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#### MASSES

Saturday Anticipated: 4:00pm Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:15pm Monday/Friday: 7:00am Holy Day Vigil: 5:15pm Holy Day Masses: 7:00am, 12:05pm, 5:15pm

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1pm - 4pm Tuesday ~ Thursday: 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm Friday: Closed

#### CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Confession is available from 2:45pm to 3:45pm on Saturday and 1/2 hour before all Sunday & Weekday Masses.

#### BAPTISMS

Registration for Baptismal Class is to be made at the Parish Office, preferrable before birth of the child.

#### MARRIAGES

Couples are asked to make arrangements with the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

We ask you to introduce yourselves & to register at the Parish Office at your earliest convenience.

#### PARISH STAFF

Joan Sims, Secretary Paulette Bussey, Bookkeeper Gordon Ryder, Maintenance John Ray Perkins, Maintenance

#### THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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#### **Dear Padre** October 22, 2023

Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn't be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws. Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1–7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn't the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one's actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation.

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#### **OC CORNER**

Opelousas Catholic gives thanks to the many grandparents who attended the recent Grandparents' Day for grades PreK-4 and to the many alumni and families who participated in last week's Homecoming festivities. We are blessed! The Grandparents' Day for grades 5-12 is set for November 30 with a Mass. More information is coming!

OC takes pride in the following students who were named "Vikings of the Month of September": Lauren St. Cyr and Jacob Goulas, grade 12; Bella Ellis and Britin Picard, grade 8; and Mali Zerangue and Harper McCauley, grade 5.

A Library Club/Yearbook Blanket Sale kicks off on Monday. Your support is appreciated!

#### 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. Paul Onuegbe; Monday: Rev. Anthony Ostini, SJ; Tuesday: Rev. Arockia Doss Palthasar, HGN Wednesday: Rev. Paul Patin, SJ; Thursday: Rev. John Paul, SJ; Friday: Rev. John Payne, SJ; Saturday: Rev. Lt. JG Rene Pellessier.

#### HOLY FATHER'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION

For the Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialog as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Parents of this parish who wish to have their children baptized should contact Deacon Bill Pollingue at the church office at 337-942-5628 to make an appointment.

#### PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

#### **ACADIANA VETERANS HONOR GUARD**

The Acadiana Veterans Honor Guard is seeking retired and military Veterans to join our organization helping us to honor any deceased Veterans. You will need to provide a DD 214 for verification. You will be issued a uniform & training and are required to stand at attention or at ease for about 10-15 minutes and be able to carry a rifle that weighs 9.6 pounds. For more information please call 337-873-1526 or email at avhg@avhonorguard.com or visit our web page at avhonorguard.com. We welcome all to our mission honoring our Veterans.

#### **RED BIRD MINISTRY GREIVING DAD'S RETREAT**

All men who have experienced any form of child loss (miscarriage still birth, or the loss of an infant, child, adolescent or adult child) are invited to a weekend retreat December 1-3 at the Theriot House in Theriot, LA Register now at redbird.love/dadsretreat

#### **PRO LIFE QUOTE**

"Abortion doctors confirm the reality of babies born alive after abortion and left to be. You don't have to be pro-life to know this is barbaric, you just have to be human.'



#### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates are Jan. 26-28, 2024; April 26-28, 2024; Sept.13-15, 2024. For cost of weekend, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or contact Tom & **Geraldine Rizzuto** at (337)984-7954.

#### REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SEMINARIANS

Tré Fontenot - Ville Platte Brother Andre Marie (Michael Darbonne)

Extra prayer cards can be found in the back of the Church St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests, pray for us and all our priests.

#### **VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR OCTOBER 2023**

Oct. 29-Nov. 4, 2023 — Blake & Monette Gerace Thank you for your commitment!



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#### **READERS**

Oct. 28 ..... . 4:00 p.m. J.P. Griffin Oct. 29 ..... ...7:00 a.m. Stephen Woods 8:30 a.m. Gina Tuttle 10:30 a.m. Paula Carriere 5:15 p.m. William Jarrell

#### **ALTAR SOCIETY**

...... JoAnn Barron .... Anna Pitre Linens .....

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Sun., Oct. 22...... ... 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting - Church Hall Mon., Oct. 23... ...... CCD CLASSES - Church Hall Wed., Oct. 25 .... . 4:30 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary continues Thur., Oct. 26., . 6:00 p.m. CDA Banquet - Church Hall Sat., Oct. 28... ..12 Noon Blessing of the tombs at Bellevue

#### **CCD CLASSES**

CCD Classes are on Monday's. Grades 1st through 6th meet at 4:00PM and grades 7th through 11th meet at 6:00PM. All classes are held in the Church Hall.

#### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS BANQUET**

The Catholic Daughters will have their banquet on Thursday in the Church Hall. The Banquet begins at 6:00PM.

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETING THIS SUNDAY

The Youth Group will meet this Sunday at 6:00PM in the Church

#### **BLESSING OF THE TOMBS AT BELLEVUE**

The tombs at Bellevue Cemetery will be blessed on Saturday, Oct.

#### **OCIA REGISTRATION**

OCIA (formerly RCIA) classes are starting soon. Please call the office to register as soon as possible.

#### ADORATION CHAPEL IN NEED OF ADORERS

The Adoration Chapel needs adorers from 9-10AM on Mondays. Please contact Claire Robichaux if you can help at 337-305-6118.

#### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

The Adoration Chapel is open from 7AM - 6PM Monday through Saturday. If you would like to commit to an hour of adoration, please contact Deacon Jerome Collins @ 337-781-7185 or Claire Robichaux @ 337-305-6118.

#### **CENACLE FOR PRIESTS**

Would you like to become a participating member of your Church, but you feel like you just don't have the time? Please consider joining a "Cenacle for Priests". The Cenacle group meets to pray for priests. It will take about an hour of your day every 6 weeks (the group can meet at your home or another location). You can join a group or start your own. For more information contact Judi Lucito or any Cenacle member. Contact information can be found at your parish office.

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#### MASSES

Sat., Oct. 21....... 4:00 p.m. Desiree P. Richard, Larry Prudhomme, Merlin Frederick & Jacqueline James, James "Jim" Lastrapes, Lebon Simoneaux, Gail Phillips, Rene Fontenot, Scotty Artigue, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Ralph Marks, Marie Marks, Lynn Marks, Rose Kimball & Mary Deville, Paula O. Bienvenu, Ena & Elvin Ortego, Robert, Sr., Madeline & Albert Going. Georgia McClain, Gaylia Tevis, Alvin Taylor, Novella Taylor, Gregory Speyrer, Rand Speyrer, Charles F. & Mercedes Going and family, The William & Dorothy Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph O. Breaux, Fr. Joseph C. Deluca, Norbert J. Auzenne, M/M Felix B. Fontenot, M/M Octave Auzenne, M/M Stanley Abbott, Aubrey Fontenot, Angelo & Julia Palazzo

Sun., Oct. 22....... 7:00 a.m. M/M James Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux Families, Dr. Robert Speyrer, Scotty Speyrer

8:30 a.m. Raphael Guidry, Hazel & Joe Riley, Charles Loeb & Joseph White, Sylvia Morel, Dennis, Daniel & Wilbur Reed, Jr., Raymond Beauxis, Sarah Jarrell, Ramsey Soileau, Ida Ann Arceneaux, Theresa Irma Gradney

10:30 a.m. Lennie Marks, Lester Lalonde, Dwain Pitre, Sr., Jim Reynolds, Eunice, Hilton & Paul Prejean, Mildred & J.D. Dupre, Burnel Manuel, Sr., James "Jim" Lastrapes, Georgia McClain, Janelle Savoie. Susan Hebert Castille, Leopold A., Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle & Lloyd Smith, M/M Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, M/M E. W. Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Mary Ann Dugal, Morgan Adams, Wayne Reed

5:15 p.m. John B. Mengarelli

Mon., Oct. 23...... 7:00 a.m. Bunny & Velma Lastrapes & sons

Tues., Oct. 24 ..... 7:00 a.m. Louis H. Higginbotham, Lezime J. Leger, Louise H. Leger

Wed., Oct. 25...... 7:00 a.m. Morgan Adams, & Neva & Raymond Ryder, Maurice Cottano (Birthday), Lennie Marks

Thurs., Oct. 26..... 7:00 a.m. Georgia McClain (Birthday)

Fri., Oct. 27......... 7:00 a.m. Peter Lloyd Cormier, Dr. Glen & Marguerite Hunt (Glen's anniversary of death)

Sat., Oct. 28....... 4:00 p.m. Lloyd, Marie & Janet Andrus, Varnell, Chip, Rick & Amanda Briggs, John & Sydney Cuccia, Charles F. & Mercedes Going and family, The William & Dorothy Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph O. Breaux, Fr. Joseph C. Deluca, Gail Phillips, Mary Olive Brignac, Ralph Marks, Marie Marks, Lynn Marks, Neil Bertinot, Gladys & Anthony Bertinot, Martha & Alphonse Clary, Johnny & Dona Clary, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, James "Jim" Lastrapes, Merlin Frederick & Jacqueline James, Georgia McClain, Gregory Speyrer, Rand Speyrer, Willie "Bill" Simien & Agnes Porche, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Norbert J. Auzenne, M/M Felix B. Fontenot, M/M Octave Auzenne, M/M Stanley Abbott, Aubrey Fontenot, Desiree P. Richard, Larry Prudhomme, Lawrence Soileau (Anniversary of Death)

Sun., Oct. 29...... 7:00 a.m. Dr. Robert Speyrer, Scotty Speyrer, M/M James Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux Families

8:30 a.m. Peter Lloyd Cormier (Birthday), Raymond Beauxis, Sarah Jarrell, Richard & Rena Millspaugh, Ramsey Soileau, Hazel & Joe Riley, Sylvia Morel, Raphael Guidry, Ida Ann Arceneaux, Theresa Irma

10:30 a.m. Georgia McClain, Janelle Savoie, Dwain Pitre, Sr., James "Jim" Lastrapes, Susan Hebert Castille, Leopold A., Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle & Lloyd Smith, M/M Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, M/M E. W. Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Morgan Adams, Lennie Marks. Wayne Reed, Mildred & J.D. Dupre, Burnel Manuel, Sr., Jim Reynolds, Lester Lalonde, Mary Ann Dugal

5:15 p.m. John B. Mengarelli

#### LAST PEWS IN CHURCH

Please kindly remember the last pews in the Church on all sides are for the handicapped. Please be considerate and allow those who are handicapped to sit first. Many thanks.

#### **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:

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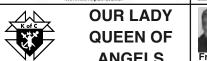
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