

## MASSES & INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Elmo Smith, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, M/M John C. Durio, Margie Welch & Fly., Sox Gordon, Ursin & Lillie Carrier, Alice Manuel, Cecilia Sonnier, Keith LeJeune, Sonja Billodeaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Harrison Harmon, Mike Bertrand, Shirley Ann Guillory, Julian Ross & Fly., Carrier Carleston, Larry F. Fly.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

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

**10:30 A.M. MASS** – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Fr. Fred Russi, LeRoy & Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot, Joey Fontenot, Bernard Fontenot, Ralph Andrew Knauf, Jr.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

**NO MASS**

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

**12:05 P.M.** – Bernard Aguilard

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Frank Mougeot

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – John C. Durio

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Don Fontenot, Jerome & Blanche Haas, Sonja Billodeaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Mike Bertrand, Harrison Harmon, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

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

**10:30 A.M. MASS** – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Fr. Fred Russi, Ralph Andrew Knauf, Jr.

<b>Last Weekend Collection</b>	<b>\$3,524.00</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund to Date</b>	<b>\$29,844.50</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for BSA</b>	<b>\$2,237.00</b>
<b>(Quota for SJoA is \$10,399.00. A suggested contribution is \$25.00 per parishioner).</b>	

**Vocations Candle and Cross** – Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Smith

*We are in need of volunteers to sponsor the Vocation Candle (\$5) and to take the Vocation Cross home for a week. Please call the rectory if you would like your name on the list.*

## PRAYER LIST

Mickey & Monique Abshire, Tyler Alexander, Robert Andrews, Glenn Baggett, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Georgia Bell Baggett, Tyler Bellow, Jocie Bergeron, John O'Neal Bergeron, Elsa Berlinger, Michael Bertrand, Alvin Billodeaux, M/M Lincoln Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Belle Carrier, David & Natalie Carrier, Teresa & Jackie Cary, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Vivian Cole, Florence Comeaux, Albert Cooley, JoAnn Cormier, 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, 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, Jennifer Guidry, Juanita Guidry, Bob Haas, Paula Davis Hargrove, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Jacque Hebert, Collin Henry, Dolores Holden, Gwen Holder, Bob & Charlene Ireland, John,

Shenita & Perella Jackson, Joey James, LaNan James, Gina Johnson, Kenneth Johnson, Emily Johnson, Agnes Joubert, Debbie Kershner, Barbara Landreneau, Essie Langley, Theresa Langley, Fly., Jessica Lindsey, Brian Manuel, Jennifer L. Manuel, Kermit Manuel, Kevin Manuel, Marlin Manuel, Wilson Manuel, Larry Marcantel, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Edgar Miller, Josh Miller, Patrica Mikas, Beckie Moreaux, Janice Moreau, Brad Morgan, Clifton & Carolyn Morgan, Leah Morgan, Phylis Deshotel Naquin, Paula Odom, Debbie Owen, Howard Patin, Sonya Pickett, Hannah Popillion, Dawn Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme & Fly., Jimmy Prudhomme, Jane Craft Ray, Anne Reed, Brenda Dodd Reed, Dara Reed, Gary Reed, Linda Reed, Octavia Reeves & Fly., Leah Rexrode, Don & Debra Rider, Eugene Rider, Salis & Janice Rider, Ann Rooney, Pat Abshire Savant, Jona Sharp, Lois Singleton, Yvonne Smith, David & Delmar Sonnier, Elden Bada Sonnier, Fynlee Squier, Doris Stanley, Donald Taylor, Ken & Wylene Taylor, Patrick Thomas, Diana Tichy, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine Family, George Vihm, Myrtis Vihm, Gene Vizena, Hannah and Linda Voeller, Bruce Walker, Mary LaFleur Ware, Dwayne Warren, Linda Weldon, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

## SJoA BAZAAR NEWS

The next Bazaar Meeting is Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. in the hall. The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual SJoA Bazaar is October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Information is posted on the SJoA Facebook page and website. Raffle Tickets are on sale and available to take with you to sell after all Masses. Tickets are \$2.00 each. Pork and Chicken plate lunch tickets are available to purchase for \$10 after Masses or in the rectory. Donations for the live and silent auctions, cold drinks, cases of water, homemade crafts, and chips are being accepted at this time. Please drop off your donations at the rectory during regular business hours.

**First Prize** – Steer butchered and wrapped (ready March 2020)

**Second Prize** - \$200 Gift Certificate to Foreman's Boudin Kitchen and an Old Smoky BBQ pit donated by Oberlin Building Supplies.

## Youth Group Selling Pizza Kits & Cookie Dough

The Youth Group is selling Little Ceasars Pizza Kits. Deadline for orders to be turned in to Mrs. Corinne is October 11<sup>th</sup>. Kits will be delivered Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 P.M. You may order from a youth member or at the rectory. Proceeds will be used to benefit youth activities throughout the year.

## Quilt Raffle for St. Michael Statue

This weekend is your last chance to purchase raffle tickets for the New Orleans Saints Quilt. Tickets are \$1.00 each. The winning ticket will be drawn after 10:30 A.M. Mass Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will be used to purchase a St. Michael the Archangel Statue for both SJoA and St. Joseph in Soileau.

## Book Available for Purchase in the Rectory

SJoA has a limited amount of Robert Cardinal Sarah's latest book; The Day is Now Far Spent, available in the rectory for \$12.00 per book.

## This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – CCD at 9:00 A.M.; Holy Hour from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Group at 5:00 P.M. for Grades 7-12; High School CCD at 6:00 P.M. for Grades 9-12.
- ❖ **Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** – ADORATION from 3 – 7 P.M.

## FROM FATHER CONNER

Below is a sample of the criticisms of the *Instrumentum Laboris* (i.e., “working document”) of the Amazon Synod:

### Walter Cardinal Brandmüller

- “It is to be stated now with insistence that the *Instrumentum Laboris* contradicts the binding teaching of the Church in decisive points and thus has to be qualified as **heretical**.”

**“Heresy is the obstinate denial or obstinate doubt after the reception of baptism of some truth which is to be believed by divine and Catholic faith.”** (*Code of Canon Law*, 751)

- “Inasmuch as even the fact of Divine Revelation is here being questioned, or misunderstood, one also now has to speak, additionally, of **apostasy**.”

**“Apostasy is the total repudiation of the Christian faith.”** (*Code of Canon Law*, 751).

- The Cardinal takes issue with the working document’s “very positive assessment of natural religions, including indigenous healing practices and the like, even mythical-religious practices and forms of cults,” adding that the very “notion of inculturation is perverted in the document.”
- “It is impossible to conceal that the ‘synod’ intends to help implement two most cherished projects that heretofore have never been implemented: namely, the **abolishment of celibacy** and the **introduction of a female priesthood** – starting first **with female deacons**. In any event, it is about ‘accepting the role, the leadership of the woman inside the Church’ (129a3). In a similar manner, there now ‘open up new spaces for the creation of new ministries, as this historic moment calls for it. It is time to listen to the voice of the Amazon region ...’ (no. 43).”
- “... we are witnessing a new form of the classical **Modernism** of the early 20th century” in this document, which is linked with a false understanding of the development of dogma, which “is sharply opposed to the genuine Catholic understanding.”

### Bishop Athanasius Schneider

- “To live as a priest in continence, goes back to Apostolic tradition, this is not merely Church Law.”
- But with what is in the *Instrumentum Laboris*: “In a short time, priestly continence would be destroyed ... And that is not to be ... I hope that the Providence of God will not allow this to happen.”

### Bishop José Luiz Azcona Hermoso

- “The ‘face of the Amazon’ of the IL [*Instrumentum Laboris*] ... is not Amazonian. **The indigenous peoples that are a very small minority** in the Amazon region are dominating the largest part of the ‘Amazonian face.’” He considers it a new “form of colonialization,” as if “now **the indigenous culture would be imposed upon the entire Church**.”

### Father Herbert Douteil

(*German Missionary in Brazil*)

- In an interview with the German Catholic journal *Vatican Magazine*, Father Douteil speaks about the animist religion of many indigenous people. He stresses that, unlike the idealistic depictions in the Amazon Synod document, the indigenous people are “afraid” of the forest and its spirits. For them, there are “good and bad spirits in the jungle, in the plants, trees, animals, rivers, and in the weather ... The indigenous person always lives in fear, to get in trouble with the evil spirits and not sufficiently to honor the good spirits. Each trip into the jungle is a renewed encounter with the threatening unknown.”
- When these people hear from Fr. Douteil that Jesus Christ Himself has the power to drive out demons, and that the demons even needed permission from Him to drive themselves into pigs, “it was a liberation for them,” the priest states. “When we have Christ in our hearts,” they told him, “then we do not need to have fear of any kinds of evil spirits!”
- This missionary priest thereby debunks the Amazon Synod’s document and its idea that somehow we Catholics have to learn from the religions of these indigenous people. They, too, are in need of God’s redemption and Christ’s liberating truth.

### Mr. Damian Thompson

(*Respected journalist*)

- The *Instrumentum Laboris* “reads like a sort of P.C. Disney production, like *Avatar* written by octogenarian European socialists: ‘Tell us, oh wise ones, what the spirits of the forest are telling us.’ My final word on the [Amazon] Synod. Cancel it. Now.”



## **“If This Is The Way You Treat Your Friends...” by Joe Sixpack**

St. Teresa of Avila, the Carmelite Doctor of the Church, was once crossing a shallow ford in the river on her donkey. Suddenly, the donkey bucked and she fell into the water, along with all her belongings. Sitting in the river, the saintly mystic looked toward heaven and quipped, "If this is the way You treat Your friends, I can understand why You have so few."

Being a saint does not mean you are drab, humorless, and have an ideal life. Quite the contrary, none of the saints in the church's history have been sad or lacking in the sense of humor. Indeed, the saints have always been souls other people were attracted to and enjoyed being around. However, that does not mean they have idyllic lives.

St. John Bosco was under constant threat of death from the Masons, having made numerous attempts on his life. St. Anthony of Padua and St. Francis of Assisi both died young men after long and painful illnesses. Saint Bernadette died at a young age from exceedingly painful tuberculosis of the bone. Saint John Paul II survived several attempts on his life (more than just the assassination attempt in St. Peter's Square), and suffered Parkinson's disease throughout the last half of his pontificate.

So what does all this mean? Well, it means that if you are trying to become a saint (which is one of our two major obligations as Catholics) you will find yourself suffering. The question is, why does someone striving for sanctity have to suffer? It all boils down to perfection.

In life, every action has a consequence. Our parents have told us this since we were old enough to understand. Anything we do, good or bad, has consequences. Every sin, no matter how minor, requires payment to the one being offended, who is God. So you can count on it, everything from using God's name carelessly and telling a "white lie" to the commission of every mortal sin, is something we will have to pay for. The problem with being human is that we are so prone to sin that we'd never have a moment's peace if we paid for everything in this life. So we have to pay for our sins in purgatory. The problem with purgatory, though, is that it is incredibly painful and even though the duration may or may not be short, it is incredibly intense. The reason for the intensity is, there is no grace in purgatory. Therefore, those who are striving for holiness are being rewarded with infinite love from God.

Yes, suffering really is God showing infinite love. We are being shown love and mercy in purgatory, despite the pain; without purgatory we would all by necessity end up in hell. But suffering in this life is earning grace and is sort of like being paid triple or quadruple time by our Employer—getting 3 or 4 times the “pay” for the same work. Suffering in this life isn't nearly as hard as purgatory, but it's still very difficult and painful. But you see, suffering has great value in the scheme of things, because “nothing unclean shall enter heaven” (Rev. 21:27), and an unpaid debt for previous actions (whether forgiven and unforgiven venial sin or forgiven mortal sin) makes us “unclean,” so unworthy to enter heaven. So by suffering in this life we, and offering that suffering back to God as a gift in reparation for our sins and the sins of the world, we purify ourselves to be made worthy of heaven. In other words, if we accept our suffering as a

gift from God, offer it back to Him as a gift, avoiding grumbling about the suffering, then we can go straight to heaven without a stop-off in purgatory. And believe you me, suffering in this life beats purgatory by a thousand miles! Try reading the book *Purgatory* by Fr. F.X. Schouppe (available from TAN Books). I read that book almost thirty years ago, and it had such an impact on me that I've never forgotten a bit of it.

So what constitutes a suffering that we can offer up to God? Well, since suffering in this life earns grace, any sort of suffering will do nicely. Got a cold? Offer it up! Had to pay for an unexpected car repair? Offer it up! Anything, whether big or small, extraordinary or mundane, can and should be offered up to God as a gift in reparation for your sins and the sins of the world. Since the reality is that we don't ordinarily shoot straight to heaven when we die, offering up your sufferings—big and small—will lessen your time in purgatory.

Let's get back to sanctity. If you're striving for holiness—i.e., becoming a saint (and I hope you are)—then suffering slips into a higher gear. The only person's experience I can credibly talk about is my own, so let's examine my life.

Ordinarily, when we ask God to make us a saint, we actually look for things to offer up in reparation for our sins. That's why we traditionally give up something during Lent—an act of penance for our sins. People seeking sanctity usually look for lots of Lenten sacrifices all year long. But I'm one of those weak souls who doesn't do well with voluntary penances. I can't seem to maintain the resolve to keep them. Well, for folks like me, God has a remedy for that. Does the name Job come to mind?

Since I'm weak and don't do voluntary penances well, God permits me to be treated a lot like Job. The severity of my sufferings aren't quite as strong as Job's, but they sure seem like it at the time. The last two years, for example, have been a real wild ride. First, one of my sons returned from his second tour in Iraq a virtual mental vegetable—he doesn't even know me, so for all intents and purposes I've lost him. Second, a trusted friend and advisor stole our identities and all our money, placing us in financial ruin. Next, another of my sons suddenly died, the result of his naval service about 15 years before finally catching up with him. And just when you think things can't get worse (never say that, because I will tell you they can), I suffered a stroke that nearly killed me and left me handicapped.

What will happen next? I don't know. I only cringe and wait, but the fact that I cringe shows you how weak I am. If I weren't weak, I'd face these things with long-suffering and fortitude. But at the end of the day, I know all of this is in the permissive will of God for my sanctification—a gift of infinite love!

So what's my point? The point is, it really doesn't matter what you do, you're going to suffer for your sins—forgiven or unforgiven, in this life or the next. There is no escaping God's justice! If you die free of mortal sin, and if you don't make reparation in this life, you will do so in purgatory. The only difference between purgatory and hell is that purgatory eventually gets easier, and it doesn't last forever. According to Our Lady of Fatima and countless mystics and saints, many of us will stay in purgatory until the end of time. I suspect that I'm one who would end up there until the end of time, if not for offering up my sufferings now. What about you?

So make up your mind to do penance in this life, set your sites on heaven and not purgatory, and give God His due... before He decides to collect in the afterlife where reparation is a lot worse. That's What We Believe... Why We Believe It.

Got a question about this or something else about the faith? Go to [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com) to ask.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### **Ladies Altar Society Meeting**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall

### **First Saturday Mass**

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M.

### **High Mass with Marian Procession following the Mass**

Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

### **SJoA Public Square Rosary**

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Farmer's Market

### **Ultreya**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 5:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall

### **Knights of Columbus Meeting**

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall

### **SJoA Church Bazaar**

October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Hall