

**MASSES & INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Benton Smith, Frank Mougeot, Paul, Celemán, Norbert, & Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Dec. Fly. of Paul & Celemán Thomas, Lloyd Taylor, Dec. Fly. of Anne Reed, Keith LeJeune, LeRoy Fontenot, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Evelyn Sandell, Liv. & Dec. members of Gene Vizona & Joetta Carrier Vizona Fly.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018**

**7:30 A.M. MASS** – Bon Manuel

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, St. Martha’s Guild, Helen & Glenn Sonnier, Steve & Maryland Reed & Fly. Juan A. Lucero Castellano, Juan A. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guillermo Consuegra Garcia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez

**MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – D.C. Reed, Jr.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Frank Mougeot

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Jack Johnson

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Evelyn Sandell

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Benton Smith, Frank Mougeot, Paul, Celemán, Norbert, & Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Lloyd Taylor, Dec. Keith LeJeune, Adelaide Keamey, Jack Johnson, George & Pat Schneider, Ladies Altar Society, Ursin & Lillie Carrier, Alice Manuel, Joylin Tatum Slate, David Dugas, Baylee Simoneaux, Clifford & Emma Burgess, Ada Durio

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Liv. & Dec. members of Taylor and Remy Fly., Enola Bellard, Matt Taylor

**Last Week’s Collection**

**\$3,538.00**

**PRAYER LIST**

Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Tyler Bellow, Jocie Bergeron, John O’Neal Bergeron, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Deanne LeBlanc Broussard, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, David & Natalie Carrier, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, JoAnn Cormier, Brittany Courville, Jeane Daigle, Louise Guidry Darbonne, Donna Dunneho, Pam McDaniel Elliott, Noah Ferry, Mary O. Fontenot, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, Elaine Giles, Tim Giles, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Daryl Granger, Rachael Granger, Vergie Granger, Alcide Harmon, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Jackie Hebert, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Joey James, Paul LaFleur, Cindy Langley, Essie Langley, Brian Manuel, Jennifer L. Manuel, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Leroy Meaux, Patrica Mikas, Glen Morgan, Clifton & Carolyn Morgan, Howard Patin, Sonya Pickett, Hannah Popillion, Ena Prudhomme & Fly., Jimmy Prudhomme, Ann Reed, Brenda Dodd Reed, Dara Reed, Gary Reed, Linda Green Reed, Don & Debra Rider, Salis & Janice Rider, Ann Rooney, Fr. Fred Russi, Pay Abshire Savant, Helen Sheeman, Yvonne Smith, Donald Taylor, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine, Hannah Voeller, Linda Weldon, Linda Voeller, Earnest & Odelia Wilson, Nicole Young

**Vocations Candle and Cross –Bobby & Lucy Brandon**

**Holy Day of Obligation – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times are 6:30 A.M., 12:05 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.

**Youth Bowling / Game Day**

SJoA students in grades 5 – 12 can attend a bowling/game day on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church at 12:30 P.M. and travel to Petro Bowl in Lake Charles to bowl. We will return to SJoA by 4:30 where we will have a game night in the parish hall until 8:00 P.M. No shorts are allowed. Your child must wear tennis shoes. Supper will be provided. Adult volunteers are needed to help drive to Petro Bowl. Call the rectory to RSVP.

**Legal Protection of Human Life**

Each Friday until September 28, answer the U.S. bishops’ call to pray and fast that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human is being protected in law and welcomed in life. Join at [www.usccb.org/pray](http://www.usccb.org/pray).

**Safe Environment**

All parish personnel, CCD teachers, and youth group volunteers who have on-going, unsupervised contact with minors, need to update their Safe Environment Training. It is available on the diocesan safe environment website at [safeandsacred-lcdioocese.org](http://safeandsacred-lcdioocese.org).

**A Benefit for Kyle Vidrine**

Saturday, August 11, 2018, a benefit for Kyle Vidrine will take place 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, August 5<sup>th</sup> – Bazaar Meeting at 4:30 P.M.; **NO SOLEMN HOLY HOUR OR COMPLINE**
- ❖ Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Altar Society at 5:30
- ❖ **Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – NO ADORATION**

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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**

# **WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT**

## **ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME**

A young Jew living in North Africa fell in love with a Protestant minister's daughter and asked his permission to marry her. The minister told the young fellow he'd never give his daughter's hand to an unbelieving Jew.

Later, however, the minister told his daughter he'd give his consent to marriage, but only if she could convert the young man to Christianity. The Jewish lad accepted the challenge, and the young couple began an earnest study of religions. They compared books, discussed teachings, studied Scripture, and went as in depth as they could. In the end, both the boy and the girl converted...to the Catholic Church.

A similar story involves Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman. Newman was a Protestant and a founding member of the Oxford Movement—a movement founded specifically to oppose the Catholic Church in England. Newman's colleagues asked the young scholar to write a history of Christianity, and he accepted the assignment. On the very day Newman's history was rolling off the printing presses, he was received into the Catholic Church. When asked what could make such a vehemently anti-Catholic man become a Catholic, he responded, "To know history is to be Catholic."

There can be only one Church founded by Jesus Christ. He never founded a plurality of churches, but only one. He didn't say, "Upon this rock I will build my churches," but rather "Upon this rock I will build my *church*."

The Church founded by Jesus Christ must find its origins with the apostles—which is called apostolicity. The true Church must trace its origins in unbroken line to Jesus and the twelve apostles. Before giving His divine commission to the apostles, Jesus insists that His divine commission comes from His Father. "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (John 20:21). "...these very works which I am doing, bear me witness that the Father has sent me" (John 5:36). "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:18-19). No individual has the right to associate himself with the apostles—he must be "sent" or "commissioned" with divine authority. "And how can men preach unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:15)

Let's say a body of twelve men receives a contract from the owner of a large wheat field in America's Midwest to gather in the whole harvest, and they receive at the same time the right to hire as many other workers as are necessary to fulfill their contract. No one else can lawfully work in that field expecting payment, unless he has been empowered to do so by one of the twelve, or someone else acting in their name and with their authority. So the Lord of the harvest (Luke 10:1-12) has given the harvesting of nations to the twelve apostles and their legitimate successors until His second coming at the end of time. No usurper nor intruder outside the legitimate succession can have any jurisdiction. A break with the past (non-Catholic Christianity) proves that apostolicity of origin has been lost. As Jesus Himself put it, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber" (John 10:1).

Apostolicity of origin is proof of apostolicity of doctrine. God's Church cannot become corrupt, because He has promised to preserve it from error. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). "I am with you always..." (Matthew 28:20). "The Holy Spirit will be with you forever..." (John 14:16). Jesus never said the Bible would contain all His divine revelation, nor that the critical estimates of certain early documents would be a sufficient

guarantee of His Gospel. The mere appeal to the Bible or to history is therefore beside the point. He did, however, guarantee to keep His one true Church free from error until the end of the world.

Apostolicity of ministry implies the authority to teach, to rule and to sanctify, which has been handed down from the apostles. Validly given and received Holy Orders (ordination) alone does not guarantee an apostolic ministry, for they may be conferred by men who are in heresy or schism. Valid Holy Orders must be accompanied by legitimate jurisdiction, which comes only through union with the head of the apostolic body, the See of Peter—the pope.

The only Church that can rightly claim it's origin isn't due to a break with the past is the Catholic Church. Only the Catholic Church can prove an unbroken line of succession from St. Peter to our current pontiff. This means that only the Catholic Church has the authority to teach in Christ's name, with His full authority, and without the possibility of falling into error on matters of faith and morals.

Infallibility is the key to knowing what Jesus expects of us. Would a good God, "who desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4), fail to provide His revelation with a living, infallible teacher? Would a just God command us to believe under penalty of hell (Mark 16:16), and at the same time leave us to the mercy of every false and lying teacher, preaching a Gospel opposed to His (2 Peter 2:1; Galatians 1:8)? No! The Church Christ founded is spoken of everywhere in the New Testament as a divine, infallible teaching authority. Because Jesus and His Church are one, and because He is an infallible God, His Church must be by necessity also be infallible.

This means we must accept all that the holy Catholic Church teaches. We aren't permitted to pick and choose what to believe when it comes to matters of faith and morals—we're not allowed to be Cafeteria Catholics. That isn't an option. Jesus Himself said, "...he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). So picking and choosing is not an option.

It's been said that Joe Sixpack is "out of step" by some people who don't like what they read on these pages. Out of step with what? Never has there been taught on these pages anything other than the Magisterial truth taught by Christ's Church, nor will there ever be anything taught on these pages other than those Magisterial truths. Therefore, anything that is "out of step" on these pages means the Church is "out of step", which is impossible. Everything taught on these pages are truths that must be accepted by Catholics in order for them to be called Catholics...in order to have a possibility for salvation...in order to remain in communion with the Church...in order to escape hell.

I don't care if people criticize Joe Sixpack. I don't care if people don't even like Joe Sixpack. What I do care about is people rejecting the teachings of the Catholic Church because they think they're "out of step," which translates as teachings they choose not to believe...thus risking eternity banished from heaven. Please, I implore you, don't reject a single teaching of our holy and ancient faith. Your eternity depends on it. That's what Jesus said, and This is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Got questions? Go to [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com).