

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

4:30 P.M. MASS – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Lloyd Taylor, Evelyn Sandell, Benton Smith, Sox Gordon, Cecilia Sonnier, Willie Mae LeJeune, Lou Anna McGee, Madaleine McNulty, Houston & Gladys Ardoin, Joseph Fontenot, Rose Mae Ardoin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Ryan Rozas Fly., Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, Matt Taylor, Gene & Velma Brakel, Roland & Verlie Chaumont, Jerry & Polly Chaumont, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot, LeRoy Fontenot, Maryland Reed, Wylene Taylor

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

NO MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018

NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018

NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018

4:30 P.M. MASS – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Lloyd Taylor, Evelyn Sandell, Benton Smith, Bruce & Mary Esther Courville, Andrus & Ella Mae Frilot, Frank Mougeot, Fr. William Van Stratton, Egbert McGee, Seth & Jackie Chandler, Galton Boudreaux, Shirley Papillion, Madeleine McNulty, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr., Special Intention for Chatman & Meaux Fly.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Matt Taylor, Sarah Chapman, Garrett Howard

Last Week's Collection	\$3,002.00
BSA Total to Date (Quota - \$11,609.00)	\$4,843.00
2ND Collection - Maintenance Fund	\$1,125.00

PRAYER LIST

Tyler Alexander, M/M Robert Andrews, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Georgia Bell Baggett, 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, Gordon Cotton, Brittany Courville, Jeane Daigle, Aiden & Renlee' Darbonne, Louise Guidry Darbonne, Judy Davis, Donna Dunneho, Pam McDaniel Elliott, Noah Ferry, David Fontenot, Mary O. Fontenot, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, James & Jill Gilbert & Fly., Elaine Giles, Tim Giles, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Dixie Granger, Rachael Granger, Vergie Granger, Charlene Guidry, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Jackie Hebert, Gwen Holder, Bob & Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Joey James, Paul LaFleur, Cindy Langley, Essie Langley, Jessica Lindsey, Brian Manuel, Jennifer L. Manuel, Kevin Manuel, Marlin Manuel, Wilson Manuel, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Leroy Meaux, Josh Miller, Patrica Mikas, Brad Morgan, Clifton & Carolyn Morgan, Glen 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, Pat Abshire Savant, Helen Sheeman, Lois Singleton, Yvonne Smith, Donald Taylor, Ken & Wylene Taylor, Diana Tichy, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine, Hannah Voeller, Linda Voeller, Linda Weldon, Odelia Wilson, Nicole Young

Vocations Candle and Cross – Mrs. Mary Ann Goodly

Bazaar Items Accepted

Drop off items at the rectory for bingo, silent and live auctions anytime during regular office hours until Friday, October 26th. We are also in need of cases of water and 12 packs of cold drinks. Lots of baked items will be needed to sell both for Saturday night and Sunday of the bazaar.

New Hours for St. Vincent de Paul's Closet

The St. Vincent de Paul's Closet is now open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 – 11 A.M. Come shop for the whole family. Volunteers have worked tirelessly to make shopping a much more enjoyable experience with very reasonable prices. Items are \$2 and below. At this time we are only accepting clothes, shoes, and clothing accessories.

SJoA Trunk or Treat

St. Joan of Arc will have a Trunk or Treat in front of the hall Wednesday, October 31st from 5 – 7 P.M. Children ages 12 or under are invited to enjoy Safe Trick or Treating with Friends and Neighbors. Parishioners are encouraged to bring your decorated vehicle to the hall to hand our candy and trinkets to the children. You can even dress up to match your decorations. Sponsored by SJoA Youth Group.

Immaculée Ilibagiza

Our Lady Queen of Heaven welcomes Immaculée Ilibagiza Wednesday, November 7th at 6:30 P.M. or Thursday, November 8th at 10:30 A.M. She will share her inspirational testimony of faith, hope, and forgiveness as a survivor of the 1994 Rwanda genocide that took the lives of nearly one million Tutsis. Men, women and children, including her entire family except for one of her brothers, were massacred at the hands of Hutu marauders. Immaculée found shelter at a pastor's home, where she and seven other women hid from the deadly rebel mob in a 3-by-4-foot bathroom for 91 days. This is a free event. Love offerings accepted. Call Felicia at OLQH 337-477-1236 with any questions.

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This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, October 21st – Bazaar Meeting at 4:00 P.M.; No Holy League; No Holy Hour
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 24th – NO ADORATION; NO CCD or Youth Group**
- ❖ Saturday, October 27th – Gumbo Cook-Off beginning at 10:00 with judging at 3:00 P.M.; Bazaar Begins with Bingo and Gumbo Supper at 5:30 P.M.

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Maintenance Fund Info

A reminder: a second collection is taken on the second weekend of each month. These monies will go toward repairs at SJoA and St. Joseph. As previously noted, there are several substantial repairs needed at SJoA, St. Joseph, the rectory, and the parish hall. Contributions to the maintenance fund may be made at any time. If made outside of the second collection on the second weekend, please make sure to label your contribution as "maintenance fund". Thank you.

***SJoA BAZAAR
NEXT WEEKEND!***

SJoA 30th Annual Bazaar 2018

OCTOBER 27TH & OCTOBER 28TH

Donations of Cases of Water and 12 pks. of Cold Drinks are being accepted at the rectory.

RAFFLE TICKETS AND MEAL TICKETS ARE ON SALE

Saturday, October 27th

4th Annual Gumbo Cook-Off

Registration Fee \$25 – Deadline to enter is October 22ND
GUMBO SUPPER for \$5 per bowl & BINGO Begin at 5:30 PM

Sunday, October 28th

Tickets for BBQ Pork or Chicken Dinners are \$10.00.

\$1 Raffle: 1st Prize – Cajun Microwave

2nd Prize – 55” HDTV

Live & Silent Auctions / Bingo / BBQ / Sweet Shop / Kid Zone / Live Music

Donations for Bingo, Silent Auction and Live Auction will be taken in the rectory anytime during regular office hours. For questions, please contact Ryan Rozas @ 337-302-0274, Kenny Berry @ 337-534-9515 or the rectory during regular business hours.

Financial Success of the Bazaar Depends on Attendance. Invite your Family and Friends to join us!!

FROM FATHER CONNER

INFORMATION ON BLESSINGS DURING THE COMMUNION RITE OF HOLY MASS

I recently read this on a blog operated by a Priest who is perhaps the most widely read blogging Priest in these United States:

Question: Father, is there a reason why a Priest would skip the blessing of children during the Communion rite of Mass?

Answer: Yes, there is a good reason why a Priest would “skip over” blessing children at Communion time. **It's Communion time, not blessing time.** It is a **counter-sign** that cancels the significance of the Communion procession of the baptized. **Part of the problem with this practice is that it serves to reduce Mass to a sentimental moment.** People have to “get something”. People want to *feel* good. Some Priests cave in under all of this. Other Priests just haven't thought it through and they go along, without consideration of what the contradiction is. **There is a blessing at the end of Mass. Or, you can ask the Priest for a blessing outside of Mass.** Communion time is for Communion. **Let Communion time be Communion time.**

PS: I know about the case of the Priest being accused of something because he touched the head of a child when imparting a blessing. It was all in public, etc. Crazy stuff. Crazy times. There are now Priests who are nearly afraid of children because of nut jobs out there.

This Priest's reply has caused me to reflect more deeply about how I have approached blessings *during* the Rite of Communion. Specifically, I've asked myself questions such as these: Is my practice a “counter-sign”? Have I not thought things through deeply enough? Have I added something that doesn't belong?

Some might say, well, that is just *that Priest's opinion*. It's true: that is his opinion, but, as it turns out, it's also *more than just "his" opinion*. After doing a little research, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that the Congregation for Divine Worship (CDW) issued a brief letter in the Year of Our Lord 2008 that gave 5 reasons why Priests should **not** give blessings during the Communion Rite (cf., Protocol No. 930/08/L). Since the reply of the blogging Priest was obviously shaped by the logic present in the CDW's document, his reply isn't simply *his* opinion. It also happens to be the “opinion” of the CDW. Let me now summarize the 5 points made by the CDW:

1. A blessing during Communion is **superfluous** because one is given at the conclusion of the Mass to everyone.
2. In grave cases where the laity might assist in the distribution of Holy Communion (as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion), it must be recalled that, within the context of the Mass, it is **impossible** for a lay person to give a blessing. Were a lay person to attempt to bless someone during Mass, this would be a scandal since it would be an act of simulation.
3. The “laying on of hands” has its own sacramental signification (i.e., ordination). Therefore it is **inappropriate** for a minister to put his hand on someone's head during the rite of Communion.
4. By giving an individual blessing to a Catholic who is divorced and has attempted remarriage, a Priest would give the **false impression** that such a person has been reconciled to the Church.
5. The Church's laws state that excommunicated Catholics and non-Catholics should not approach for a blessing during the rite of Communion.

For many years now I have been uneasy with the notion of giving individual blessings during the Communion Rite of the Mass. First, it just doesn't make sense to me. Why bless a person individually when everyone will be blessed just 5 minutes later at the end of Mass? Secondly, this blessing (at Communion time) is not part of the Mass. We Priests are not permitted to add or subtract from the Mass on our own authority. (At least that's what Vatican II teaches. Read *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 22.3) How then can **I** justify adding something that really isn't there? Thirdly, it is literally impossible for a person who is not in a state of grace to benefit from a blessing. Once we understand what a “blessing” is, we know why. St. Augustine, for example, describes a “blessing” as the *crowning of merit* (cf., *Commentary on Psalm 102*). But merit is possible only when a person is in a state of grace. (I might point

out that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* adopts St. Augustine's teaching. See CCC 1987-2029.) In other words, a blessing is something real. It operates according to a reality structured *by God*. It's not just this little thing a Priest does to make us *feel* good about ourselves or something the Church made up in order to make the Priest feel like he is special. A blessing is something *real*. There's a reality in play, and we would do well to ask ourselves: What is a blessing? How should it be used? Am I correct in requesting a blessing ... at *this* time (e.g., during Communion time) ... or in *this* circumstance (e.g., if you are not in a state of grace)? Perhaps I'm missing something, but I think questions such as these are worthy of our reflection.

For the past several decades it's become all too common for the clergy (Bishops, Priests, & Deacons) to play "fast and loose" with the Mass. The tendency has been for us to make the Mass in "our own image" rather than effacing our own ego and becoming obedient to the directives of the Mass. Pride is dangerous for everyone, but it is especially destructive for the cleric. For my part, I know that it's for my good, and ultimately for yours as well, that I become as obedient as possible to God and the Church. That's what I see happening here. We Priests don't know everything at the moment of holy ordination. We have much room to learn. As time goes by, we do ... hopefully. Over the past couple of weeks I believe I have formed my conscience to be more in line with the mind of the Church when it comes to whether or not individual blessings should be given during the Rite of Communion of Mass.

With this in mind, I wish to inform you that neither Deacon nor I will give blessings during the Communion Rite of Mass. Communion time, as the blogging Priest wrote, will be a time for *Communion*, not a time for blessings. **We also will not be "laying hands" on anyone's head. This gesture, as the CDW makes clear, is reserved for other sacraments.**

Consequently, I would ask that folks not approach the altar seeking a blessing. Rather than come forward, my recommendation is to remain in the pew and unite yourself spiritually to your Eucharistic Lord. There are many excellent prayers that can be made during this time. (There's a fine **Spiritual Communion** prayer on the prayer card in the pew back pocket.)

Additionally, it's important for us to remember that a person who does not receive Holy Communion at Mass should **not** feel any shame. While the Church praises the frequent reception of Holy Communion, she also teaches that serious preparation must be made in order to make a good and fruitful Communion. Moreover, there is absolutely **no obligation** for anyone, other than the Priest offering the Mass, to receive Holy Communion. Furthermore, if a person is ill disposed, he **must not** receive Holy Communion (cf. 1 Cor. 11:27-30; CCC 1457). Finally, I want to conclude by recalling the obvious: a blessing is offered to each and to all at the conclusion of Holy Mass. It is this blessing that I will happily continue to impart. Therefore, it would be incorrect for someone to say that he is being "denied" a blessing at holy Mass. I humbly ask that no one slander me by saying anything to the contrary.

POPE FRANCIS: ABORTION IS LIKE HIRING A HITMAN

Vatican City, Oct 10, 2018 / 04:04 am ([CNA/EWTN News](#)). In his general audience Wednesday, Pope Francis said that abortion "suppresses innocent and helpless life in its blossoming."

"Is it right to take a human life to solve a problem? It's like hiring a hitman," Pope Francis said in St. Peter's Square Oct. 10, in a departure from his prepared remarks. "Violence and the rejection of life are born from fear," the pope added. For this reason, parents who learn that their unborn child will have a disability need "real closeness, true solidarity to face reality; overcoming understandable fears," he explained. Pope Francis lamented that parents receiving a difficult prenatal diagnosis often "receive hasty advice to stop the pregnancy." It is contradictory to suppress "human life in the womb in the name of safeguarding other rights," the pope insisted. "How can an act that suppresses innocent and helpless life in its blossoming be therapeutic, civil, or simply human?"

The pope's remarks on abortion came during a reflection on the fifth commandment, "Thou shall not kill." In recent weeks, the pope has dedicated his weekly general audiences to a series of lessons and reflections on the Ten Commandments recorded in the scriptural books of Exodus and Deuteronomy. "One could say that all the evil done in the world is summarized in this: contempt for life," Pope Francis told the pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square. "What leads man to reject life? They are the idols of this world: money, power, success. These are incorrect parameters to evaluate life. The only authentic measure of life is love, the love with which God loves it!"