

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

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, Nakia (Nick) Ware

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, Bernard Fontenot, Bernard Aguillard, Ralph Knauf, Jr., Neil LeJeune, Aurdlene Guillory

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019

5:30 P.M. MASS – Father's Private Intention

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Roy Frank

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Don Fontenot, Sox Gordon, Sonja Billodeaux, Ophelia Frank, Jennifer L. Manuel, Berlinger, Horton & Marcantel Fly., Liv. & Dec., Hubert Bertrand, Helin McCauley Fly., Liv. & Dec., Mike Bertrand, Harrison Harmon, Hazel Harmon, Octavia Reeves Fly., J.C. & Bertha Smith, Delmer, Helen & Glenn Sonnier

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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 Knauf, Jr., Edward & Ora Peloquin, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Joan Bertrand, Bernard Fontenot, Christopher & Matthew Taylor, Neil LeJeune, Melca Manuel, Jane Vizena, Kyle McGee Fly., Judy LaVergne

Last Weekend Collection	\$4,635.00
Maintenance Fund to Date	\$29,944.50
BSA to Date	\$2,537.00
2nd Collection This Weekend - BSA (Quota is \$10,399.00).	
2nd Collection Next Weekend – Maintenance Fund	

Vocations Candle and Cross – Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Brandon

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 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.**

Quilt Raffle Winner

The winner of the quilt raffle is Mrs. Wylene Taylor. Thank you to all those that bought tickets.

SJoA BAZAAR NEWS

The 31st Annual SJoA Bazaar is October 26th & 27th. Raffle tickets are on sale and available all Masses. 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. Thank you to those that have brought donations to the rectory.

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 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 is selling 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, October 6th** – CCD Grades 1-8 at 9:00 A.M.; Holy Hour from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
- ❖ **Monday, October 7th** – High Mass at 5:30 P.M. followed by a Marian Procession
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 9th** – Youth Group at 5:00 P.M. for Grades 7-12; HS CCD at 6:00 P.M. for Grades 9-12.
- ❖ **Thursday, October 10th** – **ADORATION from 3 – 7 P.M.**
- ❖ **Saturday, October 12th** – Public Square Rosary at Farmers Market at 12:00 noon.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

Catholic Is More Than Just A Word

If you read last week's installment, you saw where my wife was having a conversation with a friend who is an anti-Catholic Protestant Fundamentalist, and her conversation inspired the last article. This installment of *What We Believe...Why We Believe It* is also inspired by a conversation with her.

It seems that my wife was trying to share the Catholic gospel message with this lady. When my wife mentioned to her that the one true Church founded by Christ is the Catholic Church, the lady replied (in her typical arrogantly self-assured and dismissive manner), "Catholic is just a word."

Is Catholic just a word? Well, sure it is. It's an English word derived from the Greek word "katholikos". It means "universal". Of course, it also explicitly applies to the one true Church Jesus founded.

Until the year 1517, there was no other Christian religion beside the Catholic Church. Protestantism gave us the denominations of Christianity. For the first millennium and a half of Christianity, only the Catholic Church existed. The first non-Catholic religion to come along was the Lutheran church in A.D. 1517. The others came along as follows:

- Swiss Reformed Church, 1523
- Mennonites, 1525
- Anglican Communion, 1534
- Calvinism, 1536 (now encompassing *a lot* of different denominations)
- Presbyterianism, 1560
- Baptist Churches, 1605
- Methodism, 1739
- Seventh Day Adventists, 1860
- Pentecostalism, 1900
- ...and so on.

Actually, there are more than 40,000 denominations in America alone, but I just wanted to touch on a few I thought you might be most familiar with.

I will show you that Jesus founded the Catholic Church and how it came to be known as Catholic, but first there is something else I want to cover. Sadly, borne of historical ignorance, this is just a minor thing but it sticks in this convert's craw.

I'm grated the wrong way every time I hear a Catholic refer to the Church as a denomination. We're not. The word denomination implies the division of one religion into separate groups, sects, or schools of thought. Since the Catholic Church was the first and only Church for 1500 years, and since all the denominations ultimately trace their origin to us, *it is not a denomination*.

Now let's talk about the foundation of the Church.

The clearest scriptural text to show that Jesus founded the Catholic Church is found in Matthew 16:13-19. "Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do men say that the Son of man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not

revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death [or the more common "gates of hell"] shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'"

What an incredibly pregnant passage! Peter (from the Greek *petros*, meaning rock) is the rock upon which Jesus will build His Church. Reinforcing that Peter is the rock Jesus was talking about is the fact that his name was never Peter until Jesus named him such—and his new name (Peter) supplanted his old (Simon).

After Jesus then promised that the Church would stand until the end of time against all forces, then He gave Peter powers that had never been given to any man. Jesus promised Peter absolute authority over the faith and morals of the Church, telling him that heaven would honor whatever decision he made.

Anyone who knows anything about the hierarchy and practice of the Catholic Church can readily see that this is the Church Christ founded. I could easily write a book on this topic. Indeed, books have been written on the topic. One book I would recommend is *Jesus, Peter & the Keys* by Scott Butler, Norman Dahlgren and Rev. Mr. David Hess. It is published by Queenship Publishing Company. What makes this book so unique and convincing is that the authors quote dozens of Protestant Bible scholars and theologians who definitively assert that this passage is accurately interpreted by the Catholic Church, and that this passage does indeed demonstrate Jesus founding of the Catholic Church on St. Peter.

But when did the Church Christ founded begin to be called Catholic?

It is true that the Bible nowhere calls the Church Catholic, and the word derives from a Greek word meaning "universal"—and the word adequately describes the Church, as she is for all people of all times and in all places.

The earliest record of the Church being referred to as Catholic was in the year A.D. 107—a mere 65 years after Jesus founded the Church. Ignatius of Antioch, who as an old man was being led away to his martyrdom, in his letter to the Smyrnaeans wrote that "[w]here the bishop is, there let the multitude of believers be; even as where Jesus Christ is, *there is the Catholic Church*."

St. Ignatius of Antioch was a disciple St. Polycarp, who was a disciple of St. John the Apostle. It is likely that St. Ignatius knew St. John, especially since the two saints died only seven years apart. The point to this is that since St. Ignatius uses the word Catholic as though it is nothing new—that it has already been long in use—then it is even likely that St. John himself used the word Catholic to describe the Church. This is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

I've covered the foundation of the Church in previous articles, so I didn't go as deep as I could or did in the past. But you can be assured I'll be writing about it again. Until then, if you have any questions or just want to learn more, go to JoeSixpackAnswers.com. I'll be more than happy to carry on a personal dialog.

SAVE THE DATES

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

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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

2019 Blessing of Cemeteries

Saturday, November 2nd

Youth Group Bake Sale

Sunday, November 3rd after both Masses