

MASSES & INTENTIONS

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., Toevic & Joyce Fontenot, Neil LeJeune

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – John C. Durio

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

8:00 A.M. MASS – Christopher & Matthew Taylor

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, John & Virginia Spears Fly., Keith LeJeune, Sonja Billodeaux, Freddy Gorman, Jennifer L. Manuel, Mike Bertrand, Harrison Harmon, Maylena & Bertha Andrepont, M/M Harry Ceaser, India Guillory, Lula Gradney Fly., Houston & Gladys Ardoin, Rosemae Ardoin, Joseph Fontenot

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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., Bernard Aguiard, Neil LeJeune, Aurdlene Guillory

Last Weekend Collection **\$3,628.20**
Maintenance Fund to Date **\$29,844.50**
(Quota for SJoA is \$10,399.00. A suggested contribution is \$25.00 per parishioner).

Vocations Candle and Cross – Ryan Rozas Fly.

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, and for those in the nursing homes and those confined in their own home. **Please call the rectory to add or remove names as needed.**

SJoA BAZAAR NEWS

The 31st Annual SJoA Bazaar is October 26th & 27th. 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 11th. Kits will be delivered Monday, October 21st 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.

Public Square Rosary Rally

SJoA will have meet at the Farmer's Market on Main Street for a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 12th at noon. All are invited to attend.

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 29th** – NO CCD; Holy Hour from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
- ❖ **Tuesday, October 1st** – Ladies Altar Society meeting at 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 2nd** – Youth Group at 5:00 P.M. for Grades 7-12; High School CCD at 6:00 P.M. for Grades 9-12.
- ❖ **Thursday, October 4th** – ADORATION from 3 – 7 P.M.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Some Mentions of St. Michael in the Bible

- Daniel 10:13 ff ... St. Michael spoken of as the "captain" of God's chosen people.
- Daniel 12:1-9 ... speaks of St. Michael arising at the end times to battle the Antichrist.
- Jude 1:9 ... mentions St. Michael protecting the burial site of Moses' body.
- Revelation 12:7-9 ... St. Michael defended God's kingdom when Lucifer & apostate angels rebelled.
- Honorable mentions ... that is, a few places where St. Michael is mentioned in the Bible by allusion: Genesis 3:24; Numbers 22:22 ff; 2 Kings 19:35; Revelation 8:3-4.

Four Offices (Duties) of St. Michael

1. To battle Satan.
2. To rescue souls from the power of the enemy.
3. To be the champion of God's people.
4. To accompany souls to judgement upon a person's death.

Offertory Incense Prayer Made at High Mass

"May the Lord, by the intercession of blessed Michael the Archangel, who stands at the right side of the altar of incense, and of all His Elect, vouchsafe to bless ✠ this incense and receive it as an odor of sweetness: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Offertory – Mass of St. Michael the Archangel (Sept. 29th)

"An angel stood near the altar of the temple, having a golden censer in his hand: and there was given to him much incense and the smoke of perfumes ascended before God." (Revelation 8:3-4)

From a Sermon of Pope St. Gregory the Great

We say that there are nine Orders of Angels, for, by the witness of the holy Word [i.e., the Bible], we know that there be Angels, Archangels, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Dominions, Thrones, Cherubim, and Seraphim. Nearly every page of the holy Word witness that there be Angels and Archangels. The books of the Prophets, as is well known, do oftentimes make mention of Cherubim and Seraphim. Paul, writing to the Ephesians (1:21), counts up the names of four Orders, where he says: "The Father of glory raised (Christ) from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all Principality, and Power, and Virtue, and Dominion, (and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.)" And the same, again, writing to the Colossians (1:16), says: "By (the Son) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be Thrones, or Dominions, or Principalities, or Powers; (all things were created by Him and for Him.)" If, then, we add the Thrones to the four Orders of which he spoke unto the Ephesians, we have five Orders; and when we add unto them the Angels and the Archangels, the Cherubim and the Seraphim, we find that the Orders of Angels are beyond all doubt nine.

But we must know that the word Angel is the designation, not of a nature, but of an office. Those holy spirits in the

heavenly fatherland are always spirits, but they may no wise be always called Angels, (which is, being interpreted, messengers,) for they are Angels only when they are sent as Messengers. Hence also it is said by the Psalmist (53:5): Who makes spirits thine Angels! as if it were, of them who are always with Him as spirits, He does at times make use as Messengers. They who go on the lesser messages are called Angels they who go on the greater Archangels. Hence it is that unto the Virgin Mary was sent no common Angel, but the Archangel Gabriel. For the delivery of this, the highest message, it was meet that there should be sent the highest Angel. Their individual names also are so given as to signify the kind of ministry wherein each is powerful. Michael signifies: *Who is like unto God?* (*Quis ut Deus?*). Gabriel, the *Strength of God*, and Raphael, the *Medicine of God*.

As often as anything very mighty is to be done, we see that Michael is sent, that by that very thing, and by his name, we may remember that none is able to do as God does. Hence that old enemy whose pride has puffed him up to be fain to be like unto God, even he who said, "I will ascend unto heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will be like the Most High," (Isaiah 14:13, 14) this old enemy, when at the end of the world he is about to perish in the last death, having no strength but his own, is shown unto us a-fighting with Michael the Archangel, even as says John, (Revelation 12:7): "There was war in heaven Michael and his Angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels." Unto Mary is sent Gabriel, whose name is interpreted the *Strength of God*, for he came to herald the advent of Him Who was content to appear lowly that He might fight down the powers of the air. Raphael, also, as we have said, signifies the *Medicine of God*, and it is the name of him who touched as a physician the eyes of Tobias, and cleared away his blindness. (34th on the Gospels)

St. Lawrence Justinian on St. Michael the Archangel

"It is our duty to give honor to the prince of the heavenly legions. We ought to praise him especially on account of the elevated state of grace in which he is; and because God has distinguished him by bestowing so high a dignity upon him; for his invincible strength, for the Almighty's favor to him and his heroic constancy in combats; but in all these, we must honor him only in God, who has created him and us. He is very powerful with the Most High. The glorious victory is well known to us, which he won in heaven, soon after the Creation, over the rebellious angels. Not without reason does our Mother, the holy Church, endeavor to honor him especially, because she knows that the divine Majesty has given him to her as protector, mediator and receiver of all elect souls. Hence all should recognize St. Michael as their protector, and duly praising him, honor him with devout prayers, commend their cares to him and rejoice him by reforming their lives, as his love is so great, that he cannot refuse our prayers, nor reject our confidence, nor disregard our love; as he protects the humble, loves the chaste, guides the innocent, guards the pious in this temporal life, and leads them to their heavenly home."



Catholicism and Cannibalism **by Joe Sixpack**

The other day, my wife was having a discussion with one of her friends, who just happens to be an anti-Catholic Protestant Fundamentalist. When the topic turned to the Most Holy Eucharist and Communion, the lady dismissively said, “That’s cannibalism.” Her reaction is wrong, sounds crude, is an insult to any Catholic listening, but a reaction that is actually older than the Eucharist Itself.

Before I craft an answer to her accusation, let’s begin by defining what the Catholic understanding of the Most Holy Eucharist is. Catholics in communion with the Church believe that Jesus gives us Himself under the appearances of bread and wine, fully and completely; He is truly present in his body, blood, soul and divinity, in order to give Himself to the Father for our salvation, and to give Himself to us as divine nourishment for our souls. In other words, the ***Most Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ!***

Belief in receiving the Eucharist is cannibalism is older than the Eucharist Itself, and it’s found in the Bible. Let’s look at excerpts from the sixth chapter of St. John’s Gospel.

The sixth chapter of St. John’s Gospel (verses 22-24) shows the crowds gathered around Jesus the day before seeking Him out at a different place. When they told Him they were seeking Him out, Jesus cut right to the chase so He could get directly to His message: “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves” (a reference to miraculously feeding 5,000 of them [v.10] the day before; verse 26). Then He went on to tell them that He will give them a food that will not perish and will lead to eternal life.

The Jews were incredulous that He said He would lead them to eternal life, that He couldn’t possibly top manna in the desert. But Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst” (v.35). He went on to explain through verse 40 that He was the bread sent from heaven by the Father.

Up to this point, Jesus’ followers understood Him to be speaking symbolically, but He took that misconception right away from them. He went on to tell them that He was the bread they would have to eat to inherit eternal life.

Here is where the misunderstanding of cannibalism came in. “The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me’” (v. 52-57)

Now Jesus’ followers understand Him to be speaking literally. He said, “...my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed” (v. 55); the word “indeed” made His statement

imperative. Plus, He prefaced His statement with the phrase “truly, truly,” which He always used to emphasize the importance of what He was about to teach.

It’s no wonder that Jesus’ followers became indignant, as they were repulsed because they thought He was talking about cannibalism! “After this many disciples drew back and no longer went about with Him” (v. 66). If they misunderstood Jesus by taking Him literally, why didn’t He stop them and explain what He really meant? Since this all dealt with eternal issues, didn’t He have a moral obligation to explain Himself? Every other time they misunderstood Him, Jesus explained Himself so there would be no misunderstanding. Why not now? Because Jesus meant to be taken literally! It’s just that they thought he did indeed mean a literal cannibalism. But that isn’t at all what He meant.

Peter handled it the way the others should have. When the others decided it was wise that they “no longer went about with him,” Jesus turned to the apostles and asked, “Will you also go away?” Speaking for the twelve, Peter said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God” (v. 68-69). In other words, what Peter was saying was that he didn’t know how Jesus was going to do what he said, but he knew it wasn’t going to be an immoral act like cannibalism, and that Jesus would expose it in His own good time.

Peter was not to be disappointed. In Luke 22:15 Jesus said, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.” Imagine that! Jesus knows He is about to die, yet He *earnestly desires* to eat His last meal. If you were on death row, knowing you were about to die, would you be anxious for your last meal? Certainly not! That would be insane... unless you were about to do something infinitely more important than your impending death. And that’s what happened. The first Mass was said and Jesus fulfilled His promise when He said, “*This is my body* which is given for you” (Luke 22:19). He completed it when He said, “This cup which is poured out for you *is the new covenant in my blood*” (v. 20). Far from cannibalism, Jesus gave us His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Our detractors tell us John six and the various accounts of the last supper are merely symbolic. Are they right? Let’s see.

After talking about the last supper and the Mass in the 11th chapter of I Corinthians, Paul wrote, “Whoever, therefore, 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 any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks *judgment upon himself*” (v. 27-29). Now if the Eucharist is just a symbol, how in the world can you profane the body and blood of the Lord and eat and drink judgment on yourself? To receive Communion unworthily is the mortal sin of sacrilege, in addition to the sin(s) that made you unworthy. (By the way, this is why it’s enshrined in both Canon Law and the Catechism of the Catholic Church that you must be free of mortal sin before you can receive Holy Communion. If you don’t know what mortal sins are, you’d better learn; it would be dreadful to learn about them when you are standing before God for your judgment!)

So, you decide. Are Catholics cannibals because we receive the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion, or are we receiving the greatest gift ever bestowed on mankind by a good and loving God? This is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Got further questions about the Most Holy Eucharist? Go to JoeSixpackAnswers.com.

SAVE THE DATES

Ladies Altar Society Meeting

Tuesday October 1st at 5:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall

First Saturday Mass

Saturday, October 5th at 8:00 A.M.

High Mass with Marian Procession following the Mass

Monday, October 7th at 5:30 P.M.

SJoA Public Square Rosary

Saturday, October 12th at noon at the Farmer's Market

Ultreya

Every 2nd Sunday at 5:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall

Knights of Columbus Meeting

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

SJoA Church Bazaar

October 26th & 27th at the Parish Hall

ST. JOAN OF ARC OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 NO MASS 5:00 P.M. LAS 6:00 P.M. Prison	2 6:30 A.M. Mass 9:15 A.M. Rosary at SFN 5:00P.M. Youth Group for Grades 7-12 6:00 P.M. CCD for Grades 9-12	3 6:30 A.M. Mass 3—7 P.M. Adoration	4 <u>Priestly Vocations for The Diocese of L.C.</u> 6:30 A.M. Mass	5 8:00 A.M. Mass 4:30 P.M. Mass
7:30 A.M. Mass (OF) 6 9:00 A.M. CCD Grds. 1-8 9:15 A.M. Exposition 10:15 A.M. Benediction 10:30 A.M. Mass (EF)	7 5:30 P.M. High Mass and Marian Procession	8 12:05 P.M. Mass	9 6:30 A.M. Mass 9:15 A.M. Rosary at SFN 5:00 P.M. Youth Group 6:00 P.M. CCD for Grades 9-12	10 6:30 A.M. Mass 3—7 P.M. Adoration	11 <u>Sanctification of the Family</u> 6:30 A.M. Mass	12 12:00 P.M. Public Square Rosary at Farmer's Market 4:30 P.M. Mass
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