

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Elmo, Elie & Theolite Smith, Don Fontenot, Ursin & Lillie Carrier, Alice Manuel, Cecilia Sonnier, Jack Johnson, Bruce & Mary Esther Courville, Sonja Billodeaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Mike Bertrand, Harrison Harmon, Darrell, Eloise & Greg Reed, Lou LeJeune, Mark & April Manuel Fly., Delmer, Helen & Sonnier

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019

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

10:30 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Andrus Joseph & Ella May Frilot, Fr. Fred Russi, Ralph Knauf, Jr., Joe & Susi Beaubouef, Fr. Conner, David & Dana Thibodeaux, Todd & Kellie Manuel, Shannon & Kristen Mancil, Elaine Giles, Adrian Giles

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019

12:05 P.M. MASS – Mike Bertrand

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Clifford Montou

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019 (Holy Day of Obligation)

6:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)

12:05 P.M. – Teovic & Joyce Fontenot

6:00 P.M. – Rodney & Jerry Bushnell

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019

8:00 A.M. MASS – All the Faithful Departed

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Elmo Smith, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, Sonja Billodeaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Mike Bertrand, Evelyn Sandell, Jason Skaggs, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Liz Goodly, Hilton Frank, Samuel Metoyer, Darrell Popillion, Kade Guidry, Michael Meaux, Sr.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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

10:30 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Ella May Frilot & Andrus Joseph Frilot, Fr. Fred Russi, Ralph Andrew Knauf, Jr., Mark & Chelsea Foreman, Fly., Joe & Susi Beaubouef, Fr. Conner, David & Dana Thibodeaux, Todd & Kelli Manuel, Shannon & Kristen Mancil, Elaine Giles, Adrian Giles

Last Weekend Collection	\$3,535.80
Maintenance Fund to Date	\$31,155.50
BSA to Date	\$5,281.00
2nd Collection Next Weekend – BSA	

Vocations Candle and Cross – Beaubouef 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, Ann Burgess, 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, Francis Dugas, 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, Church Glasco, Mary Ann Goodly, Phielomone Goodly, Becky &

Tracy Gorman, Dixie Granger, Vergie Granger, Jennifer Guidry, Juanita Guidry, Bob Haas, Paula Davis Hargrove, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Bridgitte Harper, Jacque Hebert, Collin Henry, Dolores Holden, Gwen Holder, Elle Iguess, 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, 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, Lois Singleton, Elle Smith, Yvonne Smith, David Sonnier, Elden Bada Sonnier, Fynlee Squier, Doris Stanley, Ken & Wylene Taylor, Patrick Thomas, Diana Tichy, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, George Vihm, Myrtis Vihm, Gene Vizena, Hannah and Linda Voeller, Bruce Walker, Mary LaFleur Ware, Dwayne Warren, Linda Weldon, 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.**

Prolife March in Baton Rouge

The Prairie Ronde Cursillo is sponsoring a Prolife March in Baton Rouge Saturday, November 9, 2019. The day begins with 8:00 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Baton Rouge followed by a prolife witness talk. Participants will then walk to the Delta Clinic to pray. All are welcome. Bring your family. Call the rectory for more information.

Cathedral to Host Relics

A smaller collection of sacred relics will be available for veneration at the Cathedral on Friday, November 1st, **All Saints Day, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM**, breaking for Holy Mass at 12:05 PM and 5:30 PM (Extraordinary Form). The relics include the Crib of the Baby Jesus, the Table of the Last Supper, the Crown of Thorns, the Title of the Cross, the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, Saints Peter & Paul and the other Apostles, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary Magdalene and a host of other Saints – Martyrs, Virgins, Widows, Religious and Confessors.

St. Philip Neri Harvest Fest

The Harvest Fest at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder will take place November 2 & 3rd. On Saturday they will have a variety of food sales, country & holiday shop, children games, live entertainment and bingo. A homemade fried chicken dinner with sides will be for dine in or take out beginning at 10:00 am for \$10 per dinner. There will be a silent auction, bucket auction and live auction. Contact Katy Barron for more information at 37-570-0894.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Sunday, October 27th** – BAZAAR begins after 7:30 A.M. MASS; NO CCD Grades 1-8 or Holy Hour
- ❖ **Monday, October 28th** – Office Closed
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 30th** – Youth Group at 5:00 P.M. for Grades 7-12; HS CCD at 6:00 P.M. for Grades 9-12.
- ❖ **Thursday, October 31st** – ADORATION from 3 – 7 P.M.
- ❖ **Friday, November 1st** – Office Closed for Holy Day of Obligation; See Mass times

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

The Level

A little boy was watching his father work as he was building a piece of furniture. The man was using a level to make certain the board he was planing was straight. The little boy thought this was fascinating, but also a lot of extra work.

“What’s the use of being so careful, Dad? That board looks all right.”

“Guessing won’t do when building furniture, Son,” his father explained. “You have to be spot on; otherwise, your job will be a failure. Many people guess at too many things.” “What kind of things, Dad?” “At living the right way, for instance. They live the way they feel like living, and God doesn’t like that.”

“We ought to have a level to live by, don’t you think, Dad?” “We do, Son! The commandments of God and of the Church are our level. Live according to that, and you won’t be taking chances with your soul. You can do a good job in life only if you use that level.”

God is the judge of the job we are doing in life. If you do His will and follow His directions, He will be pleased with your job and reward you. The directions that show His will are the Ten Commandments and the Commandments of the Church. They tell you how to love God, your neighbor, and yourself. They are the level of living right.

Obviously, I want to write today about living for God, according to His holy will. But first, I want to dwell on a few observations I’ve made in my own walk with God to help us better understand His immensity and power.

I’m a guy. Most of us guys aren’t particular fans of pastels in our clothing or our favorite art. There’s nothing wrong with pastels, but men usually have little or no use for them. I’m probably a little more extreme than most guys, as I genuinely hate pastels. I do; I absolutely hate them. Yet, God always does a magnificent job with pastels. Have you ever bothered to give thought to the brilliance and beauty of a sunrise or sunset? Since I had a stroke and now spend a great deal of time in my wheelchair on our home’s deck, I also spend a lot of time watching sunrises and sunsets. God is the only artist I know of (and I know a bit about art) who can take pastels—the only colors making up a sunrise or sunset—and make them breathtakingly gorgeous. Imagine an Artist with a canvas as big as the entire sky!

Before the stroke, I was like the dad in our story, as I used to build and carve furniture. My favorite woods to work with were figured maple, cherry, and walnut. I would take each and every piece of wood and look closely at the grain, texture, color and character flaws to decide where each piece should be arranged in my furniture project. Each piece of wood has its own unique characteristics, and each piece has its own immense beauty. Sometimes I would think about how God allowed the tree that piece of wood came from to germinate thirty or forty or fifty years earlier, and that in His eternal mind He knew that I’d one day be holding that piece of wood and thinking about how I would best showcase His handiwork in my furniture. He knew what I would build and with which piece of wood before I was even a furniture maker or the tree was even a sapling! I guess He made at least part of the tree for me.

I was on the back deck one day, and there had been a plane in the sky doing some lovely skywriting. There was a streak here and a streak there. It was both intricate and appealing to look at. Then there was an apparent shift in the wind at a high altitude as the sun began to set.

Gradually there formed the most beautiful dark blue and sunset-drenched clouds in the sky, as if they were a broad brush stroke from an artist’s paintbrush. They were amazing! I recall laughing to myself. Here I had been admiring the work of that created skywriter, then it was as if God the Creator said, “You think that’s something? Well, watch this!”

In each of these reflections are demonstrated the immensity and greatness of our Creator—the One who keeps all things in existence (including us) by simply keeping them in His eternal mind. So should we have any doubt that so great a God could ever possibly be anything less than perfectly merciful... and perfectly just?

A bad effect of Protestantism on modern Catholics, made easy for us to accept I because of our own fallen human nature, is the over-emphasis on God’s mercy and forgiveness. I’m not saying we shouldn’t talk about mercy and forgiveness; heavens no! We need mercy and forgiveness. But in Protestantism, especially the prevalent Fundamentalist school of thought, the theological idea is that we only have to accept Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior to get into heaven. Then we can do pretty much as we please because we’re “covered by the blood” of Jesus. This is what they call “security to the believer”. If this were true, by that logic, there was never a need for the Ten Commandments for Christians and the entire Old Testament is superfluous. Security to the believer and its implications for redemption and salvation pretty much make us all think that when we die we’ll immediately be taking the Celestial Express to the Pearly Gates.

Will you really be saved when you die? How do you know? St. Paul told us to “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12). Does that sound like a man who believes that going to heaven is a cakewalk? A God as immense and magnificent as ours doesn’t waste time on anything. He has a purpose behind everything. When He gave us the Ten Commandments, and gave the Church the authority to make precepts that we must obey under pain of sin, He was foolish to do that if we’re all automatically going to heaven.

Don’t buy into the lies of the world that basically say if it feels good you should do it or you deserve it. Don’t buy into the errors of Protestantism that give us the false assurance of salvation. The Catholic moral code must be obeyed, as your eternal destiny depends on it. OBEY THE COMMANDMENTS AND THE CHURCH. And in order to obey them, you must know them *as well as know all that they imply*.

As the little boy’s dad said, “The commandments of God and of the Church are our level. Live according to that, and you won’t be taking chances with your soul. You can do a good job in life only if you use that level.” Make all the pieces of your life fit together like the pieces of a finely handcrafted piece of furniture. You will only find joy and contentment—even in times of hardship—living by the level. That’s also the only way you can achieve heaven.

1 Every time I write about Protestantism and its errors, I get a lot of flack about my criticisms... or have it pointed out that the Church is not perfect and people like Luther were right to protest... or I get falsely accused of saying all Protestants are going to hell. If you’re a Catholic and this applies to you, please take the trouble to learn the faith from authoritative and orthodox sources, then get over your politically correct self-loathing and start actually being Catholic. Either you’re loyal to Jesus and the Church He founded or you’re not. Just be honest enough to get off the fence.

SAVE THE DATES

Ultreya

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Every 2nd Monday 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