

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Benton Smith, Evelyn Sandell, Freddy Gorman, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Sonja Billodeaux, Angelle L. Durio & Linda LeJeune, Don Fontenot, Jovick Durio, Martin Goodly, in Thanksgiving by Jack Johnson Fly., Marcelene Ceaser, Deceased members of the Garcille Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Juan A. Lucero Castellano, Juan A. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guillermo Consuegra Garcia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

12:00 P.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

5:30 P.M. MASS – Kyle Vidrine

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Benton Smith (1st Anniversary)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Rodney & Jerry Bushnell

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Elmo Smith, Evelyn Sandell, Freddy Gorman, David Dugas, Brent Meaux, Sonja Billodeaux, Helin McCauley Fly., Liv. & Dec., Sox Gordon, Martin Goodly, Terry Porter, Marcelene Ceaser, Lois Evana Ceaser

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Edward & Ora Peloquin, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Douglas & Jeane Daigle, Jeanette Hornsby, LeRoy & Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot

Last Weekend Collection

\$3,052.63

Building Fund to Date

\$16,592.90

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

Ladies Altar Society

St. Joseph's Altar is Sunday, March 17th after 10:00 A.M. Mass in the Parish Hall. Please see the signup sheet at the entrance of the church. SJoA Ladies Altar Society would like to recruit new members. Our lovely group of ladies is dwindling down. We are asking for your help. Our meetings are usually on the first Tuesday of each month at 5 pm in the hall (with the exception of March). Due to Mardi Gras the meeting will be March 12, 2019. Annual dues are \$20. We assist with Mercy Meals for families of the deceased and receptions for feast days and the Holy Sacraments. We also help work the bazaar. Please take this to prayer and consider joining the Ladies Altar Society. It is an opportunity for fellowship and bountiful graces!

"Return to the Lord" Capital Campaign Update

SJoA has received a total of \$26,454.23 of their Parish Share to date. Please honor your pledge by continuing to make payments to the campaign.

PRAYER LIST

Mickey & Monique Abshire, Tyler Alexander, Robert Andrews, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Georgia Bell Baggett, Tyler Bellow, Jocie Bergeron, John O'Neal Bergeron, Alvin Billodeaux, M/M Lincoln Briscoe, Margaret 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, Herman Deshotel, Donna Dunnehou, Lonnie Duplechain, Noah Ferry, David Fontenot, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, James & Jill Gilbert & Fly., Elaine Giles, Tim Giles, Phielomone Goodly, Becky Gorman, Dixie Granger, Vergie Granger, Charlene Guidry, Juanita Guidry, Paula Davis Hargrove, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Jackie Hebert, Dolores Holden, Gwen Holder, Bob & Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Joey James, Essie Langley, Jessica Lindsey, Brian Manuel, Jennifer L. Manuel, Kevin Manuel, Marlin Manuel, Wilson Manuel, Larry Marcantel, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Josh Miller, Patrica Mikas, Marvin Monceaux, Natalie Montou, Janice Moreau, Brad Morgan, Clifton & Carolyn Morgan, Paula Odom, Debbie Owen, Howard Patin, Sonya Pickett, Hannah Popillion, Ena Prudhomme & Fly., Jimmy Prudhomme, Jane Craft Ray, Ann Reed, Brenda Dodd Reed, Dara Reed, Gary Reed, Linda Reed, Leah Rexrode, Don & Debra Rider, Salis & Janice Rider, Ann Rooney, Fr. Fred Russi, Pat Abshire Savant, Helen Sheeman, Lois Singleton, Tommy Smith, Yvonne Smith, Elden Bada Sonnier, Fynlee Squier, Donald Taylor, Ken & Wylene Taylor, Diana Tichy, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine Family, Gene Vizena, Hannah and Linda Voeller, Bruce Walker, Linda Weldon, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, March 3rd – No Holy League or Holy Hour
- ❖ Monday, March 4th & Tuesday, March 5th – Office Closed
- ❖ Tuesday, March 5th – Confessions at 11 am: Mass at Noon
- ❖ **Wednesday, March 6th – 40 HOURS DEVOTIONS 7:15 A.M. to 5:15 P.M.; No CCD or Youth Group**
- ❖ Thurs., March 7th – 40 HOURS DEVOTIONS 7 am to 7 pm
- ❖ Friday, March 8th – 40 HOURS DEVOTIONS 7 am to 7 pm
- ❖ Sat., March 9th – 40 HOURS DEVOTIONS 9 am to 3 pm; Lenten Presentation by Dr. John Mark Mirivalle at 6:30 pm

THE CATECHISM ON THE STATE, THE COMMON GOOD, & IMMIGRATION

CCC 1898 “Every human community needs an authority to govern it. The foundation of such authority lies in human nature. It is necessary for the unity of the state. Its role is to ensure as far as possible the common good of the society.”

CCC 1900 “The duty of obedience requires all to give due honor to authority and to treat those who are charged to exercise it with respect, and, insofar as it is deserved, with gratitude and good-will.”

CCC 1903 “Authority is exercised legitimately only when it seeks the common good of the group concerned and if it employs morally licit means to attain it. If rulers were to enact unjust laws or take measures contrary to the moral order, such arrangements would not be binding in conscience.”

CCC 1910 “It is the role of the state to defend and promote the common good of civil society, its citizens, and intermediate bodies.”

CCC 2241 “The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the *foreigner* in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him. Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens.”

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

Mother Knows Best

Uncle Bill came to supper one evening and found out that his little nephew Michael was saving up to buy a dog.

“Great!” said Uncle Bill, who was quite a joker. “Look, here are two bills! You can choose which one you like best to help your doggie fund.”

Uncle Bill had placed a crisp, new one dollar bill on the table, and an old and worn ten dollar bill next to it.

Michael was too young to know the value of paper money, but he knew some counted for more than others. He much preferred the crisp new dollar bill, but he didn’t want to make a mistake.

He looked at both carefully. Then he finally turned to his mother and said, “Mommy, you choose for me!”

Uncle Bill was so pleased that he added another ten dollars, which made enough in Michael’s box to buy the dog he really wanted most.

We don’t always know what’s best for us, but we can always count on our Mother, the Church, for the wisdom and experience that gives us the best for our souls and lives. Holy Mother Church has authority from Jesus Christ to make laws for the faithful (cf. Luke 10:16; Matthew 16:18; Matthew 18:18, *et alia*), but they aren’t merely laws for the sake of control or propriety. The Church established Canon Law from the very beginning of the Church in the first century, but it was only formally codified in AD 1234. The current Code of Canon Law was revised and promulgated by St. John Paul the Great in 1983. Canon Law can best be described as “the heart of the Church set in juridical terms”.

While Canon Law covers virtually everything pertaining to the Church (general norms, the people of God, the teaching office of the Church, the office of sanctifying in the Church, the temporal goods of the Church, sanctions in the Church, and processes), there are certain laws that are universally applicable to all Catholics. These laws are commonly called the Precepts of the Church, and the reason the Church makes laws and precepts is “to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, [and] in the growth of love of God and neighbor...”¹ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2041)

All Catholics are obliged to keep the Church’s precepts under pain of sin. Let’s take a look at those precepts to which we are all obliged to keep.

1. *You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.* This precept requires us to make holy the Lord’s Day, to observe special holy days that are meant to recall us to the gospel message, and to avoid those activities that hinder the renewal of soul and body. Failure to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation without being excused for a very good reason (e.g., too sick to get out of bed, caring for someone else too sick to go to Mass, etc.) is a mortal sin. Those who are required by an employer to work on Sundays and holy days may fulfill their duties by attending the vigil Mass for those days, but they still must take another day for rest. Anyone who arrives late (normally thought to be once the readings have begun) or leaves early (any time prior to the final blessing) does not fulfill the Sunday or holy day obligation and therefore commits mortal sin.

2. *You shall confess your sins at least once a year.* This precept “ensures preparation of the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation...”² (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2042) This is the bare minimum required by the Church. If one commits a mortal sin, the obligation to receive the sacrament of Penance is as soon as possible. The Church recommends confession once a month, but is happy for the faithful to have recourse to the sacrament weekly.

3. *You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.* This is called our Easter Duty, and we must fulfill it under pain of sin between the first Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. In order to fulfill the Easter Duty, you must actually make the intention during Lent or the Easter season for one Communion to be that obligatory reception of the Eucharist.

4. *You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.* There are only two fast days in the United States: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Fridays of the year are days of penance, but only the Fridays of Lent (beginning the Friday after Ash Wednesday) are obligatory under pain of sin. On Fridays outside of Lent we are to perform some act of penance at least as sacrificial as abstinence, or abstain. Intentional failure to observe these obligatory days of fast and abstinence is a mortal sin.

5. *You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.* This means the faithful are obliged to contribute to the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability. In other words, don’t be stingy with the Church. It is unfortunate that only 10% of parishioners pay for 90% of the Church’s expenses...and that’s not because the 10% are the wealthy Catholics.

6. *The faithful are to observe the marriage laws of the Church and to give religious training to their children.* In other words, Catholics are to be married before a priest or deacon and two witnesses, and divorce and an attempt at remarriage is forbidden (a mortal sin). Furthermore, parents are strictly obligated to see to it that their children know, understand and practice the Catholic faith...which means parents themselves are obligated to know, understand and practice the faith. And no, this obligation isn’t met by sending your children off to religion classes in the parish or at Catholic school. Canon 226 is very clear about this.

7. *The faithful are to join in the missionary spirit and apostolate of the Church.* This means we are all obligated to share the Gospel (Good News!) of Jesus Christ as handed down by His Church. This doesn’t mean you have to become a lay evangelist, but you do have to give witness to Christ and His Church among your friends, neighbors and co-workers. You can also help to fulfill this obligation by contributing financially to evangelistic endeavors, but this alone does not fulfill the obligation.

These precepts of the Church are seriously binding on all Catholics. Collectively they encompass the teachings of Christ from the Gospels and the apostles after Pentecost. If we fulfill these precepts as we should, we can expect Jesus to be pleased with us at our particular judgment. Intentional failure, or slothful failure, to fulfill these precepts...well, the particular judgment would not be the happiest time in life. And this is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

SAVE THE DATES

40 Hours Devotions at SJoA

Wednesday, March 6th – 7:15 am – 5:15 pm

Thursday, March 7th – 7 am – 7 pm

Friday, March 8th – 7 am – 7 pm

Saturday, March 9th – 9 am – 3 pm

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Wednesday, March 6th: 6:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.

Lenten Presentation by Dr. John Mark Miravalle

Saturday, March 9th at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall

Ember Saturday Mass of Lent (EF) – at St. Henry (Lake Charles)

Saturday, March 16th at 9:00 A.M.

St. Joseph's Altar at SJoA

Sunday, March 17th after 10:00 Mass

Confirmation Rehearsal at SJoA

Sunday, March 17th at 3:00 P.M.

SJoA Confirmation Mass

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7 P.M. at SJoA

Rosary for Traditional Marriage

Saturday, March 23rd at 12:00 P.M. Farmer's Market

Eucharistic Procession

Monday, March 25th after 5:30 P.M. Mass

SJoA Lenten Mission by Fr. Ted Broussard

Thursday, March 28th and Friday, March 29th at 6:00 P.M.

SJoA Reflections on Holy Week

Saturday, April 6th and Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 A.M.

Lenten Penance Night (West and South Deaneries)

Tuesday, April 9th from 5 – 7 P.M.

Lenten Penance Night (Central Deanery)

Wednesday, April 10th from 5-7 P.M.

Lenten Penance Night (East Deanery)

Thursday, April 11th from 5-7 P.M.

Lenten Presentation by Monsignor Calkins

Friday, April 12th after Stations of the Cross

First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 12th at 10:00 A.M. Mass