



MERCY! We can never appreciate God's mercy enough. We can always wade, swim, and dive deeper into the great mystery of being freed from sin by the death of Jesus and having the doors of Heaven opened by his resurrection. We can also experience the reality of God's mercy in day to day events. God sprinkles blessings on us each day, we just have to watch for them. Today, just as I turned out of the driveway, I had to stop for a school bus and then I remember I had forgotten something important at home. It was a big yellow angel telling me "Wait, turn around." - an everyday miracle. We'll be amazed in heaven when we can see all the near misses we were protected from and the blessing we didn't count. We can be

grateful for even the common events like when we stretch on waking we don't feel the inside of a coffin. Every morning we are created anew with opportunities to make the best of one more day. Our health is a blessing we often take for granted until it's gone. We are very appreciative when it returns. This also is true spiritually. We can drift from in our prayer, into self-centeredness, and coldness towards others. Then when we realize how far we've gone and ask for God's mercy, God gladly reconnects with us and gently opens our hearts to His blessings which we can share with others. God is merciful so that we can grow in holiness. It is not a luxury for a few, but a call to all. Holiness is not about being perfect, but being able to recognize our own sin and let God work in us - to accept His mercy. Sinners who made it to Heaven pray for us! Deacon Tim

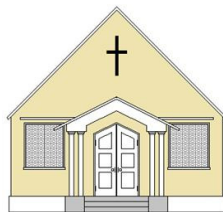
Haiti News Here in Laborde, it's raining since two weeks. In spite of all, yesterday, we had had, with Cardinal Langlois, a nice 25th celebration of Catholic school. On behalf of my parishioners and me: thank you very much for supporting us these 25 years. Now, there is a new horizon for the Laborde's community: Yesterday, the Bishop announced the return of the nuns, "Daughters of Mary" to Laborde. They will be there from next September and will be responsible for the school. The meeting room (gazebo next to the church) was started here a month ago. God bless you and St-Lawrence people! Fr. Joseph

Fr. Joseph, I remember meeting outside the rectory front door. It was ok since it wasn't raining, but this meeting room will be much better. We have gotten much rain, too, but flooding isn't bad here yet. It's too bad you were so dry for so long and now this. I pray for better weather in your future.

May God grant you and the people of Laborde peace, Deacon Tim

Haiti Garage Sale Meeting -Wednesday, June 8 at 6:30 PM in the Family Room. We can always use new ideas and help overseeing the setup and sale. You can also contact Deacon Tim if you can't make the meeting.

Haiti Chapel It has been a year since we started helping Our Lady of Fatima's people build a dignified place to give glory to God. So far we have raised just over half the money needed to complete it. Thank you for your prayers and donations to this project. Checks for donations can be made out to St. Lawrence with **Haiti Chapel** in memo.



Haiti Garage Sale at St. Lawrence
All proceeds go to help our Sister Parish in Haiti
Friday, August 5 & Saturday, August 6

Please SAVE your useable items for our St. Lawrence Garage Sale: We need furniture, toys, games, kitchen items, decorations, lamps, miscellaneous items, (Please NO clothes or shoes). All items should be clean and in working condition. However, we can't accept TVs, computers, computer components or printers. We also need baked goods and fresh garden produce for the sale. So start looking for things that you can give and others would want to buy at our August Haiti Garage Sale!