

**MASSES & INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Benton Smith, Lloyd Taylor, Evelyn Sandell, Adelaide Keamey, Jack Johnson, Ladies Altar Society, Frank Mougeot, Egbert McGee, Preston Manuel, Fr. William Van Stratten, David Dugas, Helin McCauley Fly. Liv. & Dec., LuLu Manuel

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Matt Taylor, Taylor/Remy Fly., Liv. & Dec., Joseph Berry, Lillian Fontenot, Mariah Casey, Fr. Joseph Nguyen Huu Tai

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – D.C. Reed, Jr.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Frank Mougeot

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Evelyn Sandell

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018**

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Carl L. Reed

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Benton Smith, Lloyd Taylor, Evelyn Sandell, Ursin & Lillie Carrier, Alice Manuel, Frank Mougeot, David Dugas, Martin Goodly, Olivier & Armoza Victorian, Baylee Simoneaux, Keith LeJeune, Gabe & Aleana Briscoe, Caleb Smith, Charlie Smith, Mark Briscoe, Elaine Dugas

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Matt Taylor, Joseph Guillory, Francis Guillory

**Last Week's Collection** **\$5,816.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Weekend – BSA**

**PRAYER LIST**

Tyler Alexander, M/M Robert Andrews, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Tyler Bellow, Jocie Bergeron, John O'Neal Bergeron, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, M/M Lincoln Briscoe, Deanne LeBlanc Broussard, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Belle Carrier, David & Natalie Carrier, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, JoAnn Cormier, Brittany Courville, Jeane Daigle, Aiden & Renlee' Darbonne, 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, Rachael Granger, Vergie Granger, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Jackie Hebert, Bob & Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Joey James, Paul LaFleur, Cindy Langley, Essie Langley, Brian Manuel, Jennifer L. Manuel, Kevin Manuel, Marlin Manuel, Wilson Manuel, 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, Lois Singleton, Yvonne Smith, Donald Taylor, Diana Tichy, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine, Hannah Voeller, Linda Weldon, Linda Voeller, Odelia Wilson, Nicole Young

**Vocations Candle and Cross – Mrs. Phielemone Goodly**  
Vocation Candle sponsors needed - \$5.00 per candle

**Bake Sale This Weekend**

A bake sale will be held after 10:00 A.M. Mass to help Isabelle Foreman raise money for her to return next year to the Morning Star Catholic girl's summer camp in New Hampshire. This includes the cost of camp as well her flights to and from camp. At Morning Star, Catholic girls learn to love and appreciate their Faith and develop the strength to live it in a pagan world.

**St. Vincent de Paul Opening**

St. Vincent de Paul will be open Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 A.M. adult shoes are \$2 per pair; adult clothes are \$2; baby items are 2 for \$1; children's shoes are \$1 per pair and children's clothes are \$1.

**"Relics of the Passion Tour" at SJoA**

The Relics of the Passion will be at SJoA **Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.** The collection includes a piece of the True Cross, a piece of the Holy Table, a piece of the Column of Flagellation, a piece of The Crown of Thorns, a replica of the Holy Nail, fashioned using filings from the true nails, a relic of St. Longinus, a picture of (the effigy of) the Veil of Veronica touched to the original with a Vatican seal attesting to the fact and a piece of the exterior wrapping for the Shroud of Turin.

**Suicide Prevention Workshop**

A Suicide Prevention workshop will be held at SJoA Catholic Hall September 29, 2018, from 8:30 AM-NOON. This event is free and offers education, resources and recovery.

**Beer Tasting Social**

SJoA will have a Beer Tasting Social on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the parish hall. Food paired with each beer will be served. Tickets are \$20.00 and are being sold at the rectory. You must be at least 21 years old to attend. **Deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Rosary Rally**

SJoA invites you to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Sat., Oct. 13, at noon at the Farmers Market.

**30TH ANNUAL BAZAAR 2018 - October 27th & 28th**

**Help Wanted!**

The church bazaar is an exciting way to give back to the church community and become involved with the parish while having a great time meeting your fellow parishioners. If you are interested in helping out please attend the Bazaar meetings. The next meeting is Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 P.M. in the hall. Committee heads are encouraged to attend. **More information about the Church Bazaar is coming soon!!**

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**This Week @ SJoA**

- ❖ Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Bazaar Meeting at 3:30 P.M.; Ultreya at 5:00 P.M.; Solemn Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Knights of Columbus at 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; NO CCD or Youth Group**
- ❖ Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Rosary and Confession at 5:30 P.M.; Mass at 6:00 P.M.; Adoration from 7:30 P.M. until midnight

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**FROM FATHER CONNER**

1.) This past Saturday, we had our usual First Saturday Mass in honor of Our Lady. After the Mass, I taught a class on "participating in Mass". If you are interested in getting more out of the Mass, well that was the class for you. From my point of view, it was an enjoyable time of instruction. And to remind you: I have decided to offer a class after First Saturday Mass each month. Mass begins at 8:00 am. It looks like the class after the Mass will begin at approximately 9:00 am. The next First Saturday Mass and class will be October 6<sup>th</sup>. At that session, we will explore why the readings and prayers and saints feasts days are different in the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms. (A point of confusion for many, it seems.) Additionally, we will learn about the liturgical year and how to use a hand missal. Please mark the event in your calendar.

2.) The **Holy League Men's Group** resumes meeting Sunday, **September 23rd**. The meeting begins at **5:00 pm** and will be held in the Parish Hall. Any man of at least 17 years of age may attend Holy League meetings. There is no charge to join the Holy League.

# PENANCE AND REPARATION ~ PART II

by Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

## How to Practice Penance and Reparation

We come to the third and, in a way, most important part of our subject: How? I say it is the most important because we could talk for hours about the theology of penance and reparation and end up, wiser perhaps, but not holier. We must take the next and final step, and ask ourselves, practically, what am to do about it?

In order to come to the point immediately, let me give you what I call seven rules, three for penance and four for reparation. They can be expressed in seven words, where each word is a divine command as follows:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pray!</li><li>2. Share!</li><li>3. And forgive! - <i>for penance, to make up for our failure in loving God.</i></li><li>4. Work!</li><li>5. Endure!</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. Deprive!</li><li>7. And sacrifice! - <i>in reparation for the punishment that we and others have deserved for our sins.</i></li></ol> |
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Suppose we spend a moment on each of these seven rules, and ask Our Lord, to open our hearts to respond with generosity to His offended Sacred Heart.

### Rule #1 - Pray

God expects more of us because we have sinned. And the first **more** that all of us can put into practice, is more prayer.

- Call it giving more time each day to prayer.
- Call it attending Mass more often.
- Call it reciting the Rosary more frequently.
- Call it being more attentive when we pray.
- Call it more fervor in our life of prayer.
- Call it getting more people to join us when we pray.
- No matter, the first rule of salutary penance is more prayer.

### Rule #2 - Share

Remember what Christ told us the night before He died. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you." If all sin is a failure in loving God, and we mainly show our love for God by loving one another, then we had better show our love for others by sharing with them what God has given to us.

Again the word **more** comes in. We are to examine our conscience and ask ourselves, what **more** can I share with those whom God has placed into my life?

- Can I give more of my time to others?
- Can I share more of my knowledge with others?
- Can I share more of my skill with others?
- Can I share more of my money with others?
- Can I share more of my Catholic faith with others?

Each of us is different in this matter of sharing because each of us is living a different life with different people whom God's Providence places in our path. The second rule for the practice of penance is more sharing.

### **Rule #3 - Forgive**

Christ could not have been more explicit in urging us to forgive others who offend us. He gave us whole parables on the subject of forgiveness. He warned us that God will be as merciful to us as we are forgiving to others. He placed, in the center of The Lord's Prayer, a frightening invocation, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Once again, it behooves us to look to our practice of forgiveness of injuries, so to be more forgiving in the future than we have been in the past.

- Can I be more forgiving by forgetting what others have done to me?
- Can I be more forgiving by ignoring the unkindness and thoughtlessness and perhaps meanness that others commit against me?

No two of us are living the same lives. Each of us have different people saying or doing or failing to say or do things that hurt us and, perhaps, crush the very heart of our souls. The third rule of penance is to be more forgiving.

### **Rule #4 - Work**

We now shift from penance to reparation, and our first directive is to work. How is work a form of reparation of sin? It is reparation because our fallen human nature dislikes to exert itself. Work is a form of mortification that all of us can look to see whether we could not work harder than we are doing - in performance of tasks that are part of our state in life.

By nature we are prone to first do what we like, then what is useful, and finally, what is necessary. I cannot think of a more effective kind of reparation than to set our minds to reversing that order. We should first do what is necessary, then what is useful, and only then what is pleasant or what we like.

### **Rule #5 - Endure**

In some ways this is the keystone of reparation, the patient endurance of the sufferings and trials that God sends us. God in His mercy sends us the Cross in order to try our patience that we might save our souls and the souls of many others besides.

The variety of these trials sent us by God defies classification and their intensity depends on a thousand factors that differ with different people. If we are to expiate sin we must resign ourselves to endure pain. But, as we know, there are degrees and degrees to this resignation.

- Can we accept misunderstanding from others with greater peace of mind?
- Can we be more generous in doing what we know God wants us to do, although doing it is painful?
- Can we suffer without pitying ourselves?
- Can we put up with discomfort, or distaste, or disability, without becoming bitter about what we are tempted to consider injustice on the part of God?

Yes, God's violations are blessings, and the crosses He sends us are tokens of His love. But how we need the light of faith to see this, and the strength of His grace to do this -- in reparation for sin, as the price we must pay to reach heaven, where every tear will be wiped away and all the past, which is now the present, will have passed away.

### **Rule #6 - Deprive**

Our sixth rule is to practice reparation by depriving ourselves of something we now have that we could, if we wanted to, do without.

- It may be some luxury in the home,
- Or some delicacy at table,
- Or some comfort in our way of living,
- Or some trinket, or [hobby] that we could just as well do without.

Call it mortification or self-denial; whatever the name, the basic idea is to expiate for sins of self-indulgence by giving up. When we sin we offend God by choosing some creature to which we have no right. When we practice mortification, we make reparation by choosing to deprive ourselves of some creature we have a right to -- why, in order to undo the harm caused by sin and thus propitiate the offended justice of God.

### **Rule #7 - Sacrifice**

I have saved sacrifice for the end because it synthesizes everything we have so far said.

- What is sacrifice? Sacrifice is the surrender of something to God.
- Sacrifice is the heart of penance and reparation.

When we sacrifice, we let go with our wills of whatever we could legitimately possess and enjoy because we want to make up to God for having stupidly chosen some creature in preference to the Creator.

We return to where we began by stressing that when we sacrifice, we do **more** than we would have done; we give up more than we would have given up; we surrender more of what we like in order to -- in plain English -- prove to God that we love Him.

There is an episode in the Gospels that perfectly synthesizes this cardinal mystery of sin and penitential reparation. Remember after the Resurrection when Christ asked Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than the others do?" Why the question? Because Peter had sinned; sinned more than the others who had remained faithful to the Master. Peter was expected to love Christ more. Why more? Because he had more to sacrifice in order to expiate more because he had so deeply sinned in denying the Saviour.

### **Conclusion**

As we look into our hearts we must humbly confess that truly, we have sinned, sinned often, sinned deeply, sinned willfully. But God is good. He gives us the privilege of not only expiating what we have done wrong, but actually becoming more pleasing to Him by our penance and reparation.

It was no pious statement that St. Paul gave us when he said, "Where sin abounded, grace has even more abounded." In other words, in God's providence, He allows us to sin so we might repent and become saints.