

## MASSES & INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Sonja Billodeaux, Don Fontenot, Sox Gordon, Lloyd Taylor, John & Virginia Spears Fly., Keith LeJeune, Kyle Vidrine, Bryan Frederick, Jack Johnson, Martin Goodly, John & Thelma Victorian, Veterans of America, Mentally Impaired, Clarice Papillion Fly., Mary Dubriel Fly., Helin Johnson, Edith Harmon, Aurdene Guillory, Shirley Ann Guillory, Marcelene Ceaser, Helin McCauley Fly., Liv. & Dec.

### SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Joan Bertrand, Edward & Ora Peloquin, Mildred P. Guillory, LeRoy & Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot, Ryan Rozas Fly., Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Remy & Taylor Fly., Liv. & Dec., Elle Mae Frilot

### MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

**5:30 P.M.** – Evelyn Sandell

### TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

**NO MASS**

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel

### THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – John C. Durio

### FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Frank Mougeot

### SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Clement Granger, Kyle Vidrine, Berlinger, Horton & Marcantel Fly., Liv. & Dec., Bryan Frederick, Eldridge, Mary & Ann Louise Hance, Sonja Billodeaux

### SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Evelyn Sandell (**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**), Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons

**Last Weekend Collection**

**\$5,877.61**

**Maintenance Fund to Date**

**\$21,644.75**

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

**Vocations Candle and Cross** – Mrs. Clara Smith

## 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, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Belle Carrier, David & Natalie Carrier, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Vivian Cole, Florence Comeaux, JoAnn Cormier, Brittany Courville, Jeane Daigle, Aiden & Renlee' Darbonne, Louise Guidry Darbonne, Carolyn Denison, Herman Deshotel, Donna Dunnehoo, Lonnie Duplechain, Elizabeth Enloe, Lois Evans, Noah Ferry, David Fontenot, Steven 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, Bob Haas, 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, LaNan 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, Clifford Montou, 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, Anne 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 Vizona, Hannah and Linda Voeller, Bruce Walker, Mary LaFleur Ware, Linda Weldon, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

## MAY CROWNING OF BVM

The May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place at the beginning of the 10:00 A.M. First Communion Mass.

## First Communion

SJoA congratulates those receiving their First Holy Communion during this year.

Emalyn Ducote  
Sophia Granger  
Rylee McCleon  
Hunter Monroe  
Evelyn Powers

Lillian Foreman  
Skylar Maddox  
Mason Merchant  
Tatum Ortego  
Kali Skaggs

## Baccalaureate Mass

SJoA welcomes the 2019 seniors from Oberlin and Fairview High School Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Refreshments will be served in the hall following the Mass.

## CCD Closing and Fun Day

The CCD closing for all grades is Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Awards will be presented. Donations of cold drinks, juice pouches, chips, cookies and brownies will be accepted at the rectory next week. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, ice cream, water slide and bouncy house. Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy the day with your child.

## Ladies Altar Society Covered Dish Social / Meeting

The LAS will have a covered dish social at their next meeting on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. All current and honorary members are invited. Please bring a covered dish of your choice.

## This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Ultreya at 5:00 P.M.; Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** – Mass at 5:30 P.M. followed by Eucharistic Procession; K C's at 5:00 P.M.

## SJOA FEAST DAY LUNCHEON

On Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> after 10:00 A.M. Mass, SJoA will have a catered luncheon to celebrate the Feast Day of SJoA. All parishioners and their families are invited. The 2019 recipients of the annual SJoA awards are Mrs. Phielomone Goodly and Mr. Delmar Sonnier.

# REFLECTIONS ON THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

## REAL PRESENCE

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar ... He remains among us until the end of the world. He dwells on so many altars, though so often offended and profaned." **(St. Maximilian Kolbe)**

"Do not regard the Eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine: they are in fact the Body and Blood of The Lord, as He Himself has declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith." **(St. Cyril of Jerusalem)**

"We should never again use the expression, 'When Jesus was on earth' or think of Him as being only in heaven. Jesus is still on earth. While all the sacraments confer grace, the Eucharist contains the author of grace, Jesus Christ Himself." **(Fr. John Hardon, S.J.)**

"In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood." **(St. Francis of Assisi)**

## WORTHY RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Whoever ... eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we should not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are chastened so that we may not be condemned along with the world." **(1 Corinthians 11:27-32)**

## SERIOUS PREPARATION TO RECEIVE

"I hunger for the bread of God, the flesh of Jesus Christ; I long to drink of his blood, the gift of unending love." **(St. Ignatius of Antioch)**

"I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master." **(St. John Vianney)**

"I am God's wheat and shall be ground by their [the lion's] teeth so that I may become Christ's pure bread." **(St. Ignatius of Antioch)**

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." **(St. Maximilian Kolbe)**

## FREQUENT RECEPTION & SANCTITY

"Receive Communion often, very often ... there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing." **(St. Therese Lisieux)**

"The Eucharist will make you produce more in one day for the glory of God than a whole lifetime without it." **(St. Peter Julian Eymard)**

"Jesus has prepared not just one Host, but one for every day of our life. The Hosts for us are ready. Let us not forfeit even one of them." **(St. Peter Julian Eymard)**

"Our own belief is that the renovation of the world will be brought about only by the Holy Eucharist." **(Pope Leo XIII)**

"Ask Jesus to make you a saint. After all, only He can do that. Go to confession regularly and to Communion as often as you can." **(St. Dominic Savio)**

"The Sacrament of the Body of the Lord puts the demons to flight, defends us against the incentives to vice and to concupiscence, cleanses the soul from sin, quiets the anger of God, enlightens the understanding to know God, inflames the will and the affections with the love of God, fills the memory with spiritual sweetness, confirms the entire man in good, frees us from eternal death, multiplies the merits of a good life, leads us to our everlasting home, and re-animates the body to eternal life." **(St. Thomas Aquinas)**

## ADORATION / REVERENCE

"We adore Thee most holy Lord Jesus Christ, here in all Thy Churches." **(St. Francis of Assisi)**

"In the presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament we ought to be like the Blessed in heaven before the Divine Essence." **(St. Teresa of Avila)**

"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them." **(St. Peter of Alcantara)**

"Nowhere does Jesus hear our prayers more readily than in the Blessed Sacrament." **(Blessed Henry Susa)**

"[Our Lord] has hidden Himself [in the Blessed Sacrament] in order to have us ponder over His goodness and His virtues; in order that our love might become serious, disengaged from the senses, content with the strength and peace of God." **(St. Peter Julian Eymard)**

"Do you want many graces? Go and visit the Blessed Sacrament often. Do you want few graces? Visit the Blessed Sacrament rarely. Do you want none at all? Then never pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament." **(St. John Bosco)**

"Can you feel the fragrance of Paradise which diffuses Itself from the Tabernacle?" **(St. Philip Neri)**

What We Believe...



Why We Believe It...

## **The Battle of Lepanto** **by Joe Sixpack**

It was the end of Christendom, or so many people thought. The Muslims of the Ottoman Empire were ravaging Europe, taking country after country as they moved further to the West toward their ultimate goal of sacking Rome and destroying the Catholic Church. It seemed that Christian forces had one desperate final play, which was to defeat the Ottoman Empire at Lepanto, immediately off the coast of Greece. If the Muslims won the Battle of Lepanto, there would be nothing stopping them from marching on Rome, capturing the Vatican, and destroying the Holy See—in effect, destroying the Catholic Church.

As forces of the Holy League and the Ottomans gathered for this great naval battle, the Spaniard commander Don Juan could see he was easily outnumbered and out armed. Understanding defeat would mean the end of Christendom and slavery to the Muslims, Don Juan issued the order that came from the Holy Father, Pope St. Pius V, for every Christian warrior on every ship to pray the rosary, calling upon the Queen of Heaven to save Christianity. Then, on October 7, 1571, as the battle was launched, unimaginable events began...

As the battle proceeded, Pope St. Pius V suddenly paused at what he was doing at the Vatican. With a joyful countenance on his face, he rose and rushed to the balcony window and proclaimed to all the people, “We have won! Our forces have defeated the Turks at Lepanto!”

St. Pius V had been granted a vision of what was taking place by the power of Our Lady even as it happened. As the battle began, Ottoman ships began to sink inexplicably. The fleet of the Holy League handily defeated the enemy and saved Christendom. As great a commander as Don Juan was, he was humble enough to know that it was Our Lady and the power of the rosary that saved his fleet and the Catholic Church. St. Pius V declared October 7 the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, which we still celebrate today.

The Battle of Lepanto is perhaps the greatest rosary miracle in the history of the Church, but by no means the only one. There are literally thousands of recorded miracles attributed to the Mother of God through her most holy rosary. This is why there is such an emphasis on the rosary in the Church. While not requiring daily recitation of the rosary, the Catholic Church tells the lay faithful that it is extremely imprudent not to pray it daily, and she requires a daily recitation of the rosary for her priests.

Many non-Catholics, though, accuse Catholics of adding something tantamount to paganism by promoting the rosary. They say we deify the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying to her, that the rosary is vain repetition of prayer, and that there is nothing scriptural about the rosary. Contrary to their claims, the rosary is not only scriptural, but its most basic prayers actually come right out of the Bible.

There are three main prayers of the rosary: the Our Father (called the Pater Noster by us and the Lord’s Prayer by Protestants), the Hail Mary (the Ave Maria), and the Glory Be (the Gloria). While the Glory Be isn’t found in the Bible, the concept for it most certainly is. So true is this

that not even our detractors among Protestants condemn our use of it. And of course, the Our Father comes right from the mouth of Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6:9-13.

But what of the Hail Mary? This, too, is a prayer directly from Sacred Scripture. Let's print the prayer here so it is easier to examine phrase by phrase:

*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

At the event the Church calls the Incarnation—that is, when God became man—the angel Gabriel greeted Mary with the words, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” (Luke 1:28) We'll get back to the meaning of the greeting another time, but for now we can see that the beginning of the Hail Mary is Gabriel's greeting to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The next phrase comes from Mary's cousin Elizabeth when the Virgin Mother of God went to visit her: “...and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this that the mother of my Lord should come to me?’” (Luke 1:40-43) So the last part of the first half of the Hail Mary is also directly from the Bible.

The second half of the Hail Mary is what really sets off our detractors, because we are first calling her the Mother of God and second asking her to pray for us. Even when I was a Protestant I couldn't understand the complaint about Mary being called the Mother of God, because that is also scriptural. Notice again what Elizabeth asked in verse 43: “And why is this that *the mother of my Lord* should come to me?” How much clearer could anyone want it?

Detractors complain that we can't pray to the dead, and they suppose Mary to be dead. Of course, we know that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven, but let's discount that for a moment. Jesus said, “He is not God of the dead, but of the living” (Matthew 22:32). Is it reasonable to suppose that the Christian who prayed for his brethren while on earth would lose all interest in them once he reaches heaven? If He is the God of the living, and those souls in heaven are certainly alive, then praying to those who live with God in heaven is certainly justified—especially when we pray to Mary!

And what are we asking Mary to do when we ask her to pray for us? We're asking to pray to her Son for us and our needs right now, and for the moment when we die so we can have the graces of final perseverance. Again, I fail to understand why our detractors have a problem with this. As a Protestant Fundamentalist, I never attended a worship service that didn't include a time for praying for the needs of congregants and their families and friends. If we who are imperfect and laden with sin can pray for one another, why should anyone balk at the idea of asking those who are perfected and closer to Jesus in heaven to pray for us as well?

Mary was Our Lord's best and most obedient evangelist and disciple on earth, and she continues to be so now from heaven. She intercedes for us today just as she did at the Battle of Lepanto, and just as she did for the newlyweds at the wedding feast at Cana in the second chapter of John. And that is what the rosary is all about.

It's occurred to me recently that I haven't spent nearly enough time talking to you about the Blessed Virgin Mary, so I'm going to devote the next several weeks to write about the Mother of God and the Mother of us all. Hopefully I'll do her justice so you can understand What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Do you have any questions about the veneration of the Mother of God...or any other Catholic topic? Go to [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com) to get them answered. And be sure to sign up for updates I make to the website to help you learn more about our holy and ancient faith!

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### **SJoA Eucharistic Procession**

Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> after 5:30 P.M. Mass

### **SJoA CCD Closing Celebration**

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

### **SJoA Feast Day Catered Luncheon**

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

### **SJoA Ladies Altar Society Covered Dish Social / Meeting**

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

### **SJoA Vocation Bible School**

Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>; 9:30 A.M. - Noon