

**MASSES & INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Frank Mougeot, Benton Smith, Paul, Celeman, Norbert & Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Lloyd Taylor, Linus & Mary Manuel, Evelyn Sandell, Ernest Moore Fly.

**SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, St. Martha’s Guild, Juan A. Lucero Castellano, Juan A. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guillermo Consuegra Garcia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez, Helen & Glenn Sonnier, Sandra Gauthier, Matt Taylor, Henry, Lula & Betty Fontenot

**MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Frederick Bushnell

**TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018**

**8:00 A.M. MASS** – Dovick & Claiborne Durio

**THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Noah Ferry

**FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Henry, Lula & Betty Fontenot

**SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018**

**7:30 A.M. MASS** – Sr. Zélie Thérèse of the Redeemer

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Elmo Smith, Keith LeJeune, Paul & Rose Frank, Ladies Altar Society, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Evelyn Sandell, Benton Smith, Frank Mougeot, Lillian Fontenot, Paul, Celeman, Norbert, & Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Dec. Fly. Paul & Celeman Thomas

**SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Matt Taylor, Henry, Lula & Betty Fontenot, Noah Ferry, Augustine Goodley, Ray & Gloria Fontenot, Jessie Fontenot

**Last Week’s Collection \$3,862.80**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Holy Father (Peters Pence)**

**PRAYER LIST**

**(Call the rectory to add names to the Prayer List)**

Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Jocie Bergeron, John O’Neal Bergeron, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, JoAnn Cormier, Lucas Cortez, Jeane Daigle, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Rachael Granger, Vergie Granger, Jackie Hebert, Paul LaFleur, Essie Langley, Brian Manuel, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Patrica Mikas, Ann Rooney, Fr. Fred Russi, Yvonne Smith, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine

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

**Bazaar Meeting**

A Bazaar meeting is Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 P.M. in the hall. Final plans will be made for our Garage / Bake Sale that will take place Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. – noon. Proceeds benefit this year’s bazaar. Donations are plentiful. Workers are needed to help set up in the hall beginning Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> during office hours.

**EF Missals Available**

**EF Missals are available for purchase in the rectory. The cost is \$40 per missal.**

**Safe Environment**

All parish personnel, including volunteers, CCD teachers, VBS and youth group volunteers who have on-going, unsupervised contact with minors, will need to update their Safe Environment Training beginning July 1, 2018. It is available on the diocesan safe environment website at [safeandsacred-lcdioocese.org](http://safeandsacred-lcdioocese.org). If you have any questions please call the rectory.

**Rachel’s Vineyard**

Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat. If you are struggling with guilt, depression, regret, or other difficult emotions from an abortion, you are not alone. A retreat for healing after abortion takes place July 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> at Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff. The cost is \$215.00. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. For more information or registration contact: Rachel’s Vineyard of SWLA e-mail [rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org](mailto:rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**2018 Center for Catholic Studies Class Schedule**

Instructors and subjects for upcoming classes offered at the Center for Catholic Studies at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 221 Aqua Drive, Lake Charles, have been announced by the Office of Religious Education and the Office of Adult Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles. The actual dates and times for the classes will be made public later according to Sister Marirose Rudek, RSM, and director of the offices. Father Ruben Buller will teach Introduction to Spiritual Theology during September and October while Father Ruben Villareal will lead Introduction to Philosophy in November and December. Father Nathan Long will teach on the Letters of St. Paul during the months of January and February while Paula Hunter will teach Theology of the Body & Interior Life during March and April. Cost is \$50 per person for each course. For more information or to be placed on a list for future announcements, call 337-439-7400, Ext. 308 or email [marlie.mudd@lcdioocese.org](mailto:marlie.mudd@lcdioocese.org).

**Position Available**

Immaculate Conception Cathedral School in Lake Charles seeks a Self-Contained Special Education teacher. Email resume to Christi Jarreau [cjarreau@iccschool.org](mailto:cjarreau@iccschool.org).

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**This Week @ SJoA**

- ❖ Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – BAZAAR MEETING 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – NO LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING
- ❖ Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – OFFICE CLOSED
- ❖ **Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – Adoration 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> – Garage & Bake Sale immediately after 7:30 A.M. First Saturday Mass until Noon.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**SJoA CATHOLIC VOCATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. – Noon.  
Watch the bulletin for more information to come.

**SJoA BAZAAR**  
October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

**BLESSING OF CEMETARIES**  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### Observing a Standard of Modesty at SJoA

Last Sunday I preached about the virtue of modesty and of the holiness of a Catholic church because of its consecration. Hopefully this helped us to see that modest attire protects our God given dignity and that the sanctity of a Catholic church necessitates modest attire. After having taken the time to give clear instruction about these things, today I want to state in writing, and briefly from the pulpit, that we will observe the standard of modesty that the Holy Father requires of everyone who enters the churches in Rome. God is no less present here at SJoA than He is in the tabernacles in Rome. This parish church, moreover, lacks no degree of consecration than the basilicas of Rome enjoy. As such, modest attire is required inside of this church and on these grounds. Our standard for modesty is the same as that of the Holy Father (indicated in the image just to the right). While I haven't noticed any severe difficulties regarding immodest attire, our fallen human nature requires vigilance. I ask, therefore, that we all be diligent in observing modest attire, especially here at SJoA. Thank you for your cooperation.

### New Priest ... New Deacon ... for Diocese of Lake Charles!

We thank God for the newly ordained of the diocese: **Father Samuel Orsot** and **Deacon Michael Caraway!**

### Q & A Session on the Extraordinary Form

Since we now have Mass in the Extraordinary Form each Sunday, I want to offer another opportunity for continued formation regarding the sacred liturgy. On **Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am**, at the Parish Hall (this will be in conjunction with the Garage Sale), I will host an informal session to discuss liturgical matters. This will be a time to ask questions about all things liturgical. I think it will be a good time to discuss things such as the liturgical year and how it differs with the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms, ask questions about various EF practices, and learn how to use the EF (or OF) hand missal. If you have any questions about the Mass (in general) and the EF (in particular), this session will help you.

### July - the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The month of July is dedicated to devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This devotion, vigorously promoted by Pope St. John XXIII, has inexplicably fallen out of use in recent years. Given the love that moved the God-Man to pour out His Most Precious Blood to redeem us, this borders on outrage. I will preach on devotion to the Precious Blood at our Masses today. Below are three brief excerpts for your consideration. The first two come from Pope John's Apostolic Letter on the Precious Blood (*Inde a Primis*). The third comes from the writings of St. John Chrysostom.

1. **Pope St. John XXIII:** "As we now approach the feast and month devoted to honoring Christ's Blood – the price of our redemption, the pledge of salvation and life eternal – may Christians meditate on it more fervently, may they savor its fruits more frequently in sacramental Communion. Let their meditations on the boundless power of the Blood be bathed in the light of sound biblical teaching and the doctrine of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church. How truly precious is this Blood is voiced in the song which the Church sings with the Angelic Doctor [i.e., St. Thomas Aquinas] (sentiments wisely seconded by our predecessor Clement VI: "Blood that but one drop of has the world to win, all the world forgiveness of its world of sin.")
2. **Pope St. John XXIII:** "Unlimited is the effectiveness of the God-Man's Blood – just as unlimited as the love that impelled Him to pour it out for us, first at His **circumcision** eight days after birth, and more profusely later on in His **agony** in the garden, in His **scourging** and **crowning** with thorns, in his climb to Calvary and **crucifixion**, and finally from out that great wide **wound in his side** which symbolizes the Divine Blood cascading down into all the Church's sacraments. Such surpassing love suggests, nay demands, that everyone reborn in the torrents of that Blood adore it with grateful love."
3. **St. John Chrysostom:** "Let us ... come back from that altar like lions breathing out fire, thus becoming terrifying to the Devil, and remaining mindful of our Head and of the love he has shown for us ... This Blood, when worthily received, drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us, and even summons to us angels and the Lord of angels ... This Blood, poured out in abundance, has washed the whole world clean ... This is the price of the world; by it Christ purchased the Church ... This thought will check in us unruly passions. How long, in truth, shall we be attached to present things? How long shall we remain asleep? How long shall we not take thought for our own salvation? Let us remember what privileges God has bestowed on us, let us give thanks, let us glorify him, not only by faith, but also by our very works."



What We Believe...



Why We Believe It...

## When I Was Too Little...

by Joe Sixpack

Little Janie was coloring in her coloring book while her mother sewed a few feet away. All at once, Janie got up and ran over to her mother. She climbed up into her mother's lap and threw her arms around her neck and kissed her. Then laying her little head on her mother's shoulder, she whispered into her mother's ear, "Mommy, I love you."

Her mother hugged Janie and asked, "Why do you love me, sweetheart?"

With tears in her eyes, she answered, "*Because you loved me when I was too little to love you back.*"

As I recall from my reading, the very first question in the old Baltimore Catechism is, "Why did God create me?" If you think about it, that's one of the most profound questions man has ever asked. And this is a question man has asked in every age, baffled in search of an answer. Maybe even you have asked that question. Although it's baffled people throughout the centuries, our Old Covenant brethren, the Jews, have had the answer to that question for over 5000 years, and we Catholics have had it passed on to us for 2000 years. Unfortunately, most of us seem to have forgotten the answer, and in the uncertain times we live in we need to know and understand the answer now more than ever.

God created us to know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this life so we may be happy with Him forever in the next life. Once we come to know God we can't help but to love Him. After we learn to love Him it's a natural extension to want to serve Him. If we persevere in our service to Him, God will reward us with eternity in heaven with Him.

Think for a moment about the explanation the Church teaches for why God created us. He created us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this life so we can be forever happy with Him in the next life. In other words, God created us from no other motive than love. It's difficult, perhaps even impossible, for us to grasp the concept of infinity, but God is *Infinite Love*. He has (is) so much love that He created us just so we could one day be forever happy with Him. And He has engrained on our nature that same concept so as to help us better understand Him. After all, as Janie's story points out, our only motive for cooperating with God to procreate our children and to care for them is love. I suppose that means we could view our journey as pilgrims here on earth as our being in the womb awaiting our birth into eternity. Unfortunately, not all of us are going to make it...many will be stillborn.

Man is a creature composed of a physical body and a spiritual soul. The soul possesses intellect and free will, and it is created in the image and likeness of God. Yes, it's our soul that is created in God's image, not the body. And the soul is immortal, which means it will live forever, created by God at the moment of our conception.

The soul is what gives us life. This means when we look at the Joe Sixpack sitting next to us we're not really seeing Joe. Rather we are looking at the house he lives in. It's the soul that

possesses the personality, free will, intelligence, and reasoning ability. This is why there's so much emphasis placed on the soul in Christianity.

God created us with free will so we could love Him by our own choice. After all, what good is the love of a robot who is programmed to love? When I was learning how to use a computer, I fixed mine so that when I turned it on it would say in a feminine, "Good morning, Joe. I love you." Did my computer love me? Of course not! What good did it do to program my computer to say it loved me? It serves no purpose, because my computer has no free will and is incapable of love. This is why God gave us free will. By giving us free will, He allows us to choose—with His help—what is good and avoid evil. In this way He can reward us for our good choices.

When God is defined as Infinite Love, many people follow up by asking, "How can a loving God send anyone to hell? Your explanation of God proves there can be no hell, if God is truly love." That question and follow up comment isn't even logical, if you think about it. People say these things because they want to justify how they choose to live, thinking God won't punish them for sin if they can convince themselves (and by extension God) He won't send anyone to hell. Still, we Catholics have to be prepared to answer such objections.

In actuality, God doesn't send anyone to hell, but rather we send ourselves. He created us with free will, then gave us an objective set of moral norms to live by. He respects the free will He gave us, so He won't interfere when we choose to abuse our gift of free will with sin. He will, however, punish us for that abuse. That means we choose hell.

Parents who love the children God has given them possess such love for those children they're willing to die for them—the closest thing to infinite love humans can grasp. Therefore, a loving parent expresses love for the child by setting down rules and disciplining them. Why? Because the parent wants the child to have a good life as an adult. Children who don't have rules to live by at home and aren't disciplined when they violate rules end up being punished as adults in society. They're called prisons, and we have over two-million people in them in America today—the result of what happens when the state tells parents they can't discipline their children. But I digress.

So God gives us rules to live by called the Ten Commandments and all they imply. When we violate them, He punishes us some in this life with the consequences of our actions, and in the next life with purgatory if our violations aren't very serious. However, like the recalcitrant child who one day ends up in prison by his own choices, if we choose mortal sin, we end up in hell by our own choices.

Hell is a place of eternal punishment for those who refuse to repent of their mortal sins and ask forgiveness during life on earth. They will suffer for all eternity with every sort of torment...with no relief. The worst of these torments is eternal separation from God. You see, you don't experience any sort of separation from God in this life now, even if you're in a state of mortal sin. God stays connected to you by constantly offering you the actual graces that enable you to choose good over evil. But in hell, God even withdraws those actual graces. Therefore, you become the very embodiment of hate—you hate God, you hate yourself, you hate the other souls in your eternal prison with you, **YOU HATE EVERYTHING**. Hell is eternally dying.

Heaven, on the other hand, is a place of everlasting possession and vision of God (called the beatific vision), in which the souls of the just will be filled with a complete happiness that is totally free from suffering and the fear of loss. The souls rewarded in heaven are those who did good works and died in a state of grace, and who are free from all venial sin and purified with punishment due to venial sin from their time in purgatory.

To attain heaven we must fulfill the purpose for which God made us; that is, to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this life. This means knowing and living our Catholic faith in obedience to Him...which is being obedient to Christ and His Catholic Church. This is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Got a few questions or comments? Go to [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com). Ask and Joe answers.