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BISHOP'S SERVICE APPEAL 2020: "CARRYING THE LIGHT OF FAITH"

Hello. This is your Bishop, Douglas Deshotel, with some thoughts I want to share about an important endeavor that we undertake each year together and its connection in 2020 to our dear St. Joseph. It is my joy to speak with you as I oversee the ministry of the Bishop's Services Appeal, also known as the BSA.

In the Diocese of Lafayette, we honor those who've shaped our legacy—from the pioneer faithful who established the Church in Acadiana to the saints whose special days we commemorate. In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared the simple village carpenter Joseph as patron and protector of the Universal Church. This year, we celebrate Joseph's protective care and we observe the one-hundred-fiftieth anniversary of that proclamation.

Each time Joseph held the child Jesus, taught Him or guided Him, Joseph was carefully Carrying the Light of Faith—our theme for this year's Bishop's Services Appeal. As Catholics inspired by the image of St. Joseph's devotion to his family, we take his loving model as our own to also Carry the Light of Faith. Stirred by St. Joseph's example, we extend compassion, understanding and love to others. We set aside our own concerns and selflessly seek out those in need.

We are called as a Universal Church to serve and to give generously to sustain works of mercy and grace. Please embrace the opportunity through our annual appeal to take the needs of others into your hearts, even as St. Joseph took the Holy Family into his home.

Needs are great in our diocese, and ministry opportunities are many. Your gifts to the BSA support works of focused evangelization, compassion for the grieving, and service to homeless families. BSA contributions ensure the formation of a new generation of lay leaders, formation for our future priests, and loving care for our Silver Shepherds.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship of God's blessings. When you purposefully support efforts like the BSA, you affirm that the collective gifts of many faithful parishioners can accomplish much. I celebrate your generosity and rejoice in the light that you are to others.

Pope Pius called St. Joseph "the guardian of God's choicest treasure." Please invest your treasure in support of the 2020 Bishop's Services Appeal.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you in every way.

OC CORNER

Registration for 2020-2021 has begun for current and approved new students. We remind everyone that 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).

As a lesson in the Louisiana Mardi Gras traditions, the OC French classes will present a special "Courir de Mardi Gras" on Friday morning at school.

Congratulations to some special individuals who were honored at our Catholic Schools Week mass: Steven J. Dupuis, Jr., NCEA Distinguished Graduate; Robert and Stephanie Roy, Supporters of the Year; Jessica Fontenot, Elementary Teacher of the Year; and Marilyn Lavezzorio, High School Teacher of the Year. Opelousas Catholic is blessed by an outstanding family of alumni, parents, staff, students and friends!

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. Edward Degeyter, Monday: Rev. Michael Delcambre; Tuesday: Rev. Mark Derise; Wednesday: Rev. Msgr. Keith DeRouen; Thursday: Rev. Ferdinand Derrera, SJ; Friday: Rev. Kenneth Domingue; Saturday: Rev. Dustin Dought.

HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

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

FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND, February 22nd and 23rd

†The Mission of the Diocese of Lafayette involves the total restoration of humanity, the salvation of the whole person. Our response to this mission finds expression in the programs, ministries, and services supported by the Bishop's Services Appeal. The charity of God urges us, encourages us, and impels us to seek the needs of others, rather than self: This is the purpose of the Bishop's Services Appeal. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Bishop's Services Appeal.

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.

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House is having A DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN focused on "Lent: Fasting, Almsgiving, Prayer" presented by Fr. Lou McCabe, S.J. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with Mass at 2:15 p.m. To register, please complete a reservation form and mail it in with the \$25.00 fee. Visit www.ourladyoftheoaks.com and click on "retreats" to print a form. For more information, please contact Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau at 337-662-5410.

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.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection . . . . . \$12,676.28
Collection for OC . . . . . \$60.00
BSA . . . . . \$1,117.00

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

READERS

Feb. 22 . . . . . 4:00 p.m. J.P. Griffin
Feb. 23 . . . . . 8:30 a.m. Michael Ortego
10:30 a.m. Iggie Castille
5:15 p.m. Wilda Marks

ALTAR SOCIETY

Feb. 22 - 28 . . . . . Vickie Reed & Team
Linens (Feb. 22) . . . . . Valerie Chachere

ACTIVITIES

Mon., Feb. 17 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. CCD Classes 1st-6th
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7th-11th
Tues., Feb. 18 . . . . . 5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting in Parish Office
Wed., Feb. 19 . . . . . 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, 1:00
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. - 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 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

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MASSES

Sat., Feb. 15 . . . . . 4:00 p.m. Voorhies Brown, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Amelie Brou D'Arensbourg (Birthday), Ray Rideau, Jr., Lee Andrepont, Jacqueline James, Jessie Richard (Get Well), Wilbur and Alice Reed, Wilbur V. Reed, Jr., Anita Durio and Myrtle Gibson, Bob A. Auzenne and Family, Harold Stout, Charles F. Going Family, William Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph Deluca, Albert Speyrer and Amos Ledoux, Glenn, Dudley, Thelma and Lisa Macip, Timmy Briley, Lynwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr. and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry and Family, 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, Tom and Georgiana Bellow, Gertie Soileau, Bryan Ortego, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James J. Hunt Families, Joshua Peck, Jesse and Annie Leger, Jesse Leger, Jr., Sarah Jarrell, Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Jude David Cortez, Wilfred and Genevieve Cortez, Anna and Claude Soileau, Alduse and Willie Mae Dohman, Attaway and Elsie Deville and Family, Darold Thibodeaux and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Family, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Ashton Bellard

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

5:15 p.m. John B. Mengarelli, Kermit and Rose Couvillion, 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

Mon., Feb. 17 . . . . . 5:15 p.m. Albert Hollier
Tues., Feb. 18 . . . . . 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Sylvan Soileau (Anniversary of Death)

Wed., Feb. 19 . . . . . 5:15 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Going, Sr. Families, 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
Thurs., Feb. 20 . . . . . 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
Fri., Feb. 21 . . . . . 5:15 p.m. Sarah Jarrell (Birthday)

Sat., Feb. 22 . . . . . 4:00 p.m. Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Jackie Bordelon, Timmy Briley, Lee Andrepont, Novella Taylor, Albert Speyrer and Amos Ledoux, D'Arensbourg Family (Special Intention), Family of Charles F. Going, Family of William Hatch, Fr. Joseph Deluca, Glenn, Dudley, Thelma and Lisa Macip, Jacqueline James, Alvin Taylor, Frank and Marguerite Miller and Family

Sun., Feb. 23 . . . . . 8:30 a.m. Dr. Merrick Wyble, Angele and Alphonse Wyble, Irene and Abram Lafleur, Jules Olivier, Owen McEvoy, Voorhies Brown, Lee Singleton, Sr., Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Ashton Bellard, Wilbur and Alice Reed, Wilbur V. Reed, Jr., Anita Durio and Myrtle Gibson, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean, and Hilton Auzenne, T. D., Delores, Dewey and Charmaine Auzenne, Sarah Jarrell, Harold Stout, Velton, Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy, and Velton, Jr. Lemelle, Bryan Ortego, Attaway and Elsie Deville and Family, Delores Mayfield, 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.

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

