

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Freddy Gorman, Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Rhonda Granger Fly., Ursin & Lillie Carrier, Alice Manuel, Cecilia Sonnier, Mildred P. Guillory, Hosey Joseph Guillory, Martin Goodly, M/M Oliver Victorian, Marcelene Ceaser, Lloyd Taylor, M/M Togeal Goodly, Keith LeJeune, John & Virginia Spears Fly.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Douglas & Jeane Daigle, Joan Bertrand, Jessie Naquin, Deacon Glenn Viau, Derek Yeagley, M/M Kenneth Granger, Kyle Vidrine, Kenneth Taylor, Kenneth Johnson, Emmily Johnson, Dickie Davis, Liv. & Dec. Fly. of Gleta Granger

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019

5:30 P.M. MASS – Deceased Priests

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Bernard Aguillard

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Jack Johnson

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Freddy Gorman, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Sonja Billodeaux, Don Fontenot, LeRoy & Ophelia Fontenot, Marcelene Ceaser, Lloyd Taylor, Keith LeJeune, Dorothy Berry

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Kyle Vidrine

Last Weekend Collection	\$2,802.00
Maintenance Fund to Date	\$18,518.65

Vocations Candle and Cross – Jeff & Melissa Craft

Ladies Altar Society

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. Annual dues are \$20. You may pay dues at the church office. 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!

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 Dunneho, Lonnie Duplechain, Noah Ferry, David Fontenot, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, James & Jill Gilbert & Fly., Elaine Giles, Tim Giles, Mary Ann Goodly, 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

BAZAAR MEETING – SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST AT 4:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Sunday, March 24th** – Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Tuesday, March 25th** – Mass at 5:30 P.M. followed by Eucharistic Procession: The Annunciation of the Lord
- ❖ **Wednesday, March 27th** – Adoration 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD (4 P.M. & 6 P.M.) and Youth Group (5 P.M.)
- ❖ **Thursday, March 28th** – Lenten Mission: Fr. Ted Broussard at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Friday, March 28th** – Stations of the Cross at 5:30 P.M.; Lenten Mission: Fr. Ted Broussard at 6:00 P.M.

The Abrazando Cristo Mission Fundraiser

The Abrazando Cristo Mission Program is having its annual Big Cash Giveaway Fundraiser. Only 750 Tickets will be sold at \$100 a ticket. First Prize is \$5000; Second Prize is \$1000; and Third Prize is \$500. Proceeds will benefit the ongoing work of the missions in Nicaragua and Puerto Rico. To purchase a ticket, please mail your check payable to Abrazando Cristo Mission Program at 617 West Claude Street, Lake Charles, LA, 70605. A ticket stub will be mailed to you. For more information please contact Felicia Borel at 337-477-1236. Drawing will be Sunday, June 16th at Our Lady Queen of Heaven church office.

The Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf Tournament

The annual Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 18, 2019, at Mallard Cove in Lake Charles. Proceeds from this tournament will benefit several of the projects of the Abrazando Cristo Mission Program to Nicaragua and Puerto Rico. For more information please contact Johnnie and Susan Thibodeaux at 337-478-4095 or Will Fruge at 337-540-0410.

Special Needs Mass

A Special Needs Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost at 11:00 A.M. on April 7, 2019. The Mass will take place at St. Louis Catholic High School. All are welcome.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

Medicine for Body & Soul

Megan went to the doctor's office to get a new prescription for her mother's medicine. "It did your mother good, then?" asked the doctor. "Here's a new prescription, but make sure your mother has it after meals." But Megan objected, "No, Doctor, Mom isn't any better." "Too bad," replied the doctor. "I wonder if I ought to change the prescription." "She said it didn't make her cough any better, though she rubbed it on her chest day and night." "Rubbed it on?" exclaimed the doctor. "No wonder she isn't any better. Didn't she read the label? It says: One tablespoonful in water to be taken three times daily. No medicine is going to cure people if they don't use it properly."

The same holds true of the sacraments. Grace is absolutely necessary for the salvation of your soul. Actual graces are necessary to be able to make choices that please God, and we all receive those graces every waking moment of the day. But it is sanctifying grace that heals the sin wounded soul and makes us pleasing to God.

The Most Holy Eucharist is the greatest of the sacraments, and It gives us an increase of sanctifying grace each time we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. However, if the soul is in a state of mortal sin—having committed any grave offense against God's laws through thought, word, deed, or failing to do something known to be right—then when Communion is received the additional mortal sin of sacrilege is committed.

Jesus left His Church with two sacraments of reconciliation—those sacraments that reconcile man to God for sins committed after Baptism. They are the Anointing of the Sick (formerly called Extreme Unction) and Penance (aka Confession and Reconciliation).

The Anointing of the Sick still requires confession prior to receiving it, but that isn't possible if the person receiving the anointing is unconscious. The Anointing of the Sick will cleanse the soul of one who is unconscious, provided that person has at least imperfect contrition. But if the sick person regains consciousness he is obligated to make a good confession as soon as possible.

It is the Sacrament of Penance that is the ordinary means of removing sin from the soul. Like the mother in the story, if the medicine isn't taken properly, or if it isn't taken at all, the soul won't get any better. If you want your soul to get better and pleasing to God, you must take your medicine (recourse to confession) often and properly.

The medicine God gives as a cure for the soul is confession, and the label on the bottle is written by His Church. The label says: "To be taken at least once a month with a deliberate recalling of the patient's sins. For better health, should be taken once a week."

These days there seems to be all sorts of "cures" for what ails us. Modern "medicine" even tries to cure what we used to call the effects of sin. There are medicines for every sort of mental and emotional disorder, and there is no end of therapeutic treatments for everything from PTSD to ADD. Modern medicine, which has the credibility of science (even when it's junk science), has worked very hard, whether consciously or unconsciously, to make Christ's remedies irrelevant. I'm not saying they are not necessarily good. Fact is, most of them work pretty well for relieving anxiety. What I am saying, just like the vast majority of modern medicine, only the symptom is being treated rather than the cause.

Pay attention sometime to the commercials for prescription drugs on television. They have all sorts of drugs that treat the symptoms of every conceivable disease and condition. The problem is, all those

drugs have awful side effects, so the drug companies come up with new drugs to treat the side effects—the new symptoms—and they have their own set of bad side effects. It seems there is no one actually treating the cause that produces the symptoms.

I've worked to evangelize more than a few people who had problems such as schizophrenia, borderline personality, substance abuse disorders, depression, anxiety, bi-polar, and other disorders. All these people were on medications for their problems, but it became clear pretty fast that the drugs merely treated the symptoms and weren't capable of treating the actual problem. In some cases, the problem is actually a chemical imbalance in the brain, but more often than not the symptoms are caused by much deeper spiritual problems.

Among the converts I've known over the years who suffer from these disorders and problems, it's been amazing to me how the problems have eventually gone away through the use of frequent (i.e., weekly) confession.

Many in the mental health profession say the good effects of confession to a priest are at best a placebo or at worst superstition. Such thought demonstrates a great pride, arrogance, and atheistic attitude on the part of those professionals. Fact is, what Freud, Skinner, Maslow, Rogers, Pavlov, and other pioneers in the mental health profession tried to secularize, Jesus set up as a sacrament with divine healing powers two-thousand years ago. Just think about it. In my lifetime alone there have been scores of mental health disorders that have come into being that used to never exist, and millions of people have been diagnosed with them. Those disorders have developed in direct proportion to the decline of Western culture and the dechristianization of society. I'm not saying the mental health profession doesn't have its place. It most certainly does! But only in more severe cases. The best cure (rather than treating symptoms) is to have recourse to the confessional.

When a priest receives the Sacrament of Holy Orders, he receives special sacramental graces that help him to carry out the purpose of the sacrament. Those graces of state go to the very nature of the priesthood. One of those graces allows the priest to become a spiritual doctor for the soul. When a penitent learns to form a right conscience and daily examines his conscience to see how he has failed God throughout the day, then goes to confession with regularity and frequency to the same priest, over time the priest gets to know the soul of the penitent the way you get to know your spouse or best friend. The priest, though, gets to know the deepest, most inner part of the penitent in ways you can never know your spouse or best friend. This results in an actual cure for the penitent of the cause of problems, not just the symptoms.

We all have problems. Problems are the effects of Original Sin, and we'll never escape them in this life, but if the effects are left without "treatment" from the "medicine" Jesus gave us (the sacraments), then those effects develop into major problems. So true is what I'm saying that even those among you who don't currently seek the help of mental health professionals would be diagnosed with several disorders if you did see one such professional. The ultimate cure, then, is a weekly good confession to the same priest every time. And it doesn't have to be the priest in your parish. I don't recommend "priest shopping", but you need to be comfortable with whoever it is to whom you unburden your soul. The important thing is to go to confession weekly to the same priest, let him get to know your soul, then listen to and obey the wisdom of his counsel before he gives you absolution.

SAVE THE DATES

Eucharistic Procession for the Annunciation

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 Mass

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