

Second Sunday of Lent

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 20, 2016

4:30 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, LeRoy J. Fontenot, Pereda Fontenot, Joseph Lee Gobert, Michael Granger, Togeal Goodly, Roy & Anna Boullion, Hubert & Doris Ryder, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula, & Elmer Chatman, Sr., Keith LeJeune

SUNDAY, February 21, 2016

7:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)

10:00 A.M. MASS – Margaret Ann Karam (**1st Anniversary**), Stacey Beaubouef, Robert “Bob” Ezie Taylor

MONDAY, February 22, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Leonard Beaubouef

TUESDAY, February 23, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – J.D. & Esther Marcantel & Fly.

WEDNESDAY, February 24, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – E.J. & Mary Hance

THURSDAY, February 25, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Bryant Montou

FRIDAY, February 26, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Claiborne Durio

SATURDAY, February 27, 2016

4:30 P.M. MASS – Michael Granger, Jeremy Rider, Cecilia Sonnier, Evelyn Manuel, Sidney Mcgee, Hubert Bertrand, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Emily Adams, Keith LeJeune, Willie, Allie, Raymond & Larry Lantier, John Spears

SUNDAY, February 28, 2016

7:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)

10:00 A.M. MASS – Leonard Beaubouef, Joseph Lee Gobert, Stacey Beaubouef, Angelle LeJeune Durio

Last Week's Collection

\$4,627.81

2nd Collection – Religious Education

\$ 430.26

2nd Collection This Weekend – Black & Indian Missions

PRAYER LIST FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Gerry Beaubouef, Jerome, John & Josie Bergeron, Joann Bertrand, Michael Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Renate Bourque, Virginia Bowles, Luke Burnham, Norris Chapman, Jr., Charles Chaumont, Jerry Chaumont, Florence Comeaux, Pam Dequant, Carol Deshotel, Marla Duplechain, Poochie Duplechain, Cathy Fontenot, David Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Elsie & Cotrell Foster, Roy Franks, Tim Germany, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Terrence Guillory, Sybil Haas, Harrison Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Joseph Harmon, John, Perella & Shenita Jackson, Brayden Johnson, Essie Langley, Tina Morgan-Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joe, Adam and Mary LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Joy Mancil, Kevin Manuel, Lula Manuel & Fly., Marlin Manuel, Pat Manuel and Fly., Trista Marler, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Beau Montou, Kathy Montou, Gloria Morris, Carolyn Morgan, Glenn Morgan, Marvin Morgan, Odrey & Dorothy Montou, Nicholas Odum, Marie Parker, Devin Pelt, Mary Mott Peterson, Sally Pitre, Linda & Don Portie, Sandy Pousson, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ashton Read, D. C. Reed, Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Terry Reeves, Leonard Richard, Johnathan, Christina, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylei, Richard, Sharon, Martha, Rusty, Patsy, Matt, & Josh Rider, Rev. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Bill Scheffler, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, Donald Paul Sonnier, Kermit Sonnier, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Suzanne Stringer, Devin Swarhout, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweek, Ticky Family, Roselyn Victorian, Zachary Villereal, Gene Vizena, Kena Wilson, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Laura Zaidan

2016 Cursillo Dates

Men

April 7 – 10

May 19 – 22

June 21 – 24

September 8 – 11

Women

March 10 – 13

April 28 – May 1

June 9 – 12

August 11 – 14

September 29 – Oct. 2

Contact Corinne at the Rectory if you are interested in making a Cursillo.

Leading the Rosary before Mass this Weekend

4:30 P.M. – Haddie Goodly

7:30 A.M. – Lucy Brandon

10:00 A.M. – Deacon Norris Chapman

Vocations Candle – Mrs. Francis Gueringer
(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

Vocations Cross – Mrs. Lou Ann McGee

Glad Tidings Program

Sunday, February 28, 2016 – **Third Sunday of Lent:** Bishop Glen John Provost is joined by Father Jeffrey Starkovich, Senior Parochial Vicar of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, for a dialogue on the Gospel of the day (Luke 13:1-9).

2nd Annual SJoA Fish Fry Fundraiser

The Ladies Altar Society is having a Fried Catfish Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, March 6, 2016. The dinner includes ½ lb. Catfish Fillet, French Fries, Coleslaw, Fried Pistolette, and Dessert. Dinners will be available from 10 A.M. – 1 P.M. at the Catholic Hall. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from an Altar Society member or at the church rectory.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

A special Mass at the Cathedral will be celebrated Sunday, April 17th at 9:30 a.m. with the Bishop. Prayer cards will be distributed to all attending the Mass. The first place winner of the Vocation Drawing Contest will have their drawing on the prayer card. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Reception will follow Mass in the Ave Marie Hall.

Church Directories

We have received additional copies of the SJoA church directory. Copies may be picked up in the church.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, February 21st – Rosary at the Oberlin Cemetery @ 4:15 P.M.
- ❖ Sunday, February 21st – RCIA @ 4:45 P.M.
- ❖ Sunday, February 21st – Solemn Holy Hour @ 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, February 23rd – Men's Holy League: Holy Hour @ 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, February 24th - Adoration: 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, February 25th – Latin Class after Mass
- ❖ Friday, February 26th – Stations of the Cross after 5:30 P.M. Mass

SAVE THE DATES

Year of Mercy Confessions

At SJoA, Oberlin: Friday, March 4th from 2:00 – 8:00 pm

At Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings: Saturday, March 5th from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Anticipated Mass Time Change

Beginning the weekend of March 12 – 13, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Anticipated Mass reverts back to 6:00 P.M.

External Observance of the Feast Day of SJoA

The External Observance of the Feast Day of SJoA will take Place Sunday, June 5th @ 10:00 Mass. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

EWTN Pilgrimage

Monday, May 23rd – Thursday, May 26th. Reserve your spot now by calling the Rectory.

FROM FATHER CONNER

Mercy Mondays

Our first *Mercy Monday* is next week (Monday, Feb. 29th). Father Thompson will be here to speak about “Indulgences: the Church’s Treasury.” The evening begins at 6:00 pm with a presentation on the doctrine of indulgences at the Parish Hall. Afterward we move to the church for 30 minutes of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us for this Year of Mercy initiative! . . . and bring a friend or two!!!

The Maccabee Campaign

The Maccabee Campaign begins *today* (Sunday, Feb. 21st). We meet at Oberlin Cemetery for prayers at **4:15 pm**. Praying for the living and the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. Bring yourself, your rosary, and your intentions and join us for this Year of Mercy initiative! Also, during the Year of Mercy, every work of mercy has been indulged by Pope Francis. Don’t miss out, then, on a supreme act of charity.

Year of Mercy Day Spiritual Pilgrimages

I’m pleased to announce that SJoA will sponsor day spiritual pilgrimages during the Year of Mercy. We’ll make a “pilgrimage” to a holy site (usually a church) one per month throughout the remainder of the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has specifically recommended pilgrimages during the Year of Mercy, saying: “The practice of *pilgrimage* has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a *viator*, a pilgrim travelling along the road, making his way to the desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door in Rome or in any other place in the world, everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This will be a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice. May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God’s mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us” (MV, 14).

The first day spiritual pilgrimage SJoA will sponsor will be to the **Cathedral** in Lake Charles. Please mark on your calendar **Saturday, March 12th**. More details will follow, but for now, here are a few things of which to make note:

- There’s no charge for the pilgrimage
- Anyone may come on the pilgrimage
- SJoA will ask parishioners interested in making the pilgrimage to carpool (this will save gas, foster community life, and make it possible for those without suitable transportation to participate)
- The pilgrimage will be spiritual
- A tour of the Cathedral will be offered
- There will be a time of prayer at the Cathedral
- We will pass through the Holy Doors at the Cathedral

Forty Hours Devotions Sign Up

I reprint what was in last Sunday’s bulletin:

I ask that every, single parishioner of SJoA (yes, every, single one of us) sign up for at least one hour: young, old, rich, poor, practicing, part-timing, fervent, lukewarm, pious, irreverent. Every single one of us rely on Priests to provide the Sacraments, myself included. It’s easy to find an excuse: Oh, I’m too busy. Or, I don’t know what to do at adoration. Or, I won’t feel like going because I’ll be tired after (or before) work. These are pitiful excuses. If we do nothing in support of

vocations, we’re brushing up against the sin of presumption, because it’s presumptuous thinking that God will magically make a Priest appear in our parish or at our bedside when we’re dying. This isn’t how it works. Straw is required for making bricks (cf. Exodus 5:1-21). And Our Lord has said, moreover: Ask the Master of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard (cf. Mt. 9:38). Everyone (everyone!) is busy, so it’s time to stop making excuses and start having Faith – faith, because prayer actually does work for obtaining priestly vocations. It’s also time to begin acting with reason – reason, because Priests actually do not fall from heaven into the bosom of a diocese.

There are more than 400 people who regularly attend holy Mass at SJoA on the weekend. We should have **zero** difficulty filling these spots. Some can cover morning hours, others hours during the day, and still others can come in the afternoon or at night. All can come at some point!!! Sign up sheets are at the main entrance of the church.

Dates and times of Forty Hours Devotions at SJoA:

Sunday, March 13 th	11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Monday, March 14 th	7:00 am – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 15 th	7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, March 16 th	7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Don’t worry if you’re not sure of what to do at Forty Hours. It’s easy. Just commit to an hour. Show up for it and pray. SJoA will even provide prayer booklets with a treasury of awesome Catholic prayers and devotions.

Green Vocations Candle

Before each 10:00 am Sunday Mass, we all kneel and make prayers. What are we doing? We are praying to God, asking Our Lady’s intercession, for holy priestly and religious vocations to be granted to the Diocese of Lake Charles. Please make sure to have this as your intention as we make these prayers. Additionally, the green candle in the votive candle stand is the “Vocations Candle.” We would like parishioners, all parishioners, to consider sponsoring the Green Vocations Candle at some point. To do so, please call Corinne at the Office (639-4399) or email her (stejeanne@centurytel.net) to reserve the week you will sponsor the candle and make the prayers each day. Remember, if we do nothing, or little, for vocations, that’s pretty much all we can expect from God. But if we are generous and sacrifice for vocations, God will send us power and holy Priests like the saints mentioned in history. So, what kind of Priests do you want God to send our diocese?

Flocknote

Keep up with the latest “goings on” at SJoA and get timely alerts and reminders by signing up to our Flocknote account. It’s simple. Just go to www.sjoaoberlin.com and fill in your contact info. The Flock Note registration form is on the right sidebar on the home page.

New Worship Aids

Last Sunday we changed out the white worship aids with new ones. The new ones have some of the prayers of the Ordinary of Mass in Latin. I ask that **1.**) you use them to follow along during Mass; (Remember: Vatican II has the expectation that the laity will participate in the prayers of Mass in Latin.) and **2.)** that you do **not** fold or bend the cards. (They last longer when they are not folded.) Please, then, help us to maintain them by **not** folding the worship aids or any other cards in the pew back pockets. Thank you.