

## MASSES & INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Freddy Gorman, Elmo Smith, Sonja Billodeaux, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, Lloyd Taylor, Kyle Vidrine, Bryan Frederick, Mark Briscoe, Joseph Guillory, Helen Guillory

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 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, LeRoy & Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot

### MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – John C. Durio

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

**NO MASS**

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Frank Mougeot

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

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

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Celeman Thomas (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, David Dugas, Sonja Billodeaux, Helin McCauley Fly., Liv. & Dec., Don Fontenot, Sox Gordon Lloyd Taylor, John & Virginia Spears Fly., Keith LeJeune, Kyle Vidrine, Katherine, Joe, Ray & Louis Karam, Raoul & Julia Frank, Lisa Cole

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Joan, Dallas & Billy Bertrand, Edward & Ora Peloquin

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**Last Weekend Collection** **\$7,947.00**

**Maintenance Fund to Date** **\$18,618.65**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Weekend – Maintenance Fund**

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

## 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, Vivian Cole, Florence Comeaux, JoAnn Cormier, Gordon Cotton, Brittany Courville, Jeane Daigle, Aiden & Renlee' Darbonne, Louise Guidry Darbonne, Carolyn Denison, Herman Deshotel, Donna Dunneho, Lonnie Duplechain, Elizabeth Enloe, Lois Evans, Noah Ferry, David Fontenot, Agess & Ophelia Frank, 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, Kenneth Johnson, Emily Johnson, 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

## Easter Lilies

You may purchase an Easter lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one for \$25 each.

## Silver and Golden Anniversary Mass

The Diocese of L.C. Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration is to take place on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 A.M. Mass at Saint Margaret Catholic Church in L.C. Any couple celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, or 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary is invited to attend. Following the Mass, there will be a reception with Bishop Provost at Saint Margaret's family center. Family members of the honored couples are also invited to the Mass and reception. Contact the rectory to register by May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>** – The Bethlehem Nativity Group will sell religious articles after all Masses.
- ❖ **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** – Holy League at 4:45 P.M.; Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** – Knights of Columbus at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** – **NO ADORATION**
- ❖ **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** – East Deanery Churches Penance Night from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Stations at 5:30 P.M. followed by a Presentation by Monsignor Calkins
- ❖ **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** – Reflections on Holy Week at 10:00 A.M. in the Hall

## SERVICES FOR THE TRIDIUM

**Chrism Mass** (at St. Margaret)

Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

**The Passion of the Lord**

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M.

**Easter Vigil Mass**

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 P.M.

**Easter Sunday Masses**

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 & 10:00 A.M.

## *Encouragement From Your Fellow Parishioners ...*

For me, the sacrament of Reconciliation—Confession—has become one of the most important tools in my spiritual toolbox. Most of us want to be better Christians, but in today's fast paced world it is not easy to slow down and take the time to determine how to do it. Confession makes me take that time. Before I go to Confession I have to examine my conscience to see in what ways I failed to love the Lord with all my heart or failed to love my neighbor—that is, to see how I have failed to follow the Way of Christ. Sometimes my sins are obvious but sometimes they are thoughtless acts that hurt or wrongly influence others without me realizing it at the time of the act. Sometimes my sins are because of my inaction or thoughts. Regardless, my examination of conscience helps me to recognize my sins and, with recognition, comes reformation. God sent His only begotten Son to die on the cross for my sins and through the sacrament of Reconciliation I can tell Him that I repent and immediately receive His grace and feel His mercy through the absolution of my priest. I am so thankful that Christ gave priests this power and I am so thankful that my priest gives me ample opportunity to take advantage of it. I urge each of you to, also, make use of this wonderful sacrament. It will change your life.

Patricia Cole,  
Pastoral Council

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Once I read "Interior Castle" by Saint Teresa of Avila, I began to contemplate the gift of "Fear of the Lord". That is what made me realize that I needed to take special attention to all the sins that I have committed throughout my life. From my first Confession and First Holy Communion, as a young kid, teenager and now as an adult. I contemplated on that day (my death), that will eventually be present, as it will for all of us. The thought of having to face our Lord one day face to face, made me embarrassed of myself, worry and so sorry that I have and that I continue to offend our Creator over and over again. Unlike when we meet someone new, that person does not know anything good or bad of ourselves and we are able to make friendship without judgment from that person. I thought, when I get to meet our Lord, the One that created me, He knows everything about me in a way that is unimaginable to my poor understanding of His omnipotent powers. In the same manner, Him being the King and Majesty was crucified and died so that my sins could be forgiven, only if, I so undeserving am willing to confess all of those horrible sins that only I am responsible for. Sure, it was a struggle, and a very scary time to contemplate my wrong doing, but I did not want to get caught with a bag full of unconfessed sins at the time of my death here on earth. To this day, I continue to do this, because when I realize that I have sin again, I fear that this day could be the day that I meet our Lord face to face and I have unconfessed sin. What I really desire, is when I get to meet Our Lord, He will know that I did not take His crucifixion and death for granted, that I did my part to confess my sins and that only with sanctifying grace I can do my best not to sin against Him again. I realized that in order to do a good examination of conscience and to have the courage to enter the confessional with a long list of sins, I had to turn to prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She also told me about the fear of the Lord in the most beautiful prayer ever formulated the *Magnificat*. Our Lady did not say much in Holy Scripture, but when she spoke, our Lord obeyed her. When she said, "His mercy is from generation to generation to those that fear Him.", well of course! If our Lady tells us about our Creator and she herself said that He is merciful to those that fear Him, who am I to doubt the most Blessed Virgin Mary, or Saint Teresa of Avila, a doctor of the Holy Catholic Church? Yes, I hesitated and I argued with myself about going to confession or not, but I knew that if I did not, I would always be in *real* fear throughout my life, especially at the time of my death. I was very nervous to make a really good confession. I was worried about confessing all the embarrassing sins in my life, but all I kept thinking was that I should take advantage of the sacraments our Lord Himself instituted for us through His suffering and death as an offering to God the Father at Calvary, the same offering He makes at each and every Mass in reparation for our sins. If I chose not to confess my sins, I would never be able to be with Him. Rather, I would be risking Hell, which, if you think about it, is *much more fearful* than confessing one's sins.

Susana Beaubouef,  
Pastoral Council

## “WHY VEIL THE CROSS AND OTHER IMAGES DURING PASSIONTIDE?”

(excerpted from [www.newtheologicalmovement.blogspot.com](http://www.newtheologicalmovement.blogspot.com))

It has been the custom of the Roman Church, at least in modern times (we mean from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century forward), to veil the crosses and the images of the saints from the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent until Easter. This has been, and ought to continue to be, one of the defining characteristics of the season of Passiontide – a season which, if after the postconciliar liturgical reforms lost in name, need not be lost in spirit.

Still in many churches throughout the West, crosses and statues are veiled now and will remain veiled for two full weeks. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* describes this custom as follows:

“Before Vespers of Saturday preceding Passion Sunday [i.e. the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent in the Ordinary Form] the crosses, statues, and pictures of Our Lord and of the saints on the altar and throughout the church, with the sole exception of the crosses and pictures of the Way of the Cross, are to be covered with a violet veil, not translucent, nor in any way ornamented. The crosses remain covered until after the solemn denudation of the principal crucifix on Good Friday. The statues and pictures retain their covering, no matter what feast may occur, until the *Gloria in Excelsis* of Holy Saturday.”

However, it is noted that the statue of St. Joseph may remain uncovered, if outside the sanctuary, during the month of March, which is dedicated to his honor.

Of course, this practice is no longer mandatory in the *Novus Ordo* [i.e., the Ordinary Form], but it is certainly permitted. However, if the custom is to return to popularity, it will be necessary to come to some understanding of the meaning behind the veiling. Why does the Church veil the cross in these final days of Lent, a time when she is most intent on meditating upon the Lord's dolorous passion?

### **The Mystical Interpretation**

Abbot Gueranger enlightens us with a mystical interpretation of the Gospel which, in former times [i.e, the Extraordinary Form Mass], was read on this Sunday: As Christ hid Himself from the rage of the Jewish authorities (John 8:59), so now He is

hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of His Passion.

“The presentiment of that awful hour [of Our Savior’s Passion] leads the afflicted mother [i.e., the Church] to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear ... The interpreters of the liturgy tell us that this ceremony of veiling the crucifix during Passiontide, expresses the humiliation to which Our Savior subjected Himself, of hiding Himself when the Jews threatened to stone Him, as is related in the Gospel of Passion Sunday [John 8:46-59, *They took up stones therefore to cast at Him. But Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple* (John 8:59)]. The Church begins this solemn rite with the Vespers of the Saturday before Passion Sunday.”

### **The Spiritual Interpretation**

Dom Gueranger continues and directs us to acts of devotion for the Cross:

“Twice during the course of the year, that is, on the feasts of its Invention and Exaltation, this sacred Wood will be offered to us that we may honour it as the trophy of Our Jesus’ victory; but now, it speaks to us but of His sufferings, it brings with it no other idea but that of His humiliation.”

Considering that, in the season of Our Lord’s Passion, all the strength of our devotion should be directed to the Cross of Christ, we may be surprised that the images of the Cross are to be covered in these days. However, when we recognize that we now venerate the Cross not so much as an emblem of victory (as in the Triumph of the Cross) but as an instrument of humiliation and suffering, we will soon understand the spiritual realities which are conveyed through the covering of the crosses.

In His Passion, Our Savior’s divinity was almost totally eclipsed, so great was His suffering. Likewise, even His humanity was obscured – so much so that He could say through His prophet: *I am a worm and no man* (Psalm 21:7). His face and whole body were so disfigured by the blows and scourges that Our Jesus was scarcely recognizable! Thus, the wounds He endured hid both His divinity and His humanity. For this reason we veil the crosses in these final days of Lent – hiding Our Savior under the sad purple cloth.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### **SJoA Reflections on Holy Week**

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

### **Bethlehem Nativity Group Selling Religious Items**

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> after Masses

### **Lenten Penance Night (West and South Deaneries)**

Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 P.M.

### **Lenten Penance Night (Central Deanery)**

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 P.M.

### **Lenten Penance Night (East Deanery)**

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 P.M.

### **Lenten Presentation by Monsignor Calkins**

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> after Stations of the Cross

### **SJoA Jambalaya Lunches being Sold**

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> after Mass

### **SJoA Holy Hour & Eucharistic Procession**

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

### **First Holy Communion Mass**

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

### **SJoA CCD Closing Celebration**

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

### **SJoA Feast Day Luncheon**

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> after 10:00 A.M. Mass