

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Pope Francis on 12 August 2015 issued a 256 page document called "Amoris Laetitia" or "The Joy of Love". In it he calls the Catholic Church to discuss issues of sex, marriage, family planning and divorce with a more pastoral approach. While it is a hotly debated document, it is nonetheless very beautiful.

I read an article by Camila Dovonoslce entitled "Some Relationship Advice from Pope Francis" wherein she chooses excerpts from the document for these points. I will divide the 14 points up for two bulletin letters. Enjoy!

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

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Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen Pastor

1) Make Time For One Another, Even If You're Busy

"Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary. Time is needed to talk things over, to embrace leisurely, to share plans, to listen to one other and gaze in each other's eyes, to appreciate one another and to build a stronger relationship. Sometimes the frenetic pace of our society and the pressures of the workplace create problems. At other times, the problem is the lack of quality time together, sharing the same room without one even noticing the other.

2) Sometimes, Just Listen

"Instead of offering an opinion or advice, we need to be sure that we have heard everything the other person has to say ...Often the other spouse does not need a solution to his or her problems, but simply to be heard, to feel that someone has acknowledged their pain, their disappointment, their fear, their anger, their hopes and their dreams.

3) Accept Your Partner's Shortcomings

"It does not matter if they hold me back, if they unsettle my plans, or annoy me by the way they act or think, or if they are not everything I want them to be. Love always has an aspect of deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I would like.

4) ...And Be Generous With Their Imperfections

"We have to realize that all of us are a complex mixture of light and shadows. The other person is much more than the sum of the little things that annoy me, Love does not have to be perfect for us to value it. The other person loves me as best they can, with all their limits, but the fact that love is imperfect does not mean that it is untrue or unreal.

5) Never Go To Bed Angry: Hugs Can Help

"My advice is never to let the day end without making peace in the family, Francis writes, then quotes himself from 2015: 'And how am I going to make peace? By getting down on my knees? No! Just by a small gesture, a little something, and harmony within your family will be restored. Just a little caress, no words are necessary.

6) Try To Find Your Partner Beautiful and Lovable ... Even When They Make It Hard

"Loving another person involves the joy of contemplating and appreciating their innate beauty and sacredness, which is greater than my needs. This enables me to seek their good even when they cannot belong to me, or when they are no longer physically appealing but intrusive and annoying.

7) Don't Hold Grudges

"[Irritableness or resentment is] a violent reaction within, a hidden irritation that sets us on edge where others are concerned, as if they were troublesome or threatening and thus to be avoided. To nurture such interior hostility helps no one. It only causes hurt and alienation."

O. C. CORNER

Congratulations to OC's "Students of the Year": Samantha Dupre, 12th grade; Olivia Hebert, 8th grade; and Emily Jesclard, 5th grade. OC takes pride in these young ladies!

Celebration for Catholic Schools Week will be held January 29-February 3. As an important part of the celebration will be the "School Vitality Summit" on February 2nd at 6:00 pm in Our Lady Queen of Angels Church Hall! Family and friends in the community are invited to attend and review the Strategic Plan for the future. Input will be given by attendees, and guests will vote on their top goals for OCS.

Plan to attend the OC Tasters' Dinner and Auction event on February 8th at the Opelousas Civic Center. Tickets are now on sale at OC, Bodemuller, St. Landry Homestead Bank, and Cash Saver on Heather Drive. Call the school at 942-5404 ext. 105 for more information.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST 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 Broussard; Monday: Rev. Ken Broussard; Tuesday: Rev. Patrick Broussard.; Wednesday: Rev. Paul Broussard; Thursday: Rev. Richard Broussard; Friday: Rev. Rex Broussard; and Saturday: Msgr. Ronald Broussard.

EVENTS

CCD "SPECIAL NIGHTS"

As we did in previous years, once a month for the high school students in religious formation who meet on Monday nights and the Catholic School Confirmation students, we will have a special presentation and supper served at 5:15pm. Below are the dates to come early. Mondays at 5:15pm: January 30th; February 20th; and March 27th.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS SENIOR ANGELS' GROUP CARD PARTY

The Senior Angels' Group Card Party is scheduled for February 8, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Pre-registration form and registration fee of \$25.00 per player should be mailed to Anne Hollier, 2172 Dustin Morgan Loop, Opelousas, LA 70570. Registration deadline is January 31. For more information, please call Anne Hollier at 942-3246.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection ..... \$12,451.05
Bishop's Services Appeal ..... 75.00
Collection for Opelousas Catholic ..... 30.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development ..... 5.00

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

READERS

Jan. 28 ..... 4:00 p.m. Buster Leblanc
Jan. 29 ..... 8:30 a.m. Michael Ortego
10:30 a.m. Iggie Castille
5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux

ALTAR SOCIETY

Jan. 28 - Feb. 3 ..... Liz Ortego & Committee
Linens (Jan. 28) ..... Flo Pierrottie

ACTIVITIES

Sun., Jan. 22 ... 3:30-5:00 p.m. Junior High Group Meeting
Mon., Jan. 23 .3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. CCD Classes 1,2,3
6:00-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7,8,9,10,11
Tues., Jan. 24 .3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. CCD Classes 4,5,6
6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
Wed., Jan. 25 ..... 2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
Sat. & Sun., Jan. 28 & 29 ..... COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

The instructions for parents of this Parish who wish to have their children baptized will be held at Our Lady Queen of Angels on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. FIRST, PLEASE CALL THIS OFFICE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT 942-5628.



PERPETUAL EUCHARIST ADORATION

The Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the following favor:
1. For good test results.

If you can commit to an hour with Jesus, please call!
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Claire Robichaux (942-7059)
12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. - Marie LeBlanc (948-8940)
6:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m. - Jerome Collins (H-948-4595 or Cell-781-7185)

NEED AT LEAST ONE ADORER FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Tuesday, 2:00pm; Friday, 8:00am, 12:00pm, 3:00pm & 4:00pm;
Saturday 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00pm; Sunday, 3:00pm

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

January: Pope's Intentions for Evangelization: Christian Unity. That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

COURVELLE TOYOTA
"Happy Town" U.S.A.
www.courvelletoyota.com

MASSES

Sat., Jan. 21 ..... 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Percy Thibodeaux, Charles F. & Mercedes Going, Bill Hatch & Fr. Joseph DeLuca, Mary Beth Tate, Evelyn Comeaux, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Nazel Fontenot, Alphan & Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot & Sandra Gay, Glen Winn, Sue Grimmert, William "Bill" Simien & Richard Millspaugh

Sun., Jan. 22 .... 8:30 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courvelle, Genevieve Cortez, Harold & Todd Fontenot, Rose P. Ryder, Octave "Tat" Pitre, Denise L. Hanks, Mary Beth Tate, Verbis Lafleur, Jacqueline James, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin & Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Ernest Duplechin, Darius & Elsie Bourque, Irvin Deranger, Marius "Tommy" Oge', Jr., T.D.Dolores, Dewey & Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr, Marcianne, Judy, Roy & Velton Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean & Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Paul Beough, M/M James Hunt & Family & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux & Family, M/M Rivers Lavergne & Family, M/M Luke Thibodeaux & Family

10:30 a.m. Morgan Adams, Sarah Jarrell, Donald & Sylvia Chachere, Sr., Donald & Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex & Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff & Greg Durio, Lucille "Lucy" Veltin, James "Jim" Wallace, Lydia Hunt, Lori Domengeaux, Cecily Camille Soileau, Ella Sittig & Family, Lillian & Ray B. Guillory

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

Mon., Jan. 23 .... 5:15 p.m. Marius "Tommy) Oge', Jr.
Tues., Jan. 24 ... 7:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS

Wed., Jan. 25 ... 5:15 p.m. Irvin Deranger, Billy Tully, Mary Deville & Rose Kimble

Thurs., Jan. 26 ... 7:00 a.m. Gladys Auguste & Family
Fri., Jan. 27 ..... 5:15 p.m. PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS

Sat., Jan. 28 ..... 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Percy Thibodeaux, Charles F. & Mercedes Going, Bill Hatch & Fr. Joseph DeLuca, Mary Beth Tate, Evelyn Comeaux, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Nazel Fontenot, Lloyd, Marie & Janet Andrus, Amada Briggs, John & Sydney Cuccia, Glenn Winn

Sun., Jan. 29 .... 8:30 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courvelle, Genevieve Cortez, Harold & Todd Fontenot, Rose P. Ryder, Octave "Tat" Pitre, Denise L. Hanks, Mary Beth Tate, Verbis Lafleur, Jacqueline James, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin & Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Ernest Duplechin, Darius & Elsie Bourque, Irvin Deranger, Marius "Tommy" Oge', Jr., Paul Beough, M/M James Hunt & Family & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux & Family, M/M Rivers Lavergne & Family, M/M Luke Thibodeaux & Family, Wilbur & Alice Reed, Anita

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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.