NO ADORER. YOUR CONSIDERATION IN BECOMING AN ADORER AT THIS TIME IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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.

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MASSES

Sat., Feb. 8 4:00 p.m. Allen Ardoin (Birthday), Lee Andrepoint, Albert Speyrer and Amos Ledoux, Charles F. Going Family, William Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph Deluca, Charles, Yolande (Birthday), and Angele Carroll, Henry David, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Glenn, Dudley, Thelma and Lisa Macip, E. F. D'Arensbourg (Birthday), Andrew Dartez, Timmy Briley, Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Jacqueline James

Sun., Feb. 9 8:30 a.m. Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Ashton Bellard, Attaway & Elsie Deville and Family, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean, and Hilton Auzenne, Mr. And Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. And Mrs. James J. Hunt and Family, Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Jude David Cortez, Wilfred and Genevieve Cortez, Anna and Claude Soileau, Alduse and Willie Mae Dohman, Bryan Ortego, Darold Thibodeaux and Family, Mr. And Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux and Family, Mr. And Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Family, Joshua Peck, Jesse and Annie Leger, Jesse Leger, Jr., Frank and Marguerite Miller and Family, Lee Singleton, Sr., Sarah Jarrell, Alison King (Anniversary of Death), Dr. Merrick Wyble, Angele and Alphonse Wyble, Irene and Abram Lafleur, Jules Olivier, Owen McEvoy, T. D., Delores, Dewey and Charmaine Auzenne, Velton, Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy, and Velton, Jr. Lemelle, Delores Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Hunt, Sr. and Family, Nell Ortego

10:30 a.m. Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families, Harold and Mary Dupre, Cecily Soileau, Cecile and Lennie LeBlanc, Allie and Herbert Soileau, Ira Tate, Sr., Calvin Mathew Kennedy, Anna Lee Dunbar, Gene, Bea and William Bourdier, Agnes Porche, Rena Millspaugh

5:15 p.m. Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry, Maria Bui Nguyen Thi Bien, Francis Xavier Bui Quang Vo, Peter Nguyen Van Minh, Maria Nguyen Thi Sam, Peter Nguyen Van Vinh, Joseph Nguyen Van Sinh, John B. Mengarelli

Mon., Feb. 10 5:15 p.m. Chiz Fontenot Smith, Albert Hollier
Tues., Feb. 11 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Wed., Feb. 12 5:15 p.m. Raymond Couvillion, Lucille Mouton, Dennis B. Stevenson (Birthday), John G. Fontenot

Thurs., Feb. 13 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Fri., Feb. 14 5:15 p.m. Frederick J. Provost, Bryan Ortego, Bobbie Mouton, Nell Ortego

Sat., Feb. 15 4:00 p.m. Amelie Brou D'Arensbourg (Birthday), Bob A. Auzenne and Family, Timmy Briley, Albert Speyrer and Amos Ledoux, Charles F. Going Family, William Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph Deluca, Voorhies Brown, Harold Stout, Wilbur and Alice Reed, Wilbur V. Reed, Jr., Anita Durio and Myrtle Gibson, Glenn, Dudley, Thelma and Lisa Macip, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Lee Andrepoint, Lynwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr. & Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry & Family, Ray Rideau, Jr., Deborah Ann Bertinot, Ellenor Graphia

Sun., Feb. 16 8:30 a.m. Dr. Merrick Wyble, Angele and Alphonse Wyble, Irene and Abram Lafleur, Jules Olivier, Owen McEvoy, Joshua Peck, Jesse and Annie Leger, Jesse Leger, Jr., Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Ashton Bellard, Tom and Georgiana Bellow, Gertie Soileau, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. And Mrs. James J. Hunt and Family, Attaway & Elsie Deville and Family, Bryan Ortego, Darold Thibodeaux and Family, Mr. And Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux and Family, Mr. And Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Family, Sarah Jarrell, Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Jude David Cortez, Wilfred and Genevieve Cortez, Anna and Claude Soileau, Alduse and Willie Mae Dohman

10:30 a.m. Cecily Soileau, Cecile and Lennie LeBlanc, Allie and Herbert Soileau, Patty Dejean, Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families, Anna Lee Dunbar, Calvin Mathew Kennedy, Ira Tate, Sr., Frank and Marguerite Miller and Family, Marie and Pappy Richard, Lorin Marie Richard Thomasson, Harold and Mary Dupre, Nell Ortego, Msg. Paul Metrejean - Our Beloved Priest, Donald & Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex & Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff, Greg & Rick Durio, Don & Cathy Chachere Family, Gregory Wade Fontenot, Steve Ronald Fontenot, Robert "Bob" Fontenot

5:15 p.m. Kermit and Rose Couvillion, Maria Bui Nguyen Thi Bien, Francis Xavier Bui Quang Vo, Peter Nguyen Van Minh, Maria Nguyen Thi Sam, Peter Nguyen Van Vinh, Joseph Nguyen Van Sinh, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry, Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, John B. Mengarelli

AA MEETINGS

We are now having AA meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at noon in the Parish Hall.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SEMINARIANS

Michael Vidrine-Melville/Palmetto
Trey Fontenot -Ville Platte
Extra prayer cards can be found in the back of the Church

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Feb. 9-15, 2020-- James & Charlotte Soileau
Feb. 16-22, 2020-- Ann & Gabe Speyrer
Feb. 23-28, 2020-- Kenneth & Brenda Stephens
Thank you for your commitment!

