

Corpus Christi (External Observance)

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

5:30 P.M. MASS Elmo Smith, Jeremy Rider, Jack Johnson, Keith LeJeune, Fran Meaux, Benton & Yvonne Smith Fly., Elmo & Clara Smith Fly.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Edward Maddox, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, Phillip Courville, Joe, Hosey, & Joseph Guillory, Andrus & Ella May Fritel, Douglas R. Daigle, Marvin Banks, Father's of Ken & Wylene Taylor Fly., Virgil & Willa Del Trahan, Carol Deshotel, Dorothy Chapman Granger, Kenneth & Corinne Granger, Renaldo & Kathy Ramos

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Francis & Ronnie Meaux

TUESDAY, June 20, 2017

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

(9:15 A.M. at St. Frances)

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Augustine Goodly

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Emma Granger

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

5:30 P.M. MASS – Sox Gordon, Jeremy Rider, John C. Durio, LeRoy Fontenot, Pereda Fontenot, Bud Chapman, Keith LeJeune, Fran Meaux, Benton & Yvonne Smith Fly., Elmo & Clara Smith Fly., Mac Fontenot, Joe Karam & Fly., Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Edward Maddox, Gene & Velma Brakel, Taylor & Remy Fly. liv. & dec., Corey, Payton, Keegan & Eli Rozas, Marvin Banks, Helin & Glenn Sonnier, Carol Deshotel, Odile Guillory

Last Week's Collection

\$3,987.89

PRAYER LIST

Mr/Mrs. Robert Andrews, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Roxane Campbell, Kristin Carlton, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, David & Natalie Carrier, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottongin, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Jackie Deville, Cindy Dowies, Jabe Doyle, David Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Tim Germany, Elaine Giles, Daniel Goodly & Fly., Freddy & Becky Gorman, Bruce Granger, Jr., Jennifer Granger, Vergie Granger, Linda Green, Todd Guillory, Victoria Lynn Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Shirley Hebert, 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, Deanne LeBlanc, Dwain LeBleu, Tina Morgan Lantier, Craig Leguine, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Doc Lowe, Arlington Manuel, Benny Manuel, Brian Manuel, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Nolton Manuel, Shirley Manuel, Reed McIver, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Ray Marcantel, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Ronald Meaux, Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Janice Moreau, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Frank Mougeot, Andrew Norwood, Nicholas Odum, Debbie & Phil Owen & Fly., Joey Owen, Katherine Papillion, Howard Patin, Devin Pelt, Sally Pitre, Hannah Popillion, Linda & Don Potier, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Ronnie Ramos, Renaldo & Kathy Ramos, Ashton Read, Reid Redlich, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Sarah Reed & Fly., Lynda Reed, Irvin Reed, Octavia Reeves & Fly., Will Reid, Leonard Richard, Donald Rider, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylie, 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, Skaggs Fly., Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, Lois Singleton, C. Sonnier, Remy Spring, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Donald P. Sonnier, Barbara Strickland,

Kelly Strother, Lucille Strother, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Katelyn Tunks, Dollyanna Victorian, Steve Vidrine, Zachary Villereal, Joseph K. Vizena, Linda Voeller, Robbie Willis & Family, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Kimberly Worthy, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Divine Intimacy Reading Guide

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Vocations Candle and Cross – Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Granger

Vacation Bible School

“Cool Kingdom Party: Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus” Vacation Bible School is from Monday, July 24 – Friday, July 28 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Registration forms are at the entrances of the church. Fill it out and drop it by the church office by Friday, July 14th. Adult Volunteers are needed. Please call the rectory if you can volunteer. Monetary donations are being accepted to offset the cost of the program to keep it free for participants.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, June 18th – Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession after 10:00 A.M. Mass
- ❖ Monday, June 19th – **BAZAAR MEETING** at 5:30 P.M.
- ❖ Wednesday, June 21st – Pastoral Council Meeting at 6 P.M.
- ❖ **Friday, June 23rd – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Sat., June 24th – Work Day at St. Joseph 8:30 A.M. - 12P.M.

“Sorting Through the Errors of Communion in the Hand”

As mentioned at holy Mass today, Father Conner will give a brief, single-night class on the myths about and errors surrounding the reception of Holy Communion in the hand, an innovation that is most lamentable and faith-destroying. The class will be this **Thursday, June 22nd**, at **6:00 pm**, in the Parish Hall. The class will last approximately one hour, give or take a few minutes. Additionally, to assist you with a correct formation in this regard, these resources are recommended:

- “Dominus Est - It is the Lord,” Most Reverend Athanasius Schneider, Newman House Press, (2009). Gives a solid theological understanding for why a Catholic does not touch the Blessed Sacrament.
- “Communion in the Hand: Documents and History,” Most Reverend Juan Rodolfo Laise, Preserving Christian Publications Inc., (2011). Provides excellent background and analysis of Church documents, as well as the history regarding Communion in the hand.
- “A Privilege of the Ordained,” Michael Davies, Newman House Press, (1990). This booklet reviews Church teaching and the misinformation and propaganda that precipitated this unhappy innovation.

SAVE THE DATES

Chant Camp

Monday, July 10th – Friday, July 14th for all ages, **9AM-12PM.**

Vocation Bible School

Monday, July 24th – Friday, July 28th for grades 1 – 5.

Summer Short Course in Religion

July 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st and August 1st & 2nd.

FROM FATHER CONNER

This Sunday we take up anew the noble pursuit of improving our liturgical formation. I've included, as you can see here just to the right, Cardinal Sarah's recommendations in this regard. It's my hope to address each of these ten points over the course of time. A few Sundays previous, I offered some reflections on the nature of the sacred liturgy. Even though my remarks were for you (the laity), and even though I said nothing about the Extraordinary Form that day, I would consider my efforts to have initially addressed the first point on the list – i.e., improving our understanding of the nature of the sacred liturgy. As such, the first point has been struck through. Today, we tackle numbers 4 and 9 ... i.e., *ad orientem* and receiving Holy Communion kneeling down and on the tongue. The insert addresses point 4. What follows below will help us with point 9.

Cardinal Sarah's 10 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 have 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 vested for Mass.

Kneeling & on the Tongue : Lessons from Two Saints on How to Receive Holy Communion Properly

As one of the main speakers at the recent 2017 *Sacra Liturgia* Conference in Milan, Robert Cardinal Sarah implored Catholics to follow Pope St. John Paul II's example of kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament. His Eminence noted that the late pope knelt even until his last days. The Cardinal also highlighted St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta's reverence for the Holy Eucharist, noting that she once said nothing brought her more sadness than Communion on the hand.

CARDINAL SARAH'S THOUGHTS ON ST. JOHN PAUL II'S EUCHARISTIC PIETY

1. "The Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist is the literal body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. For if, as St Paul teaches, 'at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth' (Phil. 2:10), how much more should **we bend our knees** when we come to receive the Lord Himself in the most sublime and intimate act of Holy Communion!"
2. "The whole of the life of Karol Wotyla [i.e., Pope St. John Paul II] was marked by a profound respect for the Blessed Eucharist. Much could be said, and much has been written about this. Today I simply ask you to recall that at the end of his life of service, a man in a body wracked with sickness, John Paul II could never sit in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. **He forced his broken body to kneel.** He needed the help of others to bend his knees, and again to stand. What more profound testimony could he give to the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament than this, right up until his very last days."

CARDINAL SARAH'S THOUGHTS ON ST. MOTHER TERESA'S EUCHARISTIC PIETY

1. St. Mother Teresa "had absolute respect and worship for the Divine Body of Jesus Christ ... she touched daily the 'flesh' of Christ in the dilapidated bodies of the poorest of the poor, [but] amazed and full of respectful veneration, she refrained from touching the transubstantiated Body of Christ."
2. "Rather, she adored Him ... she contemplated Him silently. **She knelt** and prostrated herself before Jesus in the Eucharist. And **she received Him, like a little child** who is humbly nourished by his God. **She was saddened and pained to see Christians receive Holy Communion in their hands.**"
3. The cardinal recounted Mother Teresa's own words: "**Wherever I go in the whole world, the thing that makes me the saddest is watching people receive Communion in the hand.**"

CARDINAL SARAH STRIKES AGAIN FOR AD ORIENTEM!

The sky is blue. Democrats and Republicans disagree about ... *everything*. Alabama is the favorite to win the FBS National Championship. Some things never seem to change. Add Cardinal Sarah's call to Bishops & Priests to offer holy Mass *ad orientem* to the list. Recently, at an international liturgical conference, the Prefect of the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (CDWDS) said:

"I have spoken many times about the importance of recovering this orientation, of facing east in the celebration of the liturgy today, and I maintain what I have said on those occasions. Here I would simply note that in these words of Saint Ambrose we can see something more of the power, the beauty, and indeed of the purpose of facing east, of being united as the Church turned toward the Lord in worship, to behold Christ 'face to face'."

So much for the notion that the Vatican has "silenced" Cardinal Sarah ... or that His Eminence has walked back earlier remarks! Now, if the clergy would just become docile to these clear words of the Cardinal Prefect and turn to the Lord at holy Mass, a tremendous amount of good would be accomplished within the Church! I ask that you join me in prayer and penance with the intention of bringing healing to this "rupture" which is afflicting the Church in her very heart.

Additionally, Cardinal Sarah also mentioned something similar to what I said on the feast of the Lord's Ascension. You will recall that I noted that we are **not** free to shape the Mass according to our preferences or desires. There are many reasons for this. (I highlighted the fact that God commands the worship made by the Church Militant here on earth to be an accurate reflection of the worship rendered to Him by the Church Triumphant in Heaven.) We must humbly receive what God has given, not impose our will on it. Along those lines, His Eminence made these remarks recently:

"The liturgy is not, therefore, the individual — Priest or member of the faithful — or the group celebrating the liturgy, but the liturgy is primarily God's action through the Church which has her own history, her rich tradition and her creativity. This universality and fundamental openness, which is proper to the whole of the liturgy, is one of the reasons why it cannot be conceived of or modified by the individual community or by experts, but must be faithful to the forms of the universal Church."

The Mass isn't of our own making. (Revisit that handout on the nature of the sacred liturgy which I offered on the Lord's Ascension; study the differences of personal prayer and liturgical prayer.) The Mass is, before anything else, the prayer of Christ. He offers Himself to the Father for the salvation of souls. It is not something *we* make. It is *His* prayer, and we, unworthy as we are, are privileged enough to be able to join ourselves to His prayer. Pride leads us to want to manipulate it into something that it is not and cannot be. I think of what Vatican II (actually) taught in this regard: No one, be he even a Priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the sacred liturgy on his own authority (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 22.3). In other words, the Mass is not our property. It is God's.

Speaking of "refashioning" things, I would point out that His Eminence rebuked the notion that the Catholic Church "changed" during Vatican II. There is **not** a different set of beliefs for Catholics after the Council than there were before it. He remarked:

"The Church before the [Second Vatican] Council and the Church after it are not two separate entities. The Council did not call for rupture, but for development and enrichment. Where there has been rupture it must be healed—not to satisfy some esoteric scholarly desires, but for the good of souls."

It's truly lamentable that many Catholics self-identify as "Vatican II Catholics." This moniker typically means that such a person rejects everything taught and held by the Catholic Church *before* Vatican II. My follow up is usually something like this: "Didn't the Bible come before Vatican II? Didn't *Jesus* come before Vatican II? Are they to be rejected we well? After all, they are "pre-Vatican II" teachings?" Absurdity leads to absurdity. The word "catholic" means *universal*. The truth is one. A Catholic embraces truth in its totality, not some of it, but in its entirety. The truth, furthermore, is not provisional or temporary. It is eternal and immutable, which means that truth does not end or change. God is of course the Author of truth. The Catholic Church faithfully teaches us the truths of God. These do not, and cannot, change. What we believed before Vatican II, so we also believe today.

To be sure, it's not easy living according to the truth. We are sinners and our fallen human nature weighs heavily on us more times than not, but we must – in the words of Our Lord – *take heart*. Let's ask ourselves these questions: Do I love truth, or am I satisfied with opinion? When coming to holy Mass, is my starting point what I want, or do I give myself to something that precedes me, something that God Himself has ordained? At holy Mass, am I grateful that God enables me, a poor sinner, to participate in heaven's worship of the true and living God? Questions such as these, it seems to me, make for a timely examination of conscience and can help to heal the rupture the Church is experiencing in her liturgical life, and which we may also suffer from personally.

Some gasp at statements such as this, but it seems impossible (at least to men like Cardinal Sarah) to deny that "rupture" has resulted in the years following Vatican II. This rupture exists on many levels. "For the good of souls," it must be healed. We need to examine our conscience with sincerity to see if **we** are in "rupture." Before a healing remedy can take place, we must humbly acknowledge the malady. Only then we will be able to embrace the healing medicine of truth. For the "good of souls," God sends His Church Priests like Cardinal Sarah. We should be grateful for these "shepherds after the Lord's heart" (cf. Jeremiah 3:15). **We** need to relearn our faith, our heritage. Only then will we discover who we truly are, appreciate the gifts God has bestowed on us, and begin to live as we should. May the Lord grant each of us the resolve – clergy and laity – to *turn back to Him*.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be observed this Friday, June 23rd. As is evident from the title, its liturgical classification is that of a "solemnity." According to the *Code of Canon Law*, when a solemnity falls on a Friday, penance is not obligatory (cf. canons 1249-1253). Normally, I would recommend that we suspend our penances in circumstances such as this. For the Sacred Heart, I cannot, however, for there is a very long and venerable history of observing the Sacred Heart feast as a day of penance. (It's worth noting that the feast of the Sacred Heart *always* falls on a Friday.) Having stated this, I would make two things clear: 1) penance is **not** obligatory this Friday – June 23rd; 2) Catholics have always seen the importance and appropriateness of *freely* maintaining penance on the Sacred Heart of Jesus feast day. We would do well to consider "***the Heart which has so loved men that It has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself, in order to testify to Its love.***" Yes, prayer and penance testify to love. Jesus has given His "testimony." Will you give yours?

On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, SJoA will have ...

- ❖ Confession ... 6:00 am
- ❖ Holy Mass ... 6:30 am
- ❖ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ... 7:00 am – 12:00 pm