

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

In just a few short days, we will begin the beautiful season of Lent. I encourage you to take advantage of God's grace ready to be given in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Mass) and Confession. On the Fridays in Lent, we will have added devotions: the Sorrowful Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 4:30 p.m. before Mass and the Way of the Cross after Mass. On three Wednesdays (11, 18, 25 March) at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, I will offer reflections on St. Therese's Little Way. On Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m., the Rosary is prayed for an increase in respect for life, especially for the unborn by Jerri Miller who, with John, are our co-chairs for the Right to Life Committee for the Parish. This year, to commemorate their 100 years, Holy Ghost Catholic Church is sponsoring a public reading of the Bible from cover to cover beginning on Ash Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. (Please note, Fr. Lambert told me ashes will be distributed only during Mass as the Church asks. Ashes will not be distributed during the reading of the Bible).

I hope you will enjoy the "Little Black Books" that, if you are a registered Parishioner and in our census, you should have received already. If not, the books are on the way. Permit me to suggest a penance – try to come to daily Mass. It is always so beautiful to see that happening, especially those of you who are couples. There are married couples who regularly are at the morning Masses during the week and that is so beautiful to see.

Have a safe and fun Mardi Gras if you are into it. Hope to see a Church full at our three Ash Wednesday Masses.

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



Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen
Pastor

OC CORNER

The OCS Advancement Office thanks everyone who supported the "Roaring into the 20s" Dinner, Auction and Music event ... all dinner supporters, event sponsors, table sponsors, and auction contributors along with those who attended this fun and successful evening!

OCS students and staff will enjoy a break for Mardi Gras from Monday through Wednesday, and classes will resume on Thursday.

If you have not yet registered for the 2020-2021 school year, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Current and approved new students have started the process, and classes are filling up. We remind parents of potential NEW students to first complete the online application for admission 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. Gregory Downs, Monday: Rev. Blake Dubroc; Tuesday: Rev. Wayne Duet; Wednesday: Rev. Willard Dugas; Thursday: Rev. Edward Duhon; Friday: Rev. Jacob DuMont, LC; Saturday: Rev. Nicholas Dupre.

HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

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

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Please remember to check your schedules. If you cannot serve, please find a replacement.

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.

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 \$14,687.05
BSA \$595.00

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

READERS

Feb. 26 7:00 a.m. Claire Hollier
12:05 p.m. Charles Cravins
5:15 p.m. Wilda Marks
Feb. 29 4:00 p.m. Buster LeBlanc
Mar. 1 8:30 a.m. James Doherty
10:30 a.m. Russell Jesclard
5:15 p.m. Allison Dunbar

ALTAR SOCIETY

Feb. 29 - Mar. 6 Peggy Crow & Team
Linens (Feb. 29) Flo Pierrotte

ACTIVITIES

Mon., Feb. 24 No CCD Classes 1st-6th
Tues., Feb. 25 Parish Office Closed
Wed., Feb. 26 7:00 a.m. Mass for Ash Wednesday
12:05 p.m. Mass for Ash Wednesday
2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
Call 351-4674 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
5:15 p.m. Mass for Ash Wednesday
Fri., Feb. 28 4:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary
5:15 p.m. Mass
5:45 p.m. The Way of the Cross
Sat., Feb. 29 7:30 a.m. Confirmation Retreat
Sat. & Sun., Mar. 1 & 2 Additional Collection for Black and Indian Missions

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 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 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

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK



1604 Kerr St., Suite 106
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MASSES

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

Sun., Feb. 23 8:30 a.m. T. D., Delores, Dewey & Charmaine Auzenne, Velton, Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy, & Velton, Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean, & Hilton Auzenne, Voorhies Brown, Bryan Ortego, Darold Thibodeaux & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Rivers Lavergne & Family, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin & Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Ashton Bellard, Lee Singleton, Sr., Sarah Jarrell, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger, Jesse Leger, Jr., Delores Mayfield, Attaway & Elsie Deville & Family, Harold Stout, Dr. Merrick Wyble, Angele & Alphonse Wyble, Irene & Abram Lafleur, Jules Olivier, Owen McEvoy, Wilbur & Alice Reed, Wilbur V. Reed, Jr., Anita Durio & Myrtle Gibson, Bobbie Mouton, David Diesi, Wilson Mouton

10:30 a.m. Ira Tate, Sr., Gerrit Paul Ryder & the Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, Anna Lee Dunbar, Cecily Soileau, Cecile & Lennie LeBlanc, Allie & Herbert Soileau, Calvin Mathew Kennedy, Msgr. Joseph Guy Lemoine, Octave Pavy, Harold & Mary Dupre

5:15 p.m. John B. Mengarelli, Benjamin & Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee & 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. 24 5:15 p.m. Albert Hollier
Tues., Feb. 25 7:00 a.m. Steven Matt, Louise H. Leger
Wed., Feb. 26 7:00 a.m. William Jarrell, Jr.

12:05 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
5:15 p.m. Neil Bertinot, Gladys and Anthony Bertinot,

Martha and Alphonse Clary, Johnny and Dona Clary
Thurs., Feb. 27 7:00 a.m. William Jarrell, Jr.

Fri., Feb. 28 5:15 p.m. Dennis and Daniel Reed, Wilbur Reed, Jr.
Sat., Feb. 29 4:00 p.m. Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Frankie Frederick, Glenn, Dudley, Thelma & Lisa Macip, Charles F. Going Family, William Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph Deluca, Lee Andrepont, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Bob A. Auzenne and Family, Timmy Briley, Paul Oran Spell, Jacqueline James

Sun., Mar. 1 8:30 a.m. Bryan Ortego, Dr. Merrick Wyble, Angele & Alphonse Wyble, Irene & Abram Lafleur, Jules Olivier, Owen McEvoy, Attaway & Elsie Deville & Family, Tom & Georgiana Bellow, Gertie Soileau, Sarah Jarrell, Frank and Marguerite Miller & Family, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin & Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Ashton Bellard, Darold Thibodeaux & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Rivers Lavergne & Family

10:30 a.m. Msgr. Paul Metrejean, Eddie & Mary Aline Miller Richard, Dr. Scott Sibille, Calvin Mathew Kennedy, Cecily Soileau, Cecile & Lennie LeBlanc, Allie & Herbert Soileau, Anna Lee Dunbar, Donald & Sylvia Chachere, Donald & Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex & Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff, Greg & Rick Durio, Don & Cathy Chachere Family, Gerrit Paul Ryder & the Ryder & Quebedeaux Families

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

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 MARCH 2020

Feb. 23-28, 2020-- Kenneth & Brenda Stephens
Mar. 1-7, 2020-- Rickey & Dana Tardiff
Mar. 8-14, 2020-- Laney & Joe Wiltz
Mar. 15-21, 2020-- Darryl & Liz Zerangue
Mar. 22-28, 2020-- Georgia Stoute
Mar. 29-April 4, 2020-- Richard & Amy Gainnie
Thank you for your commitment!



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.