



**I Am the
Alpha
and the
Omega**

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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King November 22, 2009

**Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth.**

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.
Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$6,102.50.
(For 2008-2009 our average weekly expenses were \$6,612.00.)

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Peter & Velma Smith
By: Family**



Thanksgiving Day

We will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving on **Thursday, November 26th** at **9:00 AM** in St. Charles Church. This will be the only Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

November 26th is also the feast day of St. John Berchmans. This is the saint who worked the healing miracle here in Grand Coteau on December 14, 1866. A young nun, Mary Wilson, was at the point of death at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. St. John Berchmans appeared to her and instantly restored her to normal, good health.

All the Jesuits in Grand Coteau (from the Jesuit Novitiate, the Spirituality Center, and Our Lady of the Oaks) will join us in our 9:00 AM parish Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

“Thank You” from the Thensted Center

When **we** placed a request in this bulletin for help replenishing our food pantry we were overwhelmed by the generous response in food and money from so many parishioners and from the Confirmation Candidates. We are deeply touched and say *“thank you”* from the bottom of our hearts.

Confirmation Retreat

Please pray for our parish's Confirmation Students who will make their preparation retreat on **Saturday, December 5th**. We pray that God will guide and inspire both the candidates for Confirmation and the teachers who work with them.

Pro-Life Rosary will be prayed on the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Wednesdays of each month at **9:00 a.m.** in the Daily Mass Chapel. We will pray the Rosary on **Wednesday, November 25th** at **9:00 A.M.**

Advent Penance Service is scheduled for Wednesday, **December 9th** at **7:00 P.M.** All are invited to come and celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.

The **Office of Family Life Ministry** is again sponsoring the **Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration** to honor couples who have been married **25, 40, 50, 60** or more years. Only above mentioned years will be honored, no between years will be accepted. Due to the large number of participants this past year, we have decided to host two separate Marriage Anniversary Celebrations.

The first celebration will recognize those married for **50, 60** or more years. These couples will be honored on **February 7, 2010, 2:00 p.m.**, St. Mary Magdalen Church, Abbeville, La. Bishop Michael Jarrell will celebrate this special Mass. A reception will follow the Mass at St. Mary's Gym. Couples who wish to be honored must register no later than December 18, 2009. For more information, please call Family Life at 261-5653.

The second celebration will recognize those celebrating **25** and **40** years of marriage. This celebration will take place on **August 8, 2010, 2:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Registration for these couples will start on April 6 and close on June 30, 2010. For more information, please call Family Life at 261-5653.

Minister Schedule-November 28-29

Vigil -Lector Dyanne LeBlanc & Al LeBlanc
Communion Lou Santillo, Ada Barry, Jo Burleigh
Jackie Savoie, Linda Leblanc
Altar Server Nicholas Smith & Maddie Jenkins

7:30-Lector Stephanie Richard & Melba Courtney
Communion Deacon Sam Henry, Pemella Williams
Tommie Miller, Joe Landry, Cherie Dubroc
Altar Servers Taneshia Cormier, James Charles

10:30-Lector Naomi Marks & Irma Lavergne
Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Polly Etienne
Keith & Ginger Myers, Natasha Williams
Altar Servers Hunter Myers, Conner Andries,
Armand Olivier

Church Cleaners for November 28-29

Kandy Boss Velma Boss Agnes Lewis
Gloria DeValcourt Anna Lee Boss
Larry & Jean Janice

Angel Food Boxes may now be ordered on line at angelfoodministries.com

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a “**Year for Priests**” beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. Also, the Pope has declared St. John Vianney to be the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Cure d’Ars (August 4, 1859). Here is a beautiful prayer that we can pray for priests during this special year.

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf:

Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It is easy to understand today’s scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus’ words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he “has made us into a kingdom” (Revelation 1:6)—one

ALL INVITED—this month’s Charismatic “Sunday Vigil” Mass—**Saturday, November 28th, 7:00 p.m.**—Thanksgiving weekend—what a great time to give high praise to the Lord and thank Him for all our blessings! Bring your families. This Mass sponsored by the Lafayette Diocese Catholic Charismatic Renewal with approval of Bishop Jarrell, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church 145 MLK, Jr., Dr. in Lafayette. All priests and deacons invited to participate. Call the CCR office for more information at 265-3773.

St. Charles Cemetery is in the process of building a **Columbarium** for Cremated Ashes. This unit will be placed on the north side of the Mausoleum next to the Retreat House. If you are interested in seeing a pictured sketch, and or purchasing a niche for ashes, please phone Darrell at the church office.

Activities of the Week November 23-November 28

M 23 4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 24 6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W 25 9:00 AM Pro Life Rosary
TH 26 **9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass**
FR 27 Church Offices Closed
SA 28 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
SU 29 First Sunday of Advent