

CEMETERY HISTORICAL RESTORATION PROJECT


Proceeds from the cemetery tours fund the Cemetery Historical Restoration Project. The tours began in 2003, and so far, 40+ gravesites have been restored.

TOUR INFORMATION

Tour Dates: 2017
 Saturday: Oct. 14 & 21 (6pm, 6:30 pm, 7pm 7:30pm & 8pm)
 Sunday: Oct. 15 & 22 (2pm & 3pm)
 Cost: \$10 per person

Handicapped Accessible Tours
 October 15 & 22 at 3pm
*(All other tours not handicapped accessible
 or suitable for children 10 & under)*

More Information:

St. Landry Catholic Church (Valentin Hall)
 1020 N. Main St., Opelousas, LA 70570
 337-942-6552 or 337-308-3474
stlandrycatholicchurch.org 
fatherlafleur.org
festivaldelagrandeeglise.com

Plan your weekend with these events:

October 4, 2017 (5:30pm)
Nuit de la Comedie (Night of Comedy) in Opelousas

October 6, 7, 8,
Tour du Teche

October 7 (9am - 4pm)
Festival de la Grande Eglise in Opelousas

October 13, 20 (5:30 - 8:30pm)
 Music & Market in Opelousas

October 13-15 (9am - 5pm)
 Semi-Annual Antique Fair & Yard Sale in Washington

October 14
 St. Landry Geneological Meeting
 Opelousas Public Library

October 28
 Sweet Dough Pie Festival in Grand Coteau

October 28-29
 Experience Louisiana Festival in Eunice



St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission | 1.877.948.8004 | CAJUNTRAVEL.COM 

Cemetery Tours & Historical Reenactments

St. Landry Catholic Church
 Opelousas, Louisiana



VOICES FROM OUR PAST

Leaders & Legends

Oct. 14, 15, 21, 22, 2017

Imperial St. Landry

Standing under the massive cedar trees of St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery, there is a calm that will transport you back in time to a place named Opelousas, Louisiana's 3rd oldest city founded in 1720. From its beginnings as a Spanish Fort to the City of today, it has beckoned people from all ethnic groups to be part of its colorful history. Each person who has been a part of Opelousas and St. Landry Parish has left their mark. Epidemics such as Yellow Fever and Typhus claimed many families and this cemetery, consecrated in 1798, reminds you of the lives that were lost. For nine months during the Civil War, Opelousas was Capital of Louisiana. In fact, when Union Soldiers occupied the town they even camped out on the church grounds. As with wars before and after the Civil War, here you will find soldiers who fought in every war for what they believed in and the families that remained at home. They helped to create a foundation rich in culture and traditions -- one that Opelousas is proud of... leaders & legends.

We invite you to experience it all. Spend some time with the voices from our past and listen to their stories -- some are happy while some are sad and others will leave you wanting more. You will be amazed at what they are willing to share about their lives and the struggles they endured. Time and Mother Nature have taken their toll on some of the graves in this cemetery. Many buried here are lost forever but those that do remain await your visit. You're always welcome beneath the cedars.



St. Landry Catholic Church

St. Landry Roman Catholic Church in Opelousas, known as the Mother Church of Acadiana, is the second oldest church parish in the Lafayette Catholic Diocese. Completed in 1909, this cathedral-size church is the third building to sit on this elevated track of land. It is referred to as the Mother Church of Acadiana because more church parishes have been carved out from the original church parish than any other in South-west Louisiana.

This beautiful edifice symbolizes not only the strong Catholic faith of South Louisiana, but also the rich history and culture of the region.

As one of the largest churches in the Diocese of Lafayette, St. Landry is one of the finest examples of Romanesque Revival in Louisiana. The exterior is a Gothic form with Romanesque motifs, while the interior is Romanesque. It is based on the basilican plan. The most prominent feature is its octagonal turrets and large main tower, which houses St. Landry's bell, the Immaculate Conception, which still rings today.

The cemetery was established in 1798. The cemetery contains the graves of many prominent families of the Opelousas area.

