

## MASSES & INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Sonja Billodeaux, Don Fontenot, Ursin & Lillie Carrier, Alice Manuel, Cecilia Sonnier, Andrus Joseph & Elle Mae Frilot, LeRoy & Ophelia Fontenot, Keith LeJeune, Bryan Frederick, Alfin Caesar, Sonja Billodeaux, Houston & Gladys Ardoin, Rose Mae Andoin, Joey Fontenot

### SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Kyle Vidrine, Shelton Reed, Clara Roy Courville

### MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Mr. & Mrs. Burl Roy

### TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

**NO MASS**

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Willie Dubriel

### THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019

**12:05 P.M. MASS** – Frank Mougeot

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Joey Fontenot

### FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Jared Chapman

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

**9:00 A.M. MASS**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Elmo Smith, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Angelle L Durio, Linda LeJeune, Bryan Frederick, Sonja Billodeaux, Annette Bergeron Landry, Jerome Bergeron, Shelton Reed, Clara Roy Courville, Gerald Klein Fly., Liv. & Dec., Ettienne & Vergie Bergeron, Evelynm Carrier & Fly., Liv. & Dec., Martin, Augustine & Dosey Goodly

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Fr. Marshall Louvierre, Jerry Howell, Joey Fontenot

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**Last Weekend Collection**

**\$2,963.33**

**Maintenance Fund to Date**

**\$22,645.75**

**Vocations Candle and Cross** – Deacon Norris & Sandra Chapman

### 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, Gina Johnson, 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, 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, Eugene 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, Doris Stanley, Donald Taylor, Ken & Wylene Taylor, Diana Tichy, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine Family, Gene Vizena, Hannah and Linda Voeller, Bruce Walker, Mary LaFleur Ware, Linda Weldon, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

### 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.

### Cursillo Schedule

The next Women's Cursillo is the weekend of June 20-23. The next Men's Cursillo is the weekend of July 11-14. To make a Cursillo, candidates and their sponsors must attend Ultreya together. The next Ultreya to attend for the June and July Cursillo is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. at SJoA hall.

### Women's Cursillo Renewal

Ladies, in December the Cursillo center will sponsor a renewal for all ladies who have already made a Cursillo and would like to strengthen their bond with Christ. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested please let Mary Donaldson know at Ultreya. Applications are taken on a first come first served basis. If it has been longer than 5 years since you made your Cursillo, consider it! Decolores!

### This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Church Office closed for Memorial Day
- ❖ **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** – Adoration from 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; Holy League @ 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** – Office Closed for Feast of SJoA

### 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**.

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### EASTER MASS SETTING

We continue using the Mass setting for the season of Easter each Sunday at 10:00 am, and in part at 7:30 am. This Mass is known as *Missa I*, or *Lux et Origo* (Light and Origin/Source). As I mentioned at the Easter Vigil Mass, *Lux et Origo*, like so many of the Gregorian Mass settings, is characterized by humility, modesty, and restraint. You can really get a sense of the wonder the Apostles must have experienced at the empty tomb Easter Sunday morning. It's true: the Resurrection of the Lord fills the Church with joy. To manifest this, we sing an *Alleluia* in just about every antiphon of the Masses during the Easter season. (Do this: review the propers sheet to see how many times the word *Alleluia* shows up in one Mass.) But the mystery of the Resurrection is so profound that the astonishment of the Apostles, or of St. Mary Magdalene, seems to have rubbed off on the Church's Easter Mass setting. There's so much to contemplate in this mystery that our first movement isn't toward exuberance: It's to reflection and interiority. Like the Mother of God, the Church takes this great mystery into her heart. So should we.

### SEMINARIAN FOR THE SUMMER

The Diocese has assigned seminarian Josh Page to SJoA for the summer months. Josh will reside in the rectory and assist in various capacities during June and July. He is from Sulphur. His home parish is Our Lady of Prompt Succor. Josh recently graduated from St. Joseph's Seminary, in Covington, LA (the minor seminary) and has been assigned to Notre Dame Seminary, in New Orleans. He will complete his theological studies there and prepare for ordination, first, to the diaconate and, secondly, to the priesthood. We look forward to Josh's time at SJoA for the summer. Please keep him and all the seminarians in your prayers.

### REQUEST FOR FRESH EGGS

In addition to Josh, there are at least 3 other college-aged men who will be helping me with several things this summer. While they are not residing at the rectory, I do feed them with some regularity in order to be hospitable, not to mention simply to compensate them for their generous assistance to SJoA. With this being the case, I'd like to put out a request:

If you raise ***fresh yard*** eggs and have any to spare, I'd happily receive some during the summer months. I have several mouths to feed. If folks would like to bring by ***fresh yard*** eggs that would help SJoA save money. Please note that I'd like to avoid store-bought eggs. While beggars can't be choosers, it does appear that they can make a request. ***(lol)*** Thanks for your consideration.

### TEACHINGS OF THE SAINTS ON THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1. "It is impossible to save one's soul without devotion to Mary and without her protection." **(Saint Anselm)**
2. "Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." **(Saint Francis de Sales)**
3. "We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor His Mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor Him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son." **(Saint Louis de Montfort)**
4. "Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor." **(Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta)**

What We Believe...



Why We Believe It...

## To Jesus Through Mary by Joe Sixpack

God commanded Moses to build the Arc of the Covenant. In it was placed the stone Commandments, written by the finger of God Himself on Sinai. It also contained Aaron's rod and a jar of manna. Most of all, everywhere the Arc was, there was the presence of God Almighty.

The Arc was declared by God to be so sacred that the Israelites were forbidden to touch it. Indeed, God had commanded that, because of the holiness of the Arc, if anyone touched it he would die. On its sides were rings, through which the Israelites slid wooden rods so they could carry the Arc when it needed to be moved.

The Arc had once been captured by the Philistines, but King David defeated them and recaptured the Arc. He ordered it brought back to Bethlehem and had a new cart built so oxen could carry it in a triumphal return to the City of David. Along the way, the oxen stumbled and one of the escorts reached out to stop the Arc from falling off the cart. As soon as he touched it, God struck the man dead because he had touched that which was so holy—even though he did so out of love and devotion. *God is serious about His commands when He tells us what to do and what not to do.*

The Arc of the Covenant was a prefigurement of Jesus and Mary. The New Covenant, of course, was (is) Jesus. The Arc of the New Covenant is the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Arc of the Covenant carried the presence of God, but the Arc of the New Covenant carried God Himself! This Arc of the New Covenant, the Blessed Virgin Mary, carried God Himself in the human form of the second Person of the Holy Trinity. Just as the Israelites went to God through the Arc of the Covenant, so do we go to Jesus through Mary. Scripture plainly declares in many passages that the Blessed Virgin is the Mother of God.

“And behold, *you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.*

“He will be great, and will be called the *Son of the Most High*; and the Lord will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end...

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, *the Son of God*” (Luke 1:32-35).

The saintly Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that *the mother of my Lord* should come to me?” (Luke 1:43) St. Paul writes, “...God sent forth his Son, born of a woman...” (Galatians 4:4).

The Apostles' Creed, which was written near the end of the first century while St. John the Apostle was still alive, professes our belief “in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.” This belief was so firmly accepted as

divinely revealed that the Council of Ephesus in AD 431 made it the standard of orthodoxy, excommunicating the Nestorian heretics who denied it.

Non-Catholics who make Mary only the mother of Jesus do so because they don't accept the true doctrine of the Incarnation; that is, that Jesus Christ possesses a divine and human nature in the one divine Person. Jesus was never a human person. He was (is) a divine Person who assumed our human nature in the womb of the Virgin Mary. She was (is) the mother of the second Person of the Holy Trinity, and therefore the Mother of God!

As our mothers aren't called the mothers of our bodies, but simply our mothers, because the soul directly created by God is united with the body in a human person, so the Blessed Virgin isn't called the mother of the human nature of Christ, but simply the Mother of God, because the divine nature, eternally begotten of the Father, is united with the human nature in the divine Personality of Jesus Christ. This is called the *hypostatic union*.

Most Protestants don't know that their founders, Luther and Calvin, admitted the dogma of the divine maternity. Luther wrote: "There is no honor, no beatitude, capable of approaching an elevation which consists in being, of the whole human race, the sole person, superior to all others, unequaled in the prerogative of having one Son in common with the Heavenly Father." Calvin wrote: "We cannot acknowledge the blessings brought us by Jesus without acknowledging at the same time how highly God honored and enriched Mary in choosing her for the Mother of God."

The Catholic Church has always paid special honor to the Blessed Virgin, because God honored her above all creatures by bestowing the highest honor He could confer—the divine maternity! The Bible tells us that Jesus honored her by living with her under the same roof at Nazareth for thirty years until He began His public ministry, that He honored her requests as at the wedding feast at Cana, and that He demonstrated His love for her from the cross when He entrusted her to the care of His most beloved disciple John.

How can anyone call Mary an ordinary woman and at the same time pretend to be a student of the Bible? Would God choose an ordinary woman to be the Mother of His only Son, when he had millions of women to choose from? The prophet Isaiah spoke of Mary centuries before her coming (Isaiah 7:14), and God sent an angelic ambassador to announce her supereminent dignity (Luke 1:26), and another to comfort St. Joseph in his moment of doubt (Matthew 1:20). Both the angel and St. Elizabeth called her "blessed among women" (Luke 1:28, 43), and her own prophecy that "henceforth all generations shall call me blessed" (Luke 1:48) is fulfilled every day by Catholics all over the world.

The devout client of Mary is always the strong defender of the divinity of Jesus Christ, her Son. The divine maternity as the Council of Ephesus clearly recognized, has always been the standard of orthodox belief in the true doctrine of the Incarnation.

Love for Mary, who is God's masterpiece of creation, by its very nature leads us to the love of Christ her Son. Jesus can't be jealous of the praise we give her, as every one of her privileges and prerogatives are His own free gift to her. Is the artist jealous of the praise you give his masterpiece? Is the author jealous of the praise you give his book? Rather than be jealous of the praise and devotion we give to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jesus wants us to love her as He loved her...thus imitating Him as Scripture says we should.

Without Mary there could be no Jesus. It isn't possible for us to go to Jesus unless we go through Mary. Just as the shepherds and the wise men had to go through Mary to see Jesus at the nativity, so we must go through her to see Him today. Mary always leads us to her Son, which is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Do you want to ask questions about Mary? Go to [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com) to ask them.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

**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.

**Ember Mass at St. Teresa in Carlyss**  
Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.

**SJoA Mass & Eucharistic Procession for Corpus Christi**  
Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

**High Mass & Adoration at SJoA**  
Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.; Adoration until 10:00 P.M.

**Diocesan Ordinations at the Cathedral**  
Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

**SJoA Vocation Bible School**  
Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>; 9:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.