

**MASSES & INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Catherine Papillion (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Benton Smith, Frank Mougeot, Paul, Celeman, Norbert, & Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Dec. members of Horton & Berlinger Fly., Adelaide Keamey, Jack Johnson, Sox Gordon, Ursin & Lillie Carrier, LeRoy Fontenot, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot, Alice Manuel, Ricky Duplechain, Jr., Alcide Harmon

**SUNDAY, JULY 15, 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, Bernard & Felecia Fontenot

**MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018**

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Leonard Beaubouef

**TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Phillip Courville

**THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Claiborne Durio

**FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Hadley Fontenot

**SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Cecile Sonnier, Benton Smith, Frank Mougeot, Paul, Celeman, Norbert, & Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Dec. Fly. of Paul & Celeman Thomas, Lloyd Taylor, Evelyn Sandell, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula, & Elmer Chatman, Sr.

**SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Matt Taylor, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, Derek & Kristina Yeagley, Taylor & Remy Fly. Liv. & Dec., Alayna Vizena

**Last Week's Collection**

**\$3,985.89**

Garage / Bake Sale (Proceeds benefit the Bazaar)

\$1,400.00

**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, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, JoAnn Cormier, Lucas Cortez, Brittany Courville, Jeane Daigle, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Rachael Granger, Vergie Granger, Alcide Harmon, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Jackie Hebert, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Joey James, Paul LaFleur, Essie Langley, Brian Manuel, Jennifer L. Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Patrica Mikas, Howard Patin, Sonya Pickett, Hannah Popillion, Salis & Janice Rider, Ann Rooney, Fr. Fred Russi, Yvonne Smith, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine, Hannah Voeller, Linda Voeller, Nicole Young

**Vocations Candle and Cross** – Mrs. Phielomone Goodly

**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. If you have any questions please call the rectory.

**EF Missals Available**

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

**"Discovery Mission" Vocation Bible School**

VBS registration forms are at the entrances of the church. Fill it out and drop it by the church office. Deadline to receive t-shirts was July 13<sup>th</sup>. You can still register your children until Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Participants entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome to attend. All VBS t-shirts have been pre-ordered for participants and volunteers that are pre-registered. On Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 4:00 P.M. volunteers for VBS will meet and begin setting up / decorating the hall. **Vocation Bible School is from Monday, July 23 – Thursday, July 26 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

If you are able to donate any of these items for VBS please bring them to the hall by 9:00 A.M. on the first day of VBS.

Juice Boxes, Graham crackers, M & M's, chips, salsa, grapes, strawberries, oranges, yogurt, sliced roast beef, small flour tortillas, Swedish fish, chocolate covered almonds, raisins, skittles, pretzel sticks, corn & rice Chex cereal, vanilla ice cream, chocolate & strawberry syrup, whip cream, small bowls, ziplock bags, paper towels, paper plates. Monetary donations also accepted.

**A Benefit for Kyle Vidrine**

Saturday, August 11, 2018, a benefit for Kyle Vidrine at the Allen Parish Civic Center beginning at 8:00 A.M. Money raised will help the family with medical bills and expenses. Benefit includes live music, BBQ plates, Jambalaya, T-shirts, Silent & Live Auctions, Sweet Shop, Kona Ice, Fun Jumps and raffle. Donations are welcome. For more information call Krystal Smith at 337-224-7292 or call Corinne at the rectory. It will be a good time for a good cause.

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**This Week @ SJoA**

- ❖ Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – Solemn Holy Hour followed by Compline at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – EF High Mass at 5:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Adoration 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

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**\*\*\* CCD NEWS \*\*\***

**Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> ... CCD REGISTRATION**

- **6:00 PM ... at the Parish Hall ... for all grades**
- **Students not required to attend registration**
- **Registration & textbook pick up happens this night**
- **Cost of Registration: \$15.00 per child**
- *No child will be turned away because of money*
- **No charge for Youth Group**

**Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> ... CCD 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF CLASS**

- **4:00 – 5:20 PM ... Grades 1-5**
- **5:00 – 6:00 PM ... Youth Group (Grades 7-12)**
- **6:00 – 7:15 PM ... Grades 6-12**

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### SUMMER READING PROJECT UPDATE

Our summer reading project is proceeding splendidly. In addition to enjoying the writings of Pope Benedict XVI, we are also benefiting from one another's thoughtful reflections. Little gatherings like these seem to be somewhat rare these days. While technology has benefits, a machine can never replace the necessity of genuine human interaction and data will always be inferior to wisdom. We really need to re-evaluate some elements of this technocratic age.

Regarding the format of this reading project, the young men and Deacon and I meet each Friday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. The first hour we discuss the material we've read that week. (It's pre-assigned ... like homework.) Our discussions are followed by a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. (Please don't forget about adoration each Friday from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm.) Speaking of adoration, I wish to leave you with this quote about Eucharistic adoration from the first book we read, titled *The Ratzinger Report*:

“People have forgotten that **adoration is an intensification of communion**. It is not a case of ‘individualistic’ piety; it is a prolonging of, or a preparation for, the community element. The Corpus Christi processions so loved by the people should be retained.”

### ADORATION FOR THE UPCOMING “CCD YEAR” – WE NEED YOU!

For the past 5 years we have held weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays in conjunction with our catechism program. There's much that can be said regarding the importance of Eucharistic adoration. For today, I would simply mention an image used by St. John Paul II. That venerable Pontiff compared the person who is engaged in Eucharistic adoration to St. John the Apostle, who at the Last Supper leaned his head on the Lord's heart. Do you wish that God would speak to you? Don't you want to grow in holiness or overcome that persistent sin that keeps getting the best of you? Don't you wish that your children would take a deeper interest in the Faith, and grow up to know God, and also love serving Him? If so, then Eucharistic adoration is for *you*. Here's what I would put before you today:

1. On the first Wednesday September (the 5<sup>th</sup>), we will begin **Weekly Wednesday Adoration**. From that date all the way through March, adoration will be each Wednesday from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm. There will be a few Wednesdays when adoration is suspended ... e.g., because of a secular holiday (such as Thanksgiving) or a liturgical holy day (such as Ash Wednesday). These will be noted in the bulletin.
2. I'm asking you...**YOU**... no, not someone else. I would like to ask YOU to consider SIGNING UP for one hour of Eucharistic adoration each week...on a Wednesday. I know. Panic has already set in, but don't freak out. We moderns are *terrified* of commitment, but in reality, commitment is good for us. Additionally, our little parish and *your* children need graces from Heaven. Eucharistic adoration draws them down upon us! Take some time this week to pray about committing. As an old monsignor used to say to me: “Pray about it; Do it!”

### CCD INFORMATION

Initial CCD info appeared in the bulletin last Sunday. Today I draw attention to the following:

- **CCD REGISTRATION** ... is Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall; students are not required to attend the registration. Baptismal certificates for all **new** students (including 1<sup>st</sup> graders) should be brought to the hall for registration. Baptismal certificates for *returning* students are not required. There will **not** be any early registration this year.
- **CCD FEES** ... \$15 per child ... there's no charge for Youth Group
- **4 YEAR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM** ... beginning last year, our high school CCD became a 4 year program. This means we now have a 12<sup>th</sup> grade year. I would ask parents to send their children to CCD each year of high school. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation does not signal the *end* of our formation. In reality, once we're confirmed we have *even more* responsibility to learn, hold, defend, and teach the holy faith. With that in mind, I extend an invitation to any adults. When is the last time you received instruction? Do you know the faith sufficiently well? Are you able to explain and defend it? The high school program I run isn't a kiddy program. There is no “fluff” in my instructions and our class discussions are serious. Adults, i.e. someone like you, would benefit from this class too.
- **CCD TIMES** ...

<b>4:00 – 5:20 pm</b>	Grades 1-5
<b>5:00 – 6:00 pm</b>	Youth Group (Grades 7-12)
<b>6:00 – 7:15 pm</b>	Grades 6-12

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Catholics have been especially devoted to Our Lady under the title “of Mount Carmel” for many centuries now. We will have a **high Mass** for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Mass will be on **Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm**. Confession begins at 5:00 pm. Please note that there will **not** be a 6:30 am Mass on the morning of Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

July 16<sup>th</sup>

## **Mount Carmel in our times**

Mount Carmel is the biblical site where the prophet Elias battled the 450 priests of Baal in a public spiritual contest which led to their defeat and ruin as Scriptures aptly record. (1 Kings 18:19-40) It was also here where Elias sent his servant seven times to the mountaintop to look for rain after years of drought which ended as he proclaimed, "Behold a little cloud arose out of the sea like a man's foot." (1 Kings 18:44) We can find Mount Carmel on the Mediterranean coast of Israel, overlooking the modern-day city of Haifa. It rises 1,742 feet above sea level and towers above the Mediterranean coastline and its limestone rocks form a cliff-like landscape. The name "Carmel" means, in Hebrew, "the garden" or "the garden-land" because of its renowned lush and verdant beauty during ancient times. (Isaiah 35:2) It is known for its cover of flower blossoms, flowering shrubs, and fragrant herbs. Such was its charm and appeal that it was compared to the beauty of the bride in Solomon's song. (Song of Songs 7:5)

## **Origin of Invocation**

The title of Our Lady of Carmel can be traced back to the hermits who used to live in the renowned and blessed mountain at the time of the Old Testament. There, this pious and austere community prayed in expectation of the advent of a Virgin-Mother who would bring salvation to mankind much like the holy prophet Elias who ascended Mount Carmel to pray to God for the salvation of Israel which was suffering a terrible drought at that time. Elias "went up to the top of Mt. Carmel, and casting himself down upon the earth put his face between his knees." (1 Kings 18:42) He persevered in prayer, and as previously mentioned above, sent his servant several times to the mountaintop to see any sign of foreboding rain. Elias, never wavering in his confidence, received the good news on the seventh try, "Behold a little cloud arose out of the sea like a man's foot." (1 Kings 18:44) Soon thereafter, torrential rains fell upon the parched land and the people of Israel were saved.

## **A Prefigure of Our Lady**

Elias saw the cloud as a symbol of the Virgin mentioned in the prophecies of Isaiah. (Isaiah 7:14) The hermits took after his example and prayed likewise for the advent of the much awaited Virgin who would become the mother of the Messiah. It became their spiritual mission. Theologians see in that little cloud a figure of Mary, bringing salvation in the seventh age of the world. As the clouds arise out of the sea without the weight and the salinity of the waters, so has Mary arisen out of the human race without suffering its stains.

## **The Spirit of Elias and the Carmelite Order**

Elias led a hermetic life on Mt. Carmel with special veneration for the Most Holy Virgin. His disciple Eliseus, who received his mantle, and other followers, known as Sons of the Prophet as Holy Scriptures described them, participated in his solitude and became filled with his strength and spirit. In a holy hereditary succession, they passed on his spirit and strength to others. Through the continuous propagation of the above practice, the foundation and development of the

Carmelite order began to take root. This we learn from tradition, liturgy, works of various authors and several [papal] bulls addressed to the Carmelite Order by Popes John XXII, Sixtus IV, Julius II, St. Pius V, Gregory XIII, Sixtus V and Clement VIII. One beautiful passage from a private revelation to a mystic relates that after the High Priest of Jerusalem had announced that St. Joseph was to be the husband of Our Lady selected by Our Lord Himself, "the young man from Bethlehem joined the hermits of Elias on Mount Carmel and continued to pray fervently for the Messiah."

## **First church in honor of Our Lady in the Christian era**

According to a long held and pious tradition, backed by Church Liturgy, a group of men devoted to the prophets Elias and Eliseus embraced Christianity on the day of Pentecost. They had been the disciples of St. John the Baptist, who prepared them for the coming of the Redeemer. This band of faithful left Jerusalem and settled on Mt. Carmel. There they erected a church dedicated to Our Lady on the same spot where Elias saw the little cloud which symbolized both fertility and the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God. They adopted the name of *Friars of the Blessed Mary of Mount Carmel*.

## **Controversy still unsettled**

However, in 1668 a Belgian Bollandist and Jesuit hagiographer, Daniel Van Papenbroek, dismissed the above story as fable or legend for lack of concrete evidence in the March volumes of the *Acta Sanctorum*. A bitter controversy arose that dragged on for years, eventually reaching Rome in 1698. Pope Innocent XII issued a decree imposing silence over all concerned parties until a definitive pronouncement could be reached – which was never formally realized to date. Nevertheless, in 1725 Pope Benedict XIII granted permission to the Carmelites, in an apparent show of support and approval, to erect in St. Peter's among the statues of founders of Orders and patriarchs, one of Elias with his own inscription fashioned to the effect that the Carmelites have done so to honor their founder St. Elias the prophet. Be as it may, in spite of the cloud of mystery and controversy surrounding these beginnings, the Carmelite Order has always claimed Elias as its own and has seen in him as one who laid the foundations of the eremitic and prophetic life that formed part of its character.

## **Establishing spiritual continuity and Marian character**

It would take several centuries before historical and documental proof could be gathered as to the existence of hermits on Mount Carmel with spiritual links to the prophet Elias. The first concrete text dates back to 1177 through the writings of the Greek monk John Phocas. The monastic-style spirituality were practiced and observed on Mt. Carmel through the pioneer efforts of St. Berthold of Mount Carmel, who may have come to the Holy Land from Limoges, France as a pilgrim to visit Elias' cave, or as crusader who engaged in battle. He gathered other hermits from the West who were scattered throughout Palestine at that time to form a community imbued with the spirit of Elias. St. Berthold organized them as cenobites, a monastic tradition that

stresses community life under a religious rule. These first monks who retired to Mount Carmel in 1150 made their center a chapel consecrated to Our Lady and from the time of Saint Brocard, successor to St. Berthold and the first Prior General, the nascent Carmelites were to be known as **Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. Thus devotion to Our Lady formed a distinctive part of their character and spirituality. "The Order is dominated by the two great figures which represent, on different levels, its ideal: Elias and Our Lady."

### The Carmelite Rule

St. Brocard championed the cause to have the monastic spirit which they had received from their predecessors be laid down in a holy Rule. Around 1210, it was given to the Order by St. Albert, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, and later finally approved and authorized by Pope Innocent IV in 1247. The primitive Carmelite rule initially contained sixteen articles and later underwent some modifications.

### St. Simon Stock and the Scapular

Any account on the story of Our Lady of Mount Carmel could not fail to mention the role that St. Simon Stock played especially in relation to the brown scapular. We could trace Simon Stock's origin to the County of Kent in England where he was born around 1165. Being of English descent, he was also known as Simon Anglus. In the thirteenth century, during the era of the Crusades, he joined a group of hermits on Mount Carmel who claimed to be the successors of Elias while on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. As the situation became too precarious for them due to Saracen threats, the community moved and settled in Aylesford, England. In 1247, at 82 years old, Simon was elected the sixth superior-general of the Carmelites at the first chapter held there. He instituted reforms to best suit Western conditions and the cenobitical [= communal] rather than the eremitical [= solitary] way of life. As such, the community came to be regarded eventually as a mendicant order along with the Dominicans and the Franciscans. However, the order had difficulty gaining general acceptance and suffered much persecution and oppression from secular clergy and other orders which prompted the monks to have recourse to the Blessed Virgin in the year 1251. Tradition says that Our Lady responded to their call through an apparition to Simon Stock on Sunday July 16th, 1251 as he knelt in prayer. She appeared holding the Child Jesus in one arm and the brown scapular in the other hand while uttering the following words: "**Hoc erit tibi et cunctis Carmelitis privilegium, in hoc habitu moriens salvabitur**" ("This shall be the privilege for you and for all the Carmelites, that anyone dying in this habit shall be saved.") On 13 January 1252 the Order received a letter of protection from Pope Innocent IV, defending them from harassment. St. Simon Stock lived a holy life for 100 years and died in the Carmelite monastery at Bordeaux, France on May 16, 1265.

### The Brown Scapular

The scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, also known as the Brown scapular, is one of the most popular and celebrated of Roman Catholic devotions. The sacramental as the lay faithful commonly use it is a miniature derivative of the actual brown scapular used by the Carmelites - the sleeveless outer

garment falling from the shoulders which is worn as a sign of their vocation and devotion. As was mentioned, Our Lady gave St. Simon a scapular for the Carmelites with the following promise, saying: "Receive, My beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire....It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace."

### The Sabbatine Privilege

Attached to the wearing of the Brown Scapular is the **Sabbatine Privilege**. The name Sabbatine Privilege originates from the apocryphal Bull "*Sacratissimo uti culmine*" of Pope John XXII, 3 March, 1322. The papal document declares that the Mother of God appeared to him, and most urgently recommended to him the Carmelite Order and its *confratres* and *consorores*. According to Pope John XXII, the Blessed Virgin gave him the following message in a vision related to those who wear the Brown Scapular: "I, the Mother of Grace, shall descend on the Saturday (**Sabbath**) after their death and whomsoever I shall find in Purgatory, I shall free, so that I may lead them to the holy mountain of life everlasting." Based on Church tradition, three conditions need to be fulfilled to obtain the benefits of this Privilege and the Scapular: **1)** Wear the Brown Scapular; **2)** Observe chastity according to one's state in life; and **3)** pray the Rosary each day. In order to receive the spiritual blessings associated with the Scapular, it is necessary to be formally enrolled in the Brown Scapular by either a priest or a lay person who has been given this faculty. Once enrolled, no other Scapular need be blessed before wearing. The blessing and imposition are attached to the wearer for life.

### Feast Day

The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was instituted by the Carmelites between 1376 and 1386 to celebrate the victory of their order over its enemies on obtaining the approbation of its name and constitution from Pope Honorius III on 30 January 1226. The feast was assigned to 16 July, because on that date in 1251, according to Carmelite traditions, the scapular was given by the Blessed Virgin to St. Simon Stock; it was first approved by Pope Sixtus V in 1587.

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Lourdes and Fatima

As if in a gesture of approval and blessing, the Queen of Heaven and Earth chose to make her last apparition at Lourdes on July 16, 1858, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Likewise, one cannot fail to recall Sister Lucia's account while describing the vision of October 13, 1917 at Fatima: "...it seemed to me I saw Our Lady in a form similar to Our Lady of Mount Carmel." Thus through the centuries Our Lady of Mount Carmel kept a constant watch over her children, ever solicitous to intercede for them and lead them to Her Divine Son. Amidst the sea of chaos, confusion and impiety raging in the world today, may Our Lady of Mount Carmel grant us strength and fortitude so we may all remain faithful to Her Son and His Holy Church.