

## Third Sunday of Easter

### MASSES & INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, April 29, 2017**

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Elmo Smith, Jervy & Irene Vizena, Jeremy Rider, John C. Durio, Henry, Lula & Betty Fontenot, Keith LeJeune, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Dorothy Berry, Ferris Guillory, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr.

**SUNDAY, April 30, 2017**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Edward Maddox, Charles Mancil, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Marvin & Sheryl Banks, Corey, Payton, Keegan, Eli Rozas, Raoul & Julia Frank, Estelle Pellerin

**MONDAY, May 1, 2017**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Roland & Verlie Chaumont

**TUESDAY, May 2, 2017**

**5:00 P.M. MASS** – Elmo, Eli & Theolite Smith

**WEDNESDAY, May 3, 2017**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – John C. Durio

**THURSDAY, May 4, 2017**

**NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, May 5, 2017**

**NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, May 6, 2017**

**8:00 A.M. Mass** – Sr. Zélie Thérèse of the Redeemer

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Jeremy Rider, Souls in Purgatory, Enola Bellard, Henry, Lula & Betty Fontenot, Preston Bertrand, Dorothy Berry, Bud Chapman, Keith LeJeune

**SUNDAY, May 7, 2017**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Edward Maddox, Members of St. Martha's Guild, Gene & Velma Brakel, Jeanette Hornsby, Raoul & Julia Frank, Juan H. Lucero Castellano, Juan A. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guihermo Consuegra Garicia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez

**Last Week's Collection**

**\$8,655.35**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA)

**\$415.17**

### PRAYER LIST

Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Corey Briscoe, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Kristin Carlton, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, David & Natalie Carrier, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottogin, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Carol Deshotel, Jackie Deville, Cindy Doise, Jabe Doyle, Poochie Duplechain, David Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Justin Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Tim Germany, Elaine Giles, Daniel Goodly & Fly., Freddy & Becky Gorman, Bruce Granger, Jennifer Granger, Todd Guillory, Victoria Lynn Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Shirley Hebert, Jan Horton, Sunni Hurst, Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Grady Johnson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Rudolph & Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Kristen Labauve, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Dwain LeBleu, Tina Morgan Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Brian Manuel, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Nolton Manuel, Shirley Manuel, Trista Marler, Reed McIver, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Joy Mancil, Ray Marcantel, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Ronald Meaux, Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Janice Moreau, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, A.J. Norwood, Nicholas Odum, Joey Owen, Gabriella & Martel Papillion, Howard Patin, Devin Pelt, Sally Pitre, Hannah PoillionLinda & Don Potier, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Ronnie Ramos, Ashton Read, Reid Redlich, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Sarah Reed & Fly., Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Will Reid, Leonard Richard, Donald Rider, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylic, Jackson, Martha, Rusty, and Patsy Rider, Salis Rider, Michael Roger, Ann Rooney, Vera Ross, Fr. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Quentin Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, C. Sonnier, Remy Spring, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Margie Smith, Donald P. Sonnier, Barbara Strickland, Kelly Strother, Lucille Strother, Carl Tarver, Donald Taylor, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Katelyn Tunks, Dollyanna Victorian, Steve Vidrine, Zachary Villereal, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Robbie Willis, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Kimberly Worthy, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

### Divine Intimacy Reading Guide

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**Vocations Candle** – Mr. & Mrs. Bill Billodeaux

**Vocations Cross** – Mr. & Mrs. Shannon Mancil

### KC Jambalaya Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus will have a jambalaya fundraiser for \$7 per plate on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> beginning after 7:30 A.M. Mass. The Ladies Altar Society will be selling canned drinks. You may choose to eat in the hall or take it to go.

### Altar Boy Swim Party

There will be a swim party for Altar Boys at the home of Daryl & Renee Granger on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M. Please call the rectory and let Mrs. Corinne know if you will attend.

### Youth Excursion Day

SJoA youth completing grades 6 – 12 are welcome to attend a free excursion to Petro Bowl and Gatti's Pizza in Lake Charles Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church at 9:00 A.M. and return by 3:00 P.M. Please call Mrs. Corinne at the rectory by Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> to sign up your child. Parents are needed to drive and chaperone.

### Ladies Altar Society

The Ladies Altar Society is looking for new members and reminding current members that annual dues for 2017 may now be paid by mailing \$20.00 to P.O. Box 479, Oberlin, 70655, or by placing it in an envelope in the collection. Checks should be made out to: Ladies Altar Society

### Silver (25<sup>th</sup>) and Golden (50<sup>th</sup>) Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in L.C. will have a Mass on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 A.M. for upcoming anniversaries. Any couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, or 70+ anniversaries may attend. Register with Mrs. Corinne in the church office.

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### This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ladies Altar Society Meeting at 5:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Fatima Novena Prayers at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Fatima Novena Prayers at 12:05 P.M.
- ❖ Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Crowning of The Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:00 A.M. followed by Mass
- ❖ Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Fatima Procession after 10:00 A.M. Mass; Ultreya at 5:00 P.M.; Solemn Holy Hour for Vocations at 6:00 P.M.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### Next Bazaar Meeting

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 P.M. in the hall.

### Vocation Bible School

Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 28<sup>th</sup>. More information later.

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### **Latin at Holy Mass Continues**

In Lent we began using Latin for a few parts of the Mass (*Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, Pater Noster*). We will continue using Latin for these parts of the Mass for the time being. As we know, the Second Vatican Council insisted that Latin be maintained at Mass, saying: “the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites.” (cf. SC 36.1) It’s to be lamented that so many Latin Rite parishes are not in conformity with the teachings of Vatican II in this regard.

### **The Fitting Worship of Almighty God and the Renewal of the Catholic Church**

This past July His Eminence, Robert Cardinal Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, delivered a very important presentation at a world-wide liturgical gathering in London. This was the occasion, you may recall, where Cardinal Sarah exhorted all Bishops and Priests to begin offering Mass *ad orientem*, or turned toward the Lord ... toward the altar/crucifix/tabernacle/east.

In and of itself, the recommendation for *ad orientem* worship is so important that each Catholic should familiarize himself with the Cardinal’s presentation, for offering Mass “facing toward God,” Who is the proper Object of our prayers at Mass, is one of the most urgent needs of the Catholic Church today. Indeed, it is impossible to say this too many times: Re-employing *ad orientem* worship at Mass is essential for the success of the Church’s re-evangelizing efforts, for it is unreasonable to think that the Church will renew the world without first renewing herself, and the Church’s renewal, moreover, will commence only after she renews her worship. To paraphrase St. Peter: this type of *judgment* must necessarily begin with the “household of God” (cf. 1 Peter 4:17).

In addition to recommending *ad orientem* worship, Cardinal Sarah made several other crucial recommendations for the Church’s reform and renewal, each involving how she worships her Lord within the Sacred Liturgy. Today, I will list the Cardinal’s suggestions for liturgical renewal here in the bulletin. They are numbered in the order in which Cardinal Sarah mentioned them in his presentation.

### **Cardinal Sarah’s Ten Points for Liturgical Renewal:**

1. Provide the clergy with better liturgical formation, with a special emphasis on the Extraordinary Form.
2. Clear up the confusion about the meaning of “active participation.”
3. Reform the post-Conciliar rites where they exceeded the intentions of Vatican II; correct “liturgical sloth” in clergy and abuses in the Mass (e.g., carelessness of clergy/servers in carrying out the rituals; ministers changing parts of the Mass without proper authority; etc.).
4. Restore *ad orientem* worship at all Masses.
5. Respect liturgical tradition by using the Propers (for singing), restoring Gregorian Chant and Sacred Polyphony to their rightful place, and by removing profane (worldly) and spiritual (non-liturgical) music.
6. Reduce recited prayers and increase chanted prayers.
7. Restore the Latin language to its proper place.
8. Emphasize adoration of God at Mass through increased silence, kneeling, and genuflections.
9. Kneel down to receive Holy Communion; receive Holy Communion on the tongue.
10. Not permitting anyone to enter the sanctuary who is not properly vested for Mass.

Beginning in a couple of weeks, I will spend some time elaborating on each of these recommendations. Easter is a time of renewal and transformation: for new life *in Christ!* As such, it strikes me as ideal time for such an endeavor.

Let us be reminded that the aim of Cardinal Sarah’s presentation was to make a contribution to the authentic renewal of the Catholic Church. As Prefect of the CDWDS, he has a special responsibility and competency in this area. Some of us have personal memories of the euphoria during and after Vatican II. Catholics were told that soon the Church would be entering into a new “springtime,” but would anyone be so foolish now as to say that we are in a *springtime*? No. What was hoped for during and after Vatican II has not materialized. In fact, just the opposite has happened. Our lot today is more akin to that of a desert rather than a garden. Rather than enter into a new springtime we are in the dead of **winter!**

Not in agreement? Well, let's look at the cultural landscape. Today only about 20% of Catholics (in the USA) attend Mass with any regularity. In Europe, the situation is far worse. In some countries that are historically Catholic, Mass attendance is under 5%! Today we have a paucity of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The plague of divorce afflicts Catholic families at roughly the same rate as non-believers. More children are born outside of marriage than within. Incredibly, Catholics of today not only tolerate abortion, contraception, and the redefinition of marriage. They actually *embrace* these things. (Truly astonishing indeed!) Within the hierarchy, we see demonstrated (many times even publicly) theological illiteracy in doctrine, morals, scripture, liturgy, canon law, history, etc. The poor formation of the clergy, in turn, has led to an impoverished handing on of the faith to the laity. The deficient transmission of the faith, as anyone would logically conclude, has laid the groundwork for Catholics not merely to succumb to error, but has contributed to dissent on nearly a global level. All the while, Bishops and Priests remain largely silent (or nearly silent) in refuting these errors and teaching the *true* faith! In short, things are a mess.

**Bishop Athanasius Schneider**, a truly remarkable Prelate, a man of unparalleled courage and acumen, has bravely stated that, "**The Catholic Church is in crisis.**" The sincere (and reasonable) Catholic is willing to take a critical look at our situation today and ask serious and honest questions. It is this seriousness that motivates men like Cardinal Sarah and Bishop Schneider. They want us to reflect on the errors that have occurred after Vatican II, that is, with the implementation of the Council's teachings. I would note that the official title of Cardinal Sarah's presentation in London is: "**Towards an Authentic Implementation of *Sacrosanctum Concilium*.**" (Emphasis mine.) In case you do not know, "*Sacrosanctum Concilium*" refers to the document of the Second Vatican Council concerning itself with the teachings for the holy Mass.

In the years following the Council, many of the changes we now experience in our Catholic parishes came about, we have been told, because the teachings of Vatican II required it. Cardinal Sarah (who was hired by and works for Pope Francis), Bishop Schneider, and many, many others do not agree. Thankfully, we are now entering into a period of re-evaluation and honest self-reflection. What did Vatican II teach? What *didn't* it teach? Questions such as these *must* be addressed. In the weeks to come, we will give the good Cardinal an honest hearing. We will be open to the *authentic* message of Vatican II. It is this authenticity which will lead the Church to the renewal she so eagerly desired (50 years ago) and which she so desperately needs today. I would conclude by noting that not a single one of these ten recommendations is of a political or ideological nature. Let none of us be confused about this. What we are speaking of here are the things of God, not those of men. To quote St. John, we are speaking of matters of Eternal Life (cf. 1 John 1:2).

### **Thanks to Ladies Altar Society & Knights of Columbus**

I wish to thank the LAS & the KCs for preparing and hosting the First Holy Communion Reception. They continue to be excellent examples of living the Christian life generously and sacrificially. They are models for us. I hope each of us can find some time to offer them a fitting expression of gratitude. I certainly thank these two groups for their dedicated service to Our Lord and SJoA!

### **Our Lady of Fatima Novena**

We begin a parish novena to Our Lady of Fatima this Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The novena prayers conclude Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady to the three young seers in Fatima, Portugal which was May 13, 1917. I hope you will participate in the novena. For your convenience, novena prayers are here in the church and on the parish website.

### **Marian Procession Next Sunday**

After the 10:00 am Mass next Sunday (May 7<sup>th</sup>), we'll have a Marian procession through the neighborhood to mark the beginning of the apparitions at Fatima.

### **Public Devotions on May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for public devotions at noon on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Fatima prayers will take place at the Farmer's Market on Main Street. Please join us to mark this significant and historic anniversary.

### **Congratulations to the Recently Confirmed!**

Tamia Berry, Morgan Dodd, Aleaya Frank, Baylee Hebert, Christian Manuel, Madison Meaux, Krystal Moreau, "Trooper" Peloquin, Jasmine Powers, Sarah Shaw, Jasmine Victorian. They were confirmed by Bishop Provost this past Tuesday. We congratulate them and their families!