

5th Sunday - Season of the Year

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

4:30 P.M. MASS – Donald Fontenot, Deloise DeVille, Jeremy Rider, Fran Meaux, Sox Gordon, Keith LeJeune, Helin & Glenn Sonnier, Anne Hance Guidry, M/M Willard Picard, Barbara Murray Fly., Liv. & Dec.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Juan H. Lucero Castellano, Juan H. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guihermo Consuegra Garcia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez, Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Errol Deshotels, Savannah & Curley Gradney, Sr., Kashmira & Antonio Cart, M/M Scott Thibodeaux, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Joseph J.G. Berry, St. Martha's Guild

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Elmo Smith

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Autumn Kittrell

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Augustine Goodley

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Adelaide Keamey

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

4:30 P.M. MASS – Donald Fontenot, Deloise DeVille, Jack Johnson, Helin McCauley Fly., Liv. & Dec., Jeremy Rider, Fran Meaux, Ladies Altar Society, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Evelyn Sandell

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Bernard & Felicia Fontenot, Edward Maddox, Augustine Goodley, Payton Rozas, Ryan Rozas & Fly., Leonard Beaubouef & Sons

Last Week's Collection

\$4,209.65

2nd Collection – Church in Latin America

\$416.00

2nd Collection Next Weekend – Religious Education

PRAYER LIST

Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Jocie Bergeron, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Pauline Boudreaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Brandon Bridgwel, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Steve & Roxane Campbell, Kristin Carlton, Hunter Carmouche, David & Natalie Carrier, Rosabelle Carrier, Megan Cart, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Ailene Chapman, Paula Chaumont, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Larry Cormier, Virginia Cottongin, Jay Crittle, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Shaun Darbonne, Jackie Deville, Cindy Dowies, Jabe Doyle, Donna Dunnahoo, Amy Duplechain, Bryker Fontenot, David Fontenot, Mary O. Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Roy Frank, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, Daniel Goodley & Fly., Mary Ann Goodley, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Bruce Granger, Jr., Jennifer Granger, Vergie Granger, Linda Green, Victoria Guillory, Bob Haas, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Sunni Hurst, Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Grady Johnson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Colt Laborde, Paul LaFleur, Kristen Labauve, Charles Lacey, Rene Lambert, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Dwain LeBleu, Tina Lantier, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Doc Lowe, Benny Manuel, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Pat Manuel & Fly., Louana McGee, Reed Mclver, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Ray Marcantel, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Ronald

Meaux. Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Frank Mougeot, Andrew Norwood, Nicholas Odum, Debbie & Phil Owen & Fly., Joey Owen, Martel & Gabriella Papillion, Howard Patin, Hannah Popillion, Linda & Don Potier, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Renaldo & Kathy Ramos, Ashton Read, Reid Redlich, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Dora Reed, Gary Reed, Lynda Reed, Irving Reed, Sandra Reed, Octavia Reeves & Fly., Will Reid, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skyline, Jackson, Martha, Rusty, and Patsy Rider, Janice Rider, Salis Rider, Vera Ross, Fr. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Quentin Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Aerial Storer, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Dana Vidrine, Steve Vidrine, Joseph Vizena, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Vocations Candle and Cross – The Beaubouef Family

Come, Lord Jesus

Journey with us during the holy season of Lent to study and meditate upon the Sunday Gospels leading to the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Meet weekly in a prayerful, contemplative gathering for a deeper understanding of Jesus' sacrificial life and death and the victory he claimed for each of us. This seven-week program will intensify your faith and lead you to renewed commitment to our glorious Lord and Redeemer. For more information call the rectory. Signup sheets are in the back of the church.

Knights of Columbus Dues

KC dues are \$25 and may be paid at the meetings or by mailing to Craig LeJeune at 9842 Hwy 165, Oberlin, LA.

Six-week Lenten Study

True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception presents a six-week Lenten study, which explores the lives of Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Thomas More, Francis de Sales, Philip Neri, Charles Borromeo, and Teresa of Avila. As *True Reformers* introduces you to these great saints, you'll want to stay friends with them for life, even unto eternity, as you discover how they spearheaded the Church's rebirth from the ashes of Renaissance decadence and the turbulence and confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. The saints of the Catholic Reformation show us just how powerful--and beautiful--is the human heart's free response to God's generous grace. It takes place at The Ave Maria Hall (935 Bilbo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601) every Thursday at 6:00 P.M., February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22). Please call the Cathedral Office to register for the study (436-7251). See the Flyer in the Church.

Center for Catholic Studies Class Set

Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse will teach a four-session course on "Familiaris Consortio," the apostolic exhortation written by St. John Paul II in 1981 on the role of the Christian Family in the modern world at the Center for Catholic Studies in the Catholic Student Center at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. The classes are set for the Tuesdays of February 6, 20, 27 and March 6, from 5-7 p.m. The cost is \$50, with registration through the Office of Adult Education at 337-439-7400, Ext. 308 or at marlie.mudd@lclodiocese.org.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, February 4th – NO RCIA
- ❖ Tuesday, February 6th – Ladies Altar Society Meeting at 5:30 P.M.; Prison Ministry at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Wednesday, February 7th – Adoration 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD and Youth Group

Considerations at the Outset of Lent - Part II

- “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in Heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)
- We come to the *second* part of possible “considerations” for Lent. Let’s continue to look within our soul in order to determine how we can become *less* attached to the things of this world and *more* dependent upon God, that is, how we can love Him more through our Lenten disciplines.
- Last week the emphasis was on penance, that is, the “giving up” part. Today we consider several good things that could be “taken up” or begin doing ... or begin doing more consistently. The following could be considered as “prayer” & “alms” regarding the three things we often associate with Lent ... prayer, fasting, & almsgiving.
- As mentioned last Sunday, you may be called to none of these, or you may be called to several. Through sincere prayer and an honest examination of conscience, the Lord will enlighten us as to what the shape of Lent should look like for each of us.

Attend holy Mass during the week some / or daily

Blessed Pope Paul VI once taught that the most perfect and powerful prayer is the holy Mass. Without a doubt, nothing is more pleasing to the Heavenly Father than the perfect sacrifice made by Christ on the altar of the cross. The holy Mass is our most effective “weapon” against the Evil One and our most powerful tool for growth in holiness. We are foolish in not making proper use of it.

Make a Holy Hour every Wednesday and / or Sunday

On Wednesdays, we have adoration from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm. Come, pray for your marriage & family, for priestly & religious vocations, or for anything else besides. The saints demonstrate the importance and power of Eucharistic adoration. In addition to each Wednesday, during Lent we’re going to have a Holy Hour every Sunday evening at 6:00 pm. What an ideal thing to do on the Lord’s day.

Read the bible each day

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12) The bible is one of the greatest blessings given to us by God and His Church. Reading it daily is a very effective way to grow in holiness, to draw closer to God, and for finding peace. The Church encourages reading the bible by granting a plenary indulgence to anyone who prayerfully reads the bible for 30 uninterrupted minutes.

Visit the elderly

One of the gravest offenses of the west is that we have closed our eyes to the needs of the elderly. We act selfishly and manifest our fear of suffering by forgetting the elderly. There are many in our church parish who are advanced in years. These men and women deserve our gratitude, love, respect, & time. It is beautiful in the eyes of the Lord for the younger generations to show proper reverence and love for the elderly (cf. Ex. 20:12; Lev. 19:32; 1 Pt. 5:5). A simple visit to check in on someone, or dropping by to say, Hello, often means much more than we might realize. Along these lines, there are many SJoA parishioners at St. Frances Nursing Home. Each Wednesday we have devotions there at 9:15 am. Lent might be the perfect time for you to start visiting the elderly of our parish. Simply speak to me if you are interested in joining us at St. Frances.

Attend Adult Education / RCIA Classes

Our next class is Sunday, February 11th, at 4:30 pm. We meet at the Parish Hall for an hour and some change. We’re using the book, *This is the Faith* (available at the rectory for the cheapest price on earth). The class is each Sunday and runs through the beginning of June. “That’s a lot of classes,” you say. Well, this only means we’re going to be lean, ~~mean~~ ... uh, I mean, *highly informed*, Catholic apostles after we’re finished. Look, the Church needs highly educated and faithful lay Catholics. Don’t be afraid of committing yourself to this during the seasons of Lent & Easter. *Be not afraid!*

Pray the Rosary each day

Just listen to Our Lady of Fatima already!

Receive Holy Communion kneeling down & on the tongue ... and help others to see why they should too

Seriously, we’ve got to regain our bearings. Sure, receiving Holy Communion standing up and in the hand is currently *permitted* (in the OF), but it’s contrary to biblical faith. It’s also rationally inconsistent. Let’s consider: God either *is* or He isn’t *really, truly, & substantially present* in the Holy Eucharist. If He is (and I’m here to affirm that **HE IS!**), then we *should* bend our knees before Him if we are physically able. We *should* kneel because **He** is God and we are not. (That’s important. Ponder it well and with humility.) Why would we presume to stand in His presence?). We *should* kneel because we are in His presence. Does not everyone in the bible who recognized that Jesus was more than a man, who realized that he was in the presence of God kneel down before Jesus? Yes, they all do! Why don’t we when we are in His presence? If you don’t know this already, be assured that God is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Moreover, we *should* receive Holy Communion on our tongue because only the hands of the Priest are consecrated. The Priest’s hands are consecrated so as to make them fit to handle consecrated things. The hands of the laity, however, are not consecrated. Accordingly, the laity *should* receive on the tongue in order to give outward expression to this reality. Finally, we *should* all receive Holy Communion on our tongues because faith in the real presence is lessened when we see people putting the Eucharist in their hands. Some may doubt this, but I call your attention to the teachings of Blessed Pope Paul VI. He desired that all the faithful receive on their tongues in order to protect faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. His mind on this is clearly expressed in the document *Memoriale Domini*. Check it out. It’s readily available to all.