

## MASSES & INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, David Dugas, Don Fontenot, John & Virginia Spears Fly., Keith LeJeune, Kyle Vidrine, Berlinger, Horton & Marcantel Fly., Liv. & Dec., Bryan Frederick, Jack Johnson, Martin Goodly, Helin McCauley Fly., Liv. & Dec., Sonja Billodeaux, Roy Frank, Fr. Fred Russi, Harrison Harmon

### SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward & Ora Peloquin, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Leroy & Ophelia Fontenot, Remy/Taylor Fly., Liv. & Dec., Joey Fontenot

### MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – D.C. Reed, Jr.

### TUESDAY JUNE 11, 2019

**NO MASS**

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019 (Ember Day)

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Joey Fontenot

### THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Frank Mougeot

### FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019 (Ember Day)

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Willie Dubriel

### SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019 (Ember Day)

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Shirley & Jennifer Cart, Kyle Vidrine, Bryan Frederick, Sonja Billodeaux, Savannah & Curley Victorian, Sr., Phielomone Goodly & Fly., Jean Manuel

### SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Joan Bertrand, Andrus Joseph Frlot, Joseph (Joe) Guillory, Hosey Joseph Guillory, Joey Fontenot, Fr. Fred Russi

<b>Collection for Weekend of 5/26/19</b>	<b>\$3761.25</b>
<b>Last Weekend Collection</b>	<b>\$5102.82</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund to Date</b>	<b>\$22,870.75</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection last weekend – SJoA Luncheon</b>	<b>\$965.12</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Collection this weekend for Maintenance Fund</b>	

**Vocations Candle and Cross** – Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Rozas & Fly.

## 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 Frank, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, James & Jill Gilbert & Fly., Elaine Giles, Tim Giles, Mary Ann Goodly, Phielomone Goodly, Becky Gorman, Dixie Granger, Vergie Granger, Juanita Guidry, Bob Haas, Paula Davis Hargrove, 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, Agnes Joubert, Essie Langley, Jessica Lindsey, Brian Manuel, Jennifer L. Manuel, Kevin

Manuel, Marlin Manuel, Wilson Manuel, Larry Marcantel, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Edgar Miller, 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, 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

## Summer Sewing Adventure

SJoA Ladies Altar Society invites all ladies to sew altar linens from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. every Wednesday and Friday morning in June in the parish hall. Bring a portable sewing machine, if possible, white thread, scissors, and notions.

## 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!

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

If you are struggling with guilt, depression, regret or other difficult emotions from an abortion, you are not alone. Come experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat: August 16-18, 2019, at the Saint Charles Retreat Center in Moss Bluff. The weekend retreat is sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles and will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$225.00 for meals, private room with private bath, and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For more information or to register contact RV of SWLA 337-439-7400 ext. 317 or e-mail [rachels.vineyard@lcdiocese.org](mailto:rachels.vineyard@lcdiocese.org).

## This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** – Ultreya at 5:00 P.M.; Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Adoration at 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; Holy League at 6:00 P.M.

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### MAKE A THANKSGIVING AFTER HOLY MASS

Last Sunday I mentioned that, for the immediate and foreseeable future, the altar boys and I will double back to the sacristy at the end of Mass so that I can unvest before going to the front of the church to greet people. (This will help keep the vestments from becoming so easily soiled during the summer months.) Since it will take a few minutes for me to unvest and get back around to the front of the church, **I want to ask you to consider something**: Rather than rushing out of the church immediately after the conclusion of holy Mass, please seriously think about staying in the church after the “final blessing” (not sure why folks refer to it that way) for a few minutes to make a thanksgiving before leaving. Specifically, I ask that you considering praying at least these prayers which are located on the prayer cards in the pew pockets:

- St. Thomas Aquinas’ Prayer after Mass
- Anima Christi
- Prayer before a Crucifix

There are, of course, many prayers in the Church’s treasury of prayers which might be fittingly be used before and after Mass. (They may be found in any *good* Catholic prayer book.) **The Church has always encouraged her children to make suitable preparation before and an adequate thanksgiving after holy Mass.** The reason why is simple: they are appropriate acts of love for God and signs of gratitude for His gifts to us. In more recent times, however, it seems that everyone is in a rush to leave Mass as soon as it concludes. (Sometimes I wonder if having the priest waiting at the front door to greet people actually *encourages* an immediate departure.) Sadly, some even leave Mass *before* it concludes, which is a **mortal sin** by the way. **STOP LEAVING MASS EARLY! STOP IT! YOU WILL GO TO HELL IF YOU LEAVE MASS EARLY SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU ARE READY TO LEAVE. STOP LEAVING MASS BEFORE IT ENDS!** Please examine your conscience to see if you are returning suitable thanks to God for the gifts of the Mass and the Most Holy Eucharist.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO LAS

The Ladies’ Altar Society donated \$700 to help cover the cost of the St. Joan of Arc Parish Feast Day Luncheon. Thanks to all members of the LAS for your generosity!

### WORK AT ST. JOSEPH

*Attention all men of the parish*: You are invited to join me and other men for manual labor **each Friday during**

**June & July** at St. Joseph Church from **8:30 am – 12:00 pm** (ish). Here’s what we’ll be doing for the time being:

- Mowing & trimming the cemetery.
- Removing pews.
- Removing, cleaning, and then returning the dropped ceiling tiles.
- Cleaning the area above the dropped ceiling.

Bring whatever you need to **drink**; bring work **gloves**, and protective eye **glasses**. Updates on other projects will come as we make progress.

### BEREAVEMENT CLASSES

A series of bereavement classes will take place at SJoA in June and July. Anyone struggling with grief may find them helpful. Here is some basic information:

- Dates: Tuesdays ... June 18<sup>th</sup>, June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Time: 5:30 pm
- Location: Parish Hall

For more information, contact **Merita Cezar**. There are no fees for attending.

### DIFFERENT MASS ORDINARY NEXT SUNDAY

Beginning next Sunday, we will resume using the *Orbis Factor* Mass setting at the 10:00 am Mass each Sunday. (At times, it may also be used, in whole or in part, at the 7:30 am Mass.) This Mass setting (which includes the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, & Agnus Dei set to musical notation) is prescribed by the Roman Church for the “green Sundays” of the year, that is, for the time after Pentecost (i.e., from the Sunday after Pentecost until the First Sunday of Advent). Print outs of the *Orbis Factor* Mass setting will be in the pew pockets by next Sunday. But, **did you know that this Mass setting (and several others) is in the *Kyriale* section of your hand missal?** If you have the Baronius Press missal, turn to **page 2164** and then go a few more pages to *xvi* to find it. If you have the Angelus Press version of the hand missal, turn to **page 1885** to find it.

### HURRICANE PRAYER

We are now in “hurricane season.” We will pray Bishop Schexnayder’s Hurricane Prayer at the conclusion of the rosary before each of the **Sunday** Masses. At **daily** Masses, we’ll pray it after the bells in the tower cease, which signal the beginning of Mass. I encourage you to pray this prayer each day during Hurricane Season.

What We Believe...



Why We Believe It...

## **The Farmer and His Friends** **by Joe Sixpack**

St. Isidore (1070-1130) was a Spanish laborer who was hired as a plough man on the lands of a wealthy nobleman from Madrid. He worked very hard at his job, yet he never failed to attend daily Mass. Neighbors jealous of his piety accused Isidore to his employer of neglecting his work in order to attend Mass. When the wealthy employer questioned him about it, Isidore replied, “I know that I’m your servant, but I have another Master as well, and I owe Him service and obedience too. If you think you’re cheated because I serve God, please deduct whatever you want from my wages.”

The landowner knew Isidore to be a good and honest man, but he also knew his neighbors looked out for his best interests, so he decided to find out the truth for himself by going to his farm early one morning to observe without Isidore seeing him. When he observed that Isidore didn’t begin work until later in the morning, he went to give the servant a severe rebuke. As he got closer to where Isidore was working, he was surprised to find two strangers in the field with Isidore. Each stranger had a team of white oxen, ploughing on either side of Isidore. As the landowner drew near, both strangers and their oxen disappeared. The landowner asked Isidore, “For God’s sake, man, who were those two men who were ploughing with you just now?”

Isidore replied, “I assure you, Sir, I haven’t seen anyone. I don’t ask anyone for help, except God each morning at Holy Mass.” Then the nobleman understood that the two men he’d seen were angels sent by God to help His servant in return for his hearing Mass so faithfully.

There are three degrees of nature in the world. Ours, the world we see and live in, is called the natural world. That world that is God, the Holy Trinity, is called the supernatural world. But there is a different kind of world for the angels and demons (who are merely the pitiful angels who chose to follow the traitorous Lucifer, or Satan) called the preternatural world. The supernatural is uncreated. The natural is the created world of all that is around us, with mankind being the highest form of creation in the natural world. The preternatural world—inclusive of both the angelic and demonic—is also created by God, but it’s higher in the order of creation than our natural world.

The angelic world serves two purposes. The first is to love, adore and praise God every moment of their existence. The second purpose of the angels is to serve as messengers from God to man, and to serve us as God so directs them to do. There is a parallel between the preternatural world and the natural world in that we are also supposed to love, adore and praise God every moment of our existence, as well as serve others for the sake of God in the name of Jesus Christ (Matthew 25:31-46). Another parallel is found with the demons. In the preternatural world, demons are responsible for great evil in our world, most especially by tempting us to offend God, and they are eternally punished for their rejection of God, just as we will be punished with the same eternal suffering if we die in a state of rejection of God, that is, a state of mortal sin.

When it comes to how the angels serve man, they demonstrate a true, perfect love for us. The angels pray for us, which we learn from the vision of Zechariah: “Then the angel of the Lord

said, ‘O Lord of hosts, how long wilt thou have no mercy on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these seventy years?’ And the Lord answered gracious and comforting words to the angel who talked with me” (Zechariah 1:12-13). We also see this in the encounter between the Archangel Raphael and Tobit: “And so, when you and your daughter-in-law Sarah prayed, I brought a reminder of your prayer before the Holy One; and when you buried the dead, I was likewise present with you” (Tobit 12:12). Christ Himself tells us that they have an interest in us, because He said, “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (Luke 15:10). In another place He warns us not to be guilty of scandalizing those who believe in Him: “See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 18:10).

The angels also act as messengers from God to us. There are many, many passages in Sacred Scripture where God sent His angels to act as messengers to us from Him. One of my personal favorites is found in Luke 1:19, when God told Zechariah of the coming of his only child, John the Baptist: “I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news.”

Finally, the angels also serve us with their protection and aid, as in the story of St. Isidore. The entire book of Tobit in the Old Testament is all about how the Archangel Raphael helped Tobias. Jesus implies the existence of guardian angels, as was noted in Matthew 18:19 quoted earlier: “... for I tell you that in heaven *their angels* always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.” The Church has taught from the very beginning that we have angels surrounding us to act as protectors and shepherds to help us always live for God. “From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. ‘Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.’ Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.”<sup>1</sup>

We are surrounded by both angels and demons (i.e., those angels who rebelled against God), and St. Paul talks of the demons we war against every day: “For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the *principalities*, against the *powers*, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the *spiritual hosts of wickedness* in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12). There is a constant war going on around us whether we are awake or asleep, conscious of it or unconscious of it. The preternatural world of angels and demons wage war without ceasing, and they do so for only one thing: the eternal destiny of our souls. This is how important you are to God, that He would have His angels constantly do battle with the demons to help you make the right decisions and avoid offending Him with sin.

Spend time every day with your guardian angel. Talk to him. Over time, you can become attuned to him and listen to what he has to tell you. I talk to my angel every single day, multiple times each day. When I’m in my car, those who pass me on the highway must think I’m crazy, because I am usually carrying on a conversation with my angel. They pass by and see me talking to an empty car. It’s not empty though. Not only is my angel present with me, but there are demons there trying to distract me and keep me from conversing with and listening to my angel. This spiritual warfare we constantly face is one that ends only in death. Rather than take our guardian angel for granted or ignore him, we need to thank him and ask for his help as often as possible, because that’s What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Do you want to learn more about the angels? Go to [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com) to ask your questions and learn much, much more.

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<sup>1</sup> *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 336

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### **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.