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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

Deacon Bill Pollingue preached the following homily on the Tuesday morning after Pentecost and I thought it was rather profound. Below is the text.

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



Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen
Pastor

“The passing of Pentecost marks the close of the Easter Season and the Church now moves back into Ordinary Time. In today’s Gospel (Mark 9:30-37), Jesus teaches us about Christian perfection; about what one must do in order to become ‘great’ in the eyes of God. At this point in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus has been with his disciples for almost two and a half years. They have seen him teaching the crowds, healing the sick, calming the wind and the waves, and feeding over 5000 people with a few loaves of bread and several small fish. They have witnessed many miracles and are finally coming to the realization that Jesus truly is the Son of God. Jesus now begins preparing them for what is to come, telling them how the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men who will kill him and how, after three days, he will rise. Jesus is revealing the master plan of his Father to them, but they still do not understand that Jesus’ Kingdom is not of this earth. Instead, they begin to argue among themselves as to who among them will be the greatest, once Jesus establishes his earthly rule. Jesus reprimands them, telling them not to worry about how people see them or what people think of their good works. Jesus has repeatedly condemned the Pharisees for always seeking the places of honor wherever they go. Jesus knew that his disciples wanted to increase their stature among themselves through their relationship with Him, so he tells them that how they are seen by others is not important – what is really important is how they look upon others. What Jesus is trying to teach us is that seeing Christ in other people is a more perfect form of Christian perfection than merely portraying Christ to others through our actions. What Jesus wants us to understand is that being Christ-like in all that we do will make us a good person; whereas seeing Jesus in the face of our neighbors will make us center on them, rather than worrying, like the apostles, about whether we are ‘great’ or ‘small’ in God’s Kingdom. My dear brothers and sisters, let us pray for perfection by looking up to heaven and simply asking: Lord, give me your eyes, that I may see my neighbor as you see him.”

O. C. CORNER

Congratulations to Father Ben Pitre, OC alumnus, who was ordained into the priesthood! May God bless him in his vocation!
Our 2018 graduates now prepare for the next phase of their education as they keep God close to their hearts. OC commends three special grads honored by the Knights of Columbus: Bethany Guidry and Conner Castille, KC Catholic Youth Leadership Awards; and Reid LaBruyere, Fourth Degree KC Patriotic Award.

The school administrative office remains open Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm except July 4. Parents are encouraged to check ParentsWeb and/or the school website (www.OCSvikings.com) for updated information during the summer.

The Advancement Office reminds everyone that the summer issue of The SAGA newsletter will go out in July.

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. Mark Derise; Monday: Rev. Msgr. Keith DeRouen; Tuesday: Rev. Kenneth Domingue; Wednesday: Rev. Zachary Dominguez, LC; Thursday: Rev. Dustin Dought; Friday: Rev. Greg Downs; Saturday: Rev. Wayne Duet.

HOLY FATHER’S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

SECOND COLLECTION

Because next weekend is the first Sunday of the month, we will have the normal tuition assistance second collection for OC. The following weekend, we will have the collections for the Holy Father as well as Catholic Communications. Please use your two envelopes and place in the one collection passed at Offertory. We apologize for the multiplication of additional collections.

Friday, June 22nd our Pastor completes his 8th year with us. We thank him for all that we have accomplished together. We pray for him as he begins his 9th year with our Parish. God bless him!

EVENTS

PATRIOTIC ROSARY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018

Please join us in praying a **Patriotic Rosary** on **Saturday, June 30 at 5:00 p.m. in Our Lady Queen of Angels Church**, immediately after 4:00 p.m. Mass! This wonderful Rosary will be recited for the consecration of our nation and for religious liberties! The recitation of this very special Rosary will also include patriotic music to remind us of the wonderful nation in which we live and of the many blessings from Almighty God that we all have so much to be thankful for!! Please plan to attend and invite others as well!! May God bless!!

ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Please pick up from the Parish Office the Saint Anne Novena booklet. The novena is to be said at home from July 18-26th. On the final day of novena, July 26th, we are all invited to attend Mass at St. John Evangelist Cathedral in Lafayette at 12:05 pm. Prior to Mass, there will be a recitation of the Rosary at 11:30 and a “Dutch” treat lunch at Don’s Seafood Hut after Mass. A tour of the Cathedral will be held at 3:00 for a small fee. **Contact Bessie Bourdier at 945-7717 by July 9th if you are interested in attending the Mass and lunch.**

CENTENNIAL NEWS

• **St. Peter Dedication** - On June 29, 1953, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the newly constructed church of St. Peter in New Iberia was consecrated by Bishop Jules Jeanmard. The church was the vision of their new pastor, Fr. Albert Bacque. After over a decade of fundraising, the parishioners of St. Peter raised approximately half a million dollars and the construction of the new church began in 1951. Two years later, the massive structure was completed with seating for 1,200 parishioners. Two 90-foot tall towers, decorated with large white rosaries, mark the prominence of the Church dedicated to the “Prince of the Apostles.”

• **National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministries** – get your boat and join the procession - Fete Dieu de Vermilion – our Eucharistic Adoration will be on the Vermilion River this year beginning in Abbeville at St. Mary Magdalen with a Mass in French at 8am. The river procession will begin after with a Rosary and Benediction in Milton @11:35 @Waweeks, then a Rosary and Benediction at River Ranch @1:40 @Ruffino’s, then a foot procession @3:45pm from Beaver Park to Cathedral up University Avenue to the Cathedral – Vespers at 5pm and Mass at 5:30 with Bishop Deshotel. Having 121 Church Parishes in our Diocese we would like to have at least 1 boat from each parish. To register, please visit www.fetedieuduteche.org or call 337-349-6550. This is an extraordinary event and we ask that you please consider being a part of the 121 boats.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection \$14,812.41
Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship!
“Everything we have and give comes from God.” (Corinthians 29:11-17)

READERS

Sat., June 30 4:00 p.m. J.L. Phillips
Sun., July 1 8:30 a.m. Gina Tuttle
10:30 a.m. William Jarrell
5:15 p.m. Jan Vige

ALTAR SOCIETY

June 30 - July 6 Verona Courville and Team
Linens (June 30) Gail Phillips

ACTIVITIES

Sun., June 24 Msgr. DeRouen leaves for Vacation
Wed., June 27 2:00 p.m. “Come Lord Jesus”
Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
Sat., June 30 5:00 p.m. Patriotic Rosary after 4:00 Mass
Sat. & Sun., June 30 & July 1 . . Second Collection for OC Tuition Assistance



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 Marie LeBlanc at 337-948-8940 if you are able to sign up for a P.M. hour. The Adoration Chapel committee thanks you in advance.

Sunday:
A.M. – 7:00, 10:00, 11:00 P.M. - 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00
Monday:
A.M. – 6:00, 8:00, 11:00 P.M. – 1:00
Tuesday:
A.M. – 11:00 P.M. – 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 5:00
Wednesday:
A.M. – 6:00, 9:00 P.M. – 1:00
Thursday:
A.M. – 9:00 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. – 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 P.M – 1:00, 4:00, 5:00
The 2:00 hour on Sunday presently has no committed adorer.
Please consider this hour.

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.

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR JULY 2018

June 24-30, 2018 -- John and Jeri Miller
July 1-7, 2018 -- Chris and Phyllis Letulle
July 8-14, 2018 -- Joseph & Aline Miller
July 15-21, 2018 -- Nicole & Craig Morrow
July 22-28, 2018 -- Nell Mayeaux



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MASSES

Sat., June 23 4:00 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Alvin Taylor, Jacqueline James, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Palazzo, Viola L. Mello, Levoys “Lee” Smith, Harold Stout, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Johnny Rabalais, Gail Richardson and Ina Clair Washington, Peyton Jeffrey Cornette

Sun., June 24 8:30 a.m. Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Rodney Bellard, , Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Ronald O. Fusilier, Irvin Deranger, Joyce and Huey Bourque, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Alvarez Hertzock, Leopold A. Castille, Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle and Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, Marie Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Families

10:30 a.m. Sarah Jarrell, Harold Venable, Sal Diesi, Jr., Jackie Mills, Russell and Loula Reed, Daniel Mansfield, Morgan Adams, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, “Tat”, Jeff and Greg Durio, Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families, Girlie and Willis Fontenot, Charles Lobe and Joseph White

5:15 p.m. Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry, Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux

Mon., June 25 5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Going, Sr. and Family

Tues., June 26 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger
Wed., June 27 5:15 p.m. Richard and Rena Millspaugh
Thurs., June 28 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Fri., June 29 5:15 p.m. Jack Gervis Thibodeaux

Sat., June 30 4:00 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Jacqueline James, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Palazzo, Viola L. Mello, Levoys “Lee” Smith, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Gerald L. Chachere, Gail Richardson and Ina Clair Washington, Peyton Jeffrey Cornette, Amynthe Lavergne and Scott Smith, Lynwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr., and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry and Family, Curtis Hooks, Jr. (Anniversary of Death) and Curtis Hooks, Sr., Vincent and Francis Lobello, Souls in Purgatory, Special Intentions

Sun., July 1 8:30 a.m. Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Irvin Deranger, Girlie and Willis Fontenot, Dr. John Ferrazzano, Rodney Bellard, , Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Ronald O. Fusilier, Sarah Jarrell, Wayne Guillory, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Dennis and Pearl Fontenot, Burnley, Edward and Aline Bordelon, Mary T. Quebedeaux, Leopold A. Castille, Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle and Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, Marie Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Fr. Joseph Pham Duc Su, Edna Ned

10:30 a.m. Sal Diesi, Jr., Russell and Loula Reed, Daniel Mansfield, Lucille Mills Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, “Tat”, Jeff and Greg Durio, Ben and Pat Crosby, Moise and Amy Courville, Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families, Jackie Mills, Morgan Adams, Harold Venable, James Soileau, Jamie Gibson

5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Ellis Michael

MASS INTENTIONS

From now on, we will not accept Mass Intentions over the phone. The likelihood of error is too great and we don’t want the intentions printed incorrectly. Mass Intentions remain at \$5.00 a Mass.

FOURTH OF JULY MASS TIME CHANGE

On Wednesday, July 4th, the Mass time will be changed to 7:00 am instead of 5:15 pm.

AMERICAN FLAG SIGNS

As the 4th of July is fast approaching, Our Lady Queen of Angels Men’s Mass Group is offering signs of our American Flag with the words of the Pledge of Allegiance printed on the white stripes to be purchased. The signs will be in full color and will be printed on both sides (see sample outside each door in church.) The idea is to put this sign in our yards in time for the 4th of July and leave it for a few days for the general public to see. This is a no-profit...break-even only project...with signs being sold for \$9.00 each. If interested, please contact Keith Hebert at 351-2872 or by email at hebertkeith1@aol.com. Thank you, Happy 4th of July and may God bless America!

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SEMINARIANS

Cade LeBlanc & Matthew Pitre-Eunice
Michael Vidrine-Melville
Sean Fontenot & Luke Johnson-Ville Platte
Extra prayer cards can be found in the back of the Church