

Our Lady Queen Of Angels Catholic Church



Architect
Arthur E. Veltin
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PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen

DEACONS

Deacon Jerome Collins

Deacon William Pollingue

Director of Religious Education

Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adoration Chapel, Jerome Collins / Claire Robichaux

Altar Society / Lia Duplechain

Catholic Daughters, Jane Savoy

Cenacle for Priests, Carmela Richard

Children's Liturgy, Beth Adams

Come Lord Jesus, Claire Robichaux / Helena Montgomery

Couples' Group, Ben & Beth Adams / John & Laura Braham

James & Sandra Kelly

Evangelization / Judi & Richard Lucito

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight, Ron Dejean

Liturgical Schedule, Ron Guillory

Men's Monthly Mass Group, Don Fisher / Keith Hebert

Opelousas Catholic Principal, Marty Heintz

Pro-Life Issues, John & Jeri Miller

Sacristans, Dot & Dwayne Auguste

Senior Angels Group, Claire Reed

Teen Ministry, Scott Champagne

Ushers, Glenn Stout & Darryl Zerangue, Co-Chairs

Parish Council President, Bruce Gaudin

Finance Committee Chair, Charles Going

Trustee, Judge James Doherty

Trustee, Richard Hollier

Vocation Chalice Ministry, Judi & Richard Lucito

PARISH MUSICIANS

Choir Master, Dr. William Plummer

Cantors, Daniel Richard / Lanie Marcantel

Organist, Linda Lorenzen

5:15pm Mass Music Coordinator, Adrien Guidry

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, preferable 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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

DECEMBER 31, 2023

Dear Padre
December 31, 2023

How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can’t seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214–33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, “giving their children judicious advice....” (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point.

You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits.

Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

OC CORNER

Opelousas Catholic announces new leadership in the second semester of 2023-2024. Mr. Matt Citron is the new principal, while Mrs. Hope Charles is now serving as interim assistant principal for elementary grades. Congratulations!
OCS commends the “Vikings of the Month of December”: Reese Ledoux & Kullen Stelly, grade 12; Avery Hutchins & Gus Torre, grade 8; and Mac Torre & Antonio Singleton, grade 5.
Students and staff will return from Christmas break on January 8. OCS athletics reports that boys’ wrestling has been added as a new sport on campus and wishes them well as they have begun tourney competition.
Be reminded of the first annual “Krewe de Vikings Mardi Gras Ball” on January 13 at 7:00 pm in the Holy Ghost Parish Life Center to support OCS athletics. Tickets are available at <https://krewe-de-vikings.eventbrite.com>.
A Happy and Holy New Year to all!

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. Henry Paul Antony, HGN; Monday: Pope Francis; Tuesday: Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel; Wednesday: Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell; Thursday: Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux,VF; Friday: Rev. Michael Arnaud; Saturday: Rev. Justin Arockiasamy, SVD.

HOLY FATHER’S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MEN

The Knights of Columbus Council 11270 is looking to increase their membership. If you are interested, please contact kofc.org for information about this wonderful Catholic organization of men of service and fellowship.

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.

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.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Reminder the office will be closed until 1:00PM on Wednesday, January 3rd.

ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSURE

The Adoration Chapel is closed now and will reopen at 7:00AM on January 3rd. Enjoy your holiday.

NO CCD CLASSES

There will be no CCD classes until Monday, January 22nd. At that time all Catholic school students report for class. Happy New Year.

PRO LIFE QUOTE

“There is no more precious gift you can give than life. Our forefathers fought and bled to bring about in this land, a nation dedicated to the premise that all men are created equal.”
Dr. Pat Robertson

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
Let us also pray for Michael Darbonne (Br. Andre Marie) from Washington who is studying to become a Brother.
Extra prayer cards are in the back of church
St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests, pray for us and all our priests.

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR JANUARY 2024

Jan. 7-13, 2024 — Susie Hilliard
Jan. 14-20, 2024 — Mary Janise
Jan. 21-27, 2024 — Mia and Rusty Jesclard
Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 2024 — Cynthia Jordan
Thank you for your commitment!



OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory\$28,418.00
BSA\$30.00
Opelousas Catholic\$30.00
The second collection, after Holy Communion, next weekend will be for OC tuition assistance for our parishioners.
Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship!
“Everything we have and give comes from God.” (1 Corinthians 29:11-17)

READERS

Jan. 6 4:00 p.m. Mike Ortego
Jan. 7 7:00 a.m. Stephen Woods
8:30 a.m. Bruce Gaudin
10:30 a.m. Josie Prudhomme
5:15 p.m. William Jarrell

ALTAR SOCIETY

Jan. 6 Linda Hunt
Linens Claire Robichaux

ACTIVITIES

Mon., Jan. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
7:00 a.m. New Years Day Mass
CHURCH OFFICE/ADORATION
CHAPEL CLOSED
Tues., Jan. 2 CHURCH OFFICE/ADORATION
CHAPEL CLOSED
Wed., Jan. 3 7:00 a.m. Adoration Chapel reopens
1:00 p.m. Church Office reopens
4:30 p.m. PRO LIFE ROSARY continues
Thurs., Jan. 4 6:00 p.m. Baptismal Instruction – Conference Room (pre-registration required)
Sat./Sun. Jan 6, 7 Second Collection for OC tuition assistance
Sun. Jan 7 KC Monthly Breakfast

KC MONTHLY BREAKFAST

The KC’s will have their monthly breakfast next Sunday after 8:30AM Mass.

OC TUITION ASSISTANCE

The second collection, after Holy Communion next weekend, will be for OC tuition assistance for our parishioners.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY CONTINUES

The Pro-Life Rosary will be recited on Wednesday at 4:30PM.

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.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

The Place To Meet Your Friends!



Tony and Elaine
Pierrottie, Owners

1297 Edith St.
Opelousas, LA 70570
(337) 948-4838

MASSES

Sat., Dec. 30 4:00 p.m. Gregory Speyrer, Rand Speyrer, Ed Lastrapes, Charles F. & Mercedes Going and family, The William & Dorothy Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph O. Breaux, Fr. Joseph C. Deluca, M/M Curtis Hooks, Jr. & Dwain & Alfred Benoit, Peter Lloyd Cormier, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Paula O. Bienvenu, Ena & Elvin Ortego, Robert, Sr., Madeline & Albert Going, Richard (Dicky) Parker, Gail Phillips, Arthur & Celima Hollier, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Norbert J. Auzenne, M/M Felix B. Fontenot, M/M Octave Auzenne, M/M Stanley Abbott, Aubrey Fontenot, James "Jim" Lastrapes, Merlin Frederick & Jacqueline James, Lebon Simoneaux, Peyton Cornette, J.C. & Bernice Diesi, Eldon & Sue Cornette, Cyril Diesi, Albert Hollier, Philip & Isaure Boudreaux, Rachel Hollier, Florence Domingue, Georgia McClain, Matthew Richard, Maggie Halphen, Dolores Kleefisch, Harry, Scott & Angela Smith, Ralph Marks, Marie Marks, Lynn Marks, Clyde Soileau, & Fly (Anniversary of Death)
Sun., Dec. 31 7:00 a.m. Dr. Robert Speyrer, Scotty Speyrer, M/M James Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux Families
8:30 a.m. Louis & Gertie Soileau, Tom, Georgiana & Terry Bellow, Winton Tommy Dupre, Adam Deville, Raymond Beauxis, Sarah Jarrell, Hazel & Joe Riley, Ramsey Soileau, J.C. Dupre, Dolores Kleefisch, Ida Ann Arceneaux, Theresa Irma Gradney
10:30 a.m. Desiree P. Richard, Larry Prudhomme, Lennie Marks, James "Jim" Lastrapes, Maggie Halphen, Gerrit Paul Ryder & Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, Dwain Pitre, Sr., 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, Angela Smith Guidry, Lester Lalonde, Mildred & J.D. Dupre, Burnel Manuel, Sr., Morgan Adams, Georgia McClain, Janelle Savoie, Wayne Reed
5:15 p.m. John B. Mengarelli, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger, Jesse, Jr., Elaine Dartez, Shirley & Carrol Lavergne
Mon., Jan. 1 7:00 a.m. Lynwood Hidalgo, M/M Felix Hidalgo, Jr. & M/M Vincent Guidry, Fly., Lennie Marks, Talbot & Gus Dupre, Robert Lee Mills Family, Ruth Anne Stagg (AIC Class of 1963), Sue Hooks, Rose & Bill Long, Lillian & Curtis Hooks, Sr., Charles F. & Mercedes Going and family, The William & Dorothy Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph O. Breaux, Fr. Joseph C. Deluca, Dolores Kleefisch, Paula Ortego Bienvenu, Curtis (Black) Soileau, John G. Fontenot, Marcus Paul Fontenot, Avie Stelly, M/M Clayus Stelly and M/M Ulysse Fontenot, Aubrey Fontenot, Sr., Norbert J. Auzenne, M/M Felix B. Fontenot, M/M Octave Auzenne, M/M Stanley Abbott, Special Intentions of Lisa Hargroder & Gina Labbe
Tues., Jan. 2 7:00 a.m. Dolores Kleefisch, Louis H. Higginbotham, Lezime J. Leger and Louise H. Leger, Special Intentions of Lisa Hargroder & Gina Labbe
Wed., Jan. 3 7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Lisa Hargroder & Gina Labbe
Thurs., Jan. 4 7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Lisa Hargroder & Gina Labbe
Fri., Jan. 5 7:00 a.m. Paula Ortego Bienvenu, Peter Lloyd Cormier (Wedding Anniversary), Morgan Adams, & Neva & Raymond Ryder, Marcus Paul Fontenot, Louis & Gertie Soileau, Tom, Georgiana & Terry Bellow, Winton Tommy Dupre, Adam Deville, Special Intentions of Lisa Hargroder & Gina Labbe
Sat., Jan. 6 4:00 p.m. Sandra Collette, Ralph Marks, Marie Marks, Lynn Marks, Gregory Speyrer, Rand Speyrer, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger, Jesse, Jr., Albert Speyrer & Irma Speyrer, Georgia McClain, Sue Hooks, Rose & Bill Long, Lillian & Curtis Hooks, Sr., Gail Phillips, Ed Lastrapes, Peyton Cornette, J.C. & Bernice Diesi, Eldon & Sue Cornette, Cyril Diesi, Albert Hollier, Philip & Isaure Boudreaux, Rachel Hollier, Florence Domingue, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Arthur & Celima Hollier, James "Jim" Lastrapes, Lebon Simoneaux, Charles F. & Mercedes Going and family, The William & Dorothy Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph O. Breaux, Fr. Joseph C. Deluca, Harry, Scott & Angela Smith, Special Intentions of Lisa Hargroder & Gina Labbe
Sun., Jan. 7 7:00 a.m. Connie Deville, Taylor Deville, Lisa Deville, M/M James Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux Families, Dr. Robert Speyrer, Scotty Speyrer
8:30 a.m. Sarah Jarrell, Ida Ann Arceneaux, Theresa Irma Gradney, Ramsey Soileau, Raymond Beauxis
10:30 a.m. Lennie Marks, James "Jim" Lastrapes, Mildred & J.D. Dupre, Burnel Manuel, Sr., Gerrit Paul Ryder & Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, Wayne Reed, Georgia McClain, Janelle Savoie, 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, Angela Smith Guidry, Desiree P. Richard, Larry Prudhomme, Maggie Halphen, Lester Lalonde, Morgan Adams, Neva & Raymond Ryder
5:15 p.m. Tommy, Kacey, Annalise and Hoyt Dupre, Elaine Dartez, John B. Mengarelli, Special Intentions of Lisa Hargroder & Gina Labbe

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.

This image is a collage of various local business advertisements from Opelousas, Louisiana. The ads are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with each business occupying its own space. The businesses include:

- Ardoins Exterminating:** Phone: (337) 942-8282
- COURVELLE RV:** SALES • PARTS • SERVICE, www.courvellesRV.com
- Belleuve Memorial Park:** A Perpetual Care Cemetery, (337) 942-7055
- B&S CARPET FLOOR & HOME:** (337) 948-8222
- CARL'S THRIFTWAY PHARMACIES OF LOUISIANA:** Computerized Services At A Savings, Compounding Pharmacists
- C. Scott Boagni, M.D. / Kristy Boagni, FNP-C:** Gastroenterology, 331 S. MAIN ST DPELOUSAS, LA 70570
- Reed Building Systems:** ST. LANDRY Storage, Climate & Non-Climate Controlled
- Woody Watson Plumbing, LLC:** 2135 Helen Street • Opelousas, LA 70570
- TimberTech AZEK:** A Deck For Every Style, www.timbertech.com
- St. Landry HomeCare:** St. Landry Extended Care Hospital, Louisiana Hospice & Palliative Care
- piggly wiggly:** OPELOUSAS, 8140 Hwy. 182 N. • (337) 948-9427
- BENNY'S:** SUPERMARKET & CATERING, 806 S. Union Street
- DUPRE CARRIER GODCHAUX:** Committed To Our Community, www.dcgagency.com
- Tony Chachere's:** Famous Creole Cuisine, 948-4691
- The Place To Meet Your Friends!:** Tony and Elaine Pierrotte, Owners
- ROYMOTORS CHEVROLET:** Serving You Since 1936, 929 N Main St. • Opelousas, LA
- Morhinweg & Castille JEWELERS, LLC:** Store Hours: Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- THE FAMILY CLINIC:** 3921 I-49 S. SERVICE RD. OPELOUSAS, LA 70570-9127
- Bayou Electrical Construction, LLC:** Greg Ardoins, 192 Grant Rd. Opelousas, LA 70570
- Ken's THRIFTWAY PHARMACY AND HOME MEDICAL, INC.:** 337-942-7551
- Wanda's & Durio's Flowers & Gifts:** 337.948.3810
- MILLER SERVICE DRUGS:** 942-2631
- MORROW, MORROW, RYAN, BASSETT & HAIK:** PERSONAL INJURY / MARITIME LAW
- SIMONEAUX & WALLACE AGENCY:** KEVIN SIMONEAUX ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
- ST. LANDRY LUMBER COMPANY, LTD. & AUSTIN'S OUTDOORS:** 207 N. Railroad Ave. • Opelousas, LA 70570
- Darr DeJean, DDS:** FAMILY DENTISTRY, 1604 Kerr St., Suite 106 Opelousas, LA 70570
- Parking Lot Painting Co.:** Including Handicap Zones and Parking Bumps, Scott Plonsky Owner/Operator
- Billy's Boudin & Cracklins:** "Famous for Boudin Balls"
- Scott Pitre Financial Advisor EDWARD JONES:** 1220 S. Union St., Ste. 2 • Opelousas, LA 70570
- Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network:** Greg Bordon, MBA, Senior Financial Advisor
- STERLING AUTOMOTIVE GROUP:** LINCOLN, KIA, HYUNDAI
- Air Repair COOLING HEATING:** Air Repair Cooling and Heating, LLC
- Ignatius T. Castille Agcy Inc.:** 2305 S. Union St. Opelousas, LA 70570-5744
- Belleuve ANIMAL CLINIC:** Advanced Technology, Compassionate Care
- OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS K.C. COUNCIL 11270:**
- Ben Finchum Financial Advisor:** 347 Heather Drive • Opelousas, LA 70570