

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## **MASSES & INTENTIONS**

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Veronica Vizena (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Jeremy Rider, Cecilia Sonnier, Benton Smith, Roy & Elsie Frank, Steven Cezar & Fly., Samuel & Melinda Papillion, Frank Mougeot, Paul, Celeman, Norbert, Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Dec. Fly. of Paul & Celeman Thomas

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Marvin Banks (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Sarah Chapman, Garrett Howard, Leah Mancil, Edward Maddox, Clanton “Moose” Frank, Sarah Reed, Joseph & Gerry Beaubouef, Steve & Maryland Reed, Matt Taylor

### **MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Sylvia Vidrine

### **TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Frank Mougeot

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Elmo Smith

### **THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018**

**NO MASS**

### **FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Adelaide Keamey

### **SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018**

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

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Jeremy Rider, Sox Gordon, Keith LeJeune, Liv. & Dec. members of Barbara Murray Fly., Ladies Altar Society, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Evelyn Sandell, Benton Smith, Frank Mougeot, Paul, Celeman, Norbert, & Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Weston Monceaux, Jr.

### **SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Juan H. Lucero Castellano, Juan H. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guihermo Consuegra Garcia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez, St. Martha’s Guild, Glenn & Helen Sonnier, Ryan Rozas Fly., Liv. & Dec., Rory Taylor, Edward Maddox, Matt Taylor

**Last Week’s Collection**

**\$3,620.26**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Jocie Bergeron, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Brandon Bridgwel, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Steve & Roxanne Campbell, Kristin Carlton, Hunter Carmouche, David & Natalie Carrier, Rosabelle Carrier, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Larry Cormier, Virginia Cottongin, Brittany Courville, Jay Crittle, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Shaun Darbonne, Jackie Deville, Cindy Dowies, Jabe Doyle, Donna Dunnahoo, Amy Duplechain, Donna “Blackie” Duplechain, Ken Durio, 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, Rachael 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, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Ronald Meaux. Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Andrew Norwood, Nicholas Odum, Debbie & Phil Owen & Fly., Joey Owen, Martel & Gabriella Papillion, Brittany Pate, Howard Patin, Sonya Pickett, Shirley Papillion, 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, Don Rider, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylië, 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, Yvonne Smith, Josh Sonnier, Lonnie Stcyr, Aerial Storer, Donald Taylor, Erin Taylor, Lory Taylor, Matt Taylor, Tiffany Taylor, Matthew Truman, Ed & Jane Ulery, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine, Gene Vizena, Joseph Vizena, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Terri Willilord, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

**Vocations Candle and Cross** – Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Brandon

### **Thank You**

In appreciation for the kind words, support, food, flowers, financial gifts, cards, etc., at the loss of our Mom. To Father Conner, Deacon Dale, altar servers, and Mass preparers, thank you. A special thanks to Father Conner for words spoken at the Mass. I know Mom would like the family to express these words to the community and surrounding area; “Pray not only for me and my family but for yourselves and families.” May God bless you all.

- Celeman Thomas Family

## **SJoA EUREKA SPRINGS PILGRIMAGE**

- **Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**
- **Daily Mass, The Great Passion Play, Tour of the Holy Land Replica, Christ of the Ozarks, Bible Museum, and Little Portion Hermitage**
- **\$295 per person (55 people)**
- **\$375 per person (30 people) Lower prices available for children 16 yrs and younger.**
- **Includes Bus travel, 3 night lodging, Passion Play Tour w/dinner**

**The cost for other meals is not included. Call the rectory to reserve your spot by Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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### **This Week @ SJoA**

- ❖ **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – R.C.I.A. 4:30 P.M.; Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M. followed by Compline**
- ❖ **Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Ladies Altar Society Meeting 5:30 P.M.**
- ❖ **Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Adoration 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **BACCALAUREATE MASS**

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. Mass

### **CONFIRMATION MASS**

Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at St. Joan of Arc

### **SJoA FEAST DAY**

Reception after the 10:00 A.M. Mass on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **GARAGE SALE / BAKE SALE BENEFITING SJOA BAZAAR**

Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

### **RELICS OF OUR LORD’S PASSION VISITING SJoA**

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> (<http://www.relictour.com/relics-of-the-passion>)

### **SJOA BAZAAR**

October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### **A Young Man from SJoA going to the Vianney House**

As mentioned last Sunday, **Drew Beaubouef** will enter formation for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles in the Fall. He will live at the **Vianney House** in Lake Charles and attend McNeese State University. The Vianney House is the diocesan house of formation. It is located on the campus of St. Louis Catholic High School. Young men of college age, who are interested in seriously discerning a vocation to the priesthood, are eligible to apply. Father Nathan Long is the director of the Vianney House. In typical circumstances, a young man lives at the Vianney House for one year, after which he would either choose to go to the seminary or pursue some other path for his life. The Vianney House provides a structured life of prayer, study, recreation, and spiritual guidance designed to assist a young man to make an informed decision about whether God is calling him to the priesthood. We might think of the Vianney House as a “pre-seminary” program. The Vianney House has been in existence for 7 or 8 years. It has been a tremendous asset to the Diocese and to the young men who have lived there.

### **What does this mean for us?**

With the announcement of Drew’s entrance into the Vianney House, several folks have already begun asking me questions about the program and about how we as a parish might support Drew. Regarding the latter, for now I ask that we focus our efforts on prayer. While the Vianney House does not operate for free, the Diocese has found a way to run it in an economical manner. This means, practically speaking, that there’s not a tremendous cost to the young men living there. For this first year of Drew’s formation, then, let’s focus on prayers for him and for the young men in our parish and diocese who are, or should be, considering a priestly vocation to grow and persevere. In the future, and if Drew decides to go on to seminary, it will become more of a priority for us to offer our support along financial lines. And as we all remember from past experience, we’re a very generous parish when it comes to supporting priestly vocations. That’s truly beautiful!

### **Special Thanks to the KCs**

I wish to thank the Knights of Columbus for a very generous gift to SJoA’s budding prison ministry. The KCs recently purchased a chalice, paten, ciborium, and communion paten (i.e., the plate held under the chin of the communicant by the altar boy). These items will be used at the Allen Correctional Center. I, Deacon, and a group of parishioners go to the prison Tuesday evenings for confessions, holy Mass, the rosary and other devotions. We’re even preparing some of the men there to receive the sacraments. The work being accomplished is wonderful. As your Parish Priest, I want each of you to know that there are some very fine Catholic men at ACC. I sincerely thank the KCs for helping us with these much needed items for this very important ministry!!!

### **Benediction Sheets**

Hopefully you’ve noticed the “benediction sheets” at the main entrance of the church. This is a little guide I put together for you to keep in your prayer book. Please feel free to take a copy or two with you.

### **Morning Offering Prayer Cards**

We printed extra copies of the morning offering prayer cards. Please take a card and place it by your nightstand so that you can pray the prayers first thing in the morning. It’s important for us to dedicate our day to God in an **intentional** way. The prayers on the card are “tried & true”. Accordingly, I commend the prayer cards to you!

### **Gospel Chant Sheets**

As with the benediction sheets, so too with the yellow half-sheets with the responses for the beginning and ending of the Gospel. They are meant to be kept in your prayer book so that we can familiarize ourselves with the sung responses.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual SJoA Bass Tournament**

Our yearly fishing tournament at Toledo Bend is next Saturday (May 5<sup>th</sup>). Flyers have been in the church for one or two months now, and we’ve mentioned it in the bulletin on several occasions. Hopefully you’ve taken notice of the tournament. If you’re interested, please check out a flyer at the main entrance of the church. I’d like to thank **STEVE DURIO** for organizing the tournament. To my knowledge Steve has done this every year of the tournament’s existence. Thank you, Steve!

### **A Sunday Mass in the EF at SJoA**

Approximately one year ago, many parishioners presented me with a formal request for an EF Mass each Sunday. When a request like this is made, the Parish Priest must consider it seriously. If he judges the request to be **legitimate** (i.e., it will not unreasonably burden the parish) and **made by a stable group** (i.e., that the people making the request will support the Mass), the Parish Priest is lawfully obliged to satisfy it (cf. *Summorum Pontificum*, Art. 5, §1; *Universae Ecclesiae* 15). Over this past year, I have taken the request to prayer, consulted several Priests, and, for the past few months, discussed it with our Pastoral Council. After weighing the matter carefully, having received good feedback from our Pastoral Council, and in addition to having their support, I have decided that the most reasonable way to satisfy the request for a Sunday EF Mass at SJoA is to transition the 10:00 am Mass from the Ordinary Form to the Extraordinary Form. There are many reasons why we (me and the Pastoral Council) think this is the most reasonable option. Starting today, I will begin to explain why this is the case. In the coming Sundays, I will also provide more info from the pulpit and in the bulletin. The first Sunday EF Mass at SJoA will be **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the external observance of the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*.

## FATHERS: PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN SPIRITUALLY

### *What is Transferred in the Generational Line*

One of the most amazing things about the God of the New and Old Testament is how He deals with families. Although women are frequently holier than their husbands, God has chosen—already found in the first book of the Bible—the generational blessing to be transferred from the husband through the boys of his family and so on.

*Esau said to his father, "Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.—Genesis 27:38*

We long for our father's blessing, but we often only receive his negligence or bad habits. Nowadays, there is a lot of talk these days about generational curses, and these do indeed exist, but we have to be careful about falling overboard into generational fatalism. At one point in the history of Israel, God gets so fed up with the Hebrew "daddy-wound" excuse that He prohibits this parable from being spoke all over Israel: *The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.*

What this means is that God prohibited the excuse, "I sinned because my Dad sinned." It's like: My Dad ate bad grapes, so I can't get my act together. In modern terms, it would be "I'm an alcoholic because my Dad is an alcoholic." or "I'm addicted to porn because my Dad abused me." Although there is a high correlation for both of these evils that I do not mean to mock, we must also remember that God prohibits excuses, for God has given to every man a free-will to begin a new family with fresh responsibility:

*The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.—Ezekiel 18:1-4.*

<http://padreperegrino.org/2018/04/22/fatherprotect/>

The reason we cannot use a pious "daddy wound" excuse for our sins is because the grace we receive from God in the sacraments is infinitely more powerful than our physical, fallen bloodline. The grace and peace coming through the Precious Blood of Jesus is more powerful than the sins of the bloodline of

the Maranzano family or the Mangano family or your family or my family. This is why God prohibits the ancient "daddy wound" excuse of the fathers eating sour grapes as it somehow transfers to the kids. <http://padreperegrino.org/2018/04/22/fatherprotect/>

Although only original sin (not actual sins) transfers down a bloodline, the *propensity* for sins can indeed transfer down a bloodline, especially when mortal sins are committed under the roof of your children (and yes, pornography and drunkenness are both mortal sins.) This is where I am going to admonish the men reading this blog post to double-down in their vigilance against curses (that come primarily from their own sins) and blessings (literal blessings upon their children) *to leave a legacy in their families today.* I am going to give five battle-goals in this post.

#### **Why should our vigilance be doubled?**

Good Catholic parents keep telling me about their good children who are more frequently showing a propensity for same-sex attraction, transgender feelings, children making strange noises (yes, I know most kids make odd noises, but I mean *preternaturally* strange noises) as well as a highly-unusual propensity for finding pornography. Even relatively sheltered kids are doing sexual dances without ever having been taught. How is this possible?

It is either through learned behavior via the five-senses or through some type of cultural osmosis or even by demons that come into the home. I had written in an earlier blog post against pornography that a man must not use pornography unless he wants demons to invade his home. I realize this is a rather show-stopping claim, but every exorcist I know will back me up on this claim. Thus, I stick by this original claim.

But now, I am realizing something more scary: Even men who are successfully avoiding pornography and other mortal sins are finding their very young children get into sexual dancing and perverted experiments with themselves or other strange things. Some of this is the common effect of original sin that is only avoided in the childhood accounts of canonized saints. But nowadays, some of these unusual perversions are because the fathers of families are not providing the full gamut of protection prayers and

blessings that their children need against the most perverse and pro-death culture in the history of the world. Indeed, refraining from pornography is only the beginning of keeping many demons out of the home. But from what many good Catholic families are now reporting to me, I see: ***It is not enough.***

I want to give my top five suggestions for how men can begin to provide spiritual protection for their families.

#### **Five-Point Battle Plan:**

**1. Pray at least Five Decades of Daily Rosary with your family.** You can no longer afford to say “We try for one decade at night but we have little kids who are too unruly.” Fine. Put the little ones to bed and say the five decades with the kids who can stay awake. Or, if none can stay awake, go to your bed and get on your knees with your wife at your side, and pray five decades of the Rosary with her. Or, perhaps you are waiting for her to lead the family? Men, you must take the initiative of spiritual warfare here, or you will lose. No exaggeration here with what I’m coming against even in good Catholic families. You can’t afford to call me an extremist anymore with the preternatural proof I have of what is going on in even sheltered Catholic families. With the current spiritual and cultural war, you cannot afford to spiritually lead [sic] your family without the minimum of 5 decades of the Rosary a day.

**2. Auxilium Christianorum:** The exorcist Fr. Ripperger has put together an international team of tens of thousands of lay men and women and priests. They are now praying basic prayers of spiritual protection over their families and over each other from afar. (One laywoman told me that there are now *hundreds* of thousands of people signed up!) The goal of *Auxilium Christianorum* is to provide prayers for the members – priests, laity, family and friends – so that they are not adversely affected by the demonic. Because men have the greatest gift of spiritual authority and protection in their families, I suggest as many men as possible enroll in this venture, provided they meet these few requirements. These are the willing ones, the spiritually vigilant warriors who want to fight to get their families to heaven. *Auxilium Christianorum* has an excellent FAQ here that you should read before signing up.

**3. Praise God for His goodness together as a family!** This is first because praise is God’s due and secondly because it is our salvation to praise God and

thirdly because it unites our families to thank God but as a distant fourth: Praise is exorcismal against Satan. Satan and his legion of demons can not stand a family that praises God. Satan got especially angry at St. Faustina for writing about His goodness: “Do not write about the goodness of God! He is just!”—Satan to St. Faustina, *Divine Mercy Diary*, 1338.

**4. Praise your wife and children.** By “praise” I do not mean “praise” in the same way as number three above, for the above refers to “latria” in the sense of adoration due only to God. By *praise* of your family, I mean *encouragement* and *compliments*. At least, let your encouragements be as frequent as your corrections.

**5. Bless your wife and your children.** This is the blessing that is transferred inter-generationally for as many generations as will exist from your progeny until the second coming of Jesus Christ. Imagine this blessing passing through your son, to his son, to your grandson, to the point of leaving a dynastic legacy. Satan cannot do this, because his only legacy is de-creation. A humble man becomes God-like by simply blessing his children before they go to bed. This blessing is not to make them feel good (although it will make them feel more protected than living in a fortress!) or encouraged (although it will make them feel like the son or daughter of a warrior!) but because the multi-generational blessing that a father can give his son is *real*. A blessing is efficacious, meaning it will change world history, as we see in Aaron’s blessing in the Old Testament:

*The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, **The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.**” So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”—Numbers 6:22-27*

If you’re not good at making up spontaneous prayers, just memorize and pray the bold above, every night upon your wife and children. <http://padreperegrino.org/2018/04/22/fatherprotect/>

We long to be blessed by our fathers, to be protected by our fathers, to be praised by our fathers. This is done through blessings, encouragements and protection prayers. Men, I admonish you to begin one or even all of the above five *today*.