

## MASSES & INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, George, Clara & George C. Schneider, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Don Fontenot, John & Virginia Spears Fly., Keith LeJeune, Sonja Billodeaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Helin McCauley Fly., Liv. & Dec., Hubert Bertrand, Harrison Harmon, Marcelene Ceaser, Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman Sr., Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Mike Bertrand, Bernard Fontenot

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

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

**10:30 A.M. MASS** – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward & Ora Peloquin, Ralph Knauf, Jr., J.C. & Bertha Smith

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Frank Mougéot

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

**NO MASS**

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019

**12:05 P.M. MASS** – Roy Frank

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

**NO MASS**

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019

**NO MASS**

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Sox Gordon, Jack Johnson, Sonja Billodeaux, Ophelia Frank, Jennifer L. Manuel, Berlinger, Horton & Marcantel Fly., Liv. & Dec. Harrison Harmon, Mike Bertrand, Catherine Papillion

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

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

**10:30 A.M. MASS** – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Dallas & Joan Bertrand, Remy & Taylor Fly., Liv. & Dec., LeRoy & Ophelia Fontenot, Joey Fontenot, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot, Ralph Knauf, Jr., Toevic & Joyce Fontenot

<b>Last Weekend Collection</b>	<b>\$5,685.40</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund to Date</b>	<b>\$31,755.50</b>
<b>BSA to Date (Quota is \$10,399.00)</b>	<b>\$6,973.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – BSA</b>	<b>\$1,692.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Maintenance Fund</b>	

**Vocations Candle and Cross** – Deacon Norris & Sandra Chapman

## PRAYER LIST

Tyler Alexander, Robert Andrews, Glenn Baggett, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Georgia 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 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, 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., Cooper Law, 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 Vizona, 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.**

## Bazaar T-shirts

A 2<sup>nd</sup> order of the Bazaar t-shirts will be made. If you would like to order one please call or come by the rectory before noon Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> during regular business hours to let us know your t-shirt size and whether you want long or short sleeve. The long sleeve shirts are \$20 and the short sleeve shirts are \$15.

## FÊTE-DIEU ON THE LAKE

A Tri-Parish Anniversary Celebration – “Celebrating 350 years of Catholic Faith with Christ the King on the Lake!” – Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church celebrating 100 years, Sacred Heart Church celebrating 100 years, and The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception celebrating 150 years. **Saturday, 23 November 2019, Feast of Christ the King.** 12:00 pm – Eucharistic Procession from Sacred Heart Church to boat landing & Marian Procession from Nalmar Landing to Civic Center seawall, 1:15 pm – Boat Procession around the Lake, 2:30 pm – Marian & Eucharistic Procession from Civic Center to the Cathedral, 3:45 pm – Benediction followed by Holy Mass of Christ the King, 5:00 pm – Reception in the Ave Maria Hall. Boat registration required. For more information or to register a boat, contact the Cathedral office at 337-436-7251 or visit the facebook page “Fête-Dieu on the Lake.”

## Women's Cursillo Renewal

Ladies, December 13 – 15, 2019, the Cursillo will sponsor a Women's renewal for all ladies who have already made a Cursillo and would like to strengthen their bond with Christ. If you or someone you know might be interested please let Mary Donaldson know at Ultreya or call Corinne at the rectory. If it has been longer than 3 years since you made your Cursillo, consider it! Decolores!

## This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** – CCD Grades 1-8 at 9:00 A.M.; Holy Hour from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.; Ultreya at 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Knights of Columbus at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Group at 5:00 P.M. for Grades 7-12; HS CCD at 6:00 P.M. for Grades 9-12.
- ❖ **Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** – **NO ADORATION**

# **WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT**

## **How Does God Want to Be Worshipped? Part 1**

Is the Old Testament still relevant? Does it mean anything for we Christians? Apart from containing the Ten Commandments and some pretty cool stories with great moral lessons, is the Old Testament still applicable to us today? After all, we live under the new covenant and all that Old Testament stuff was for the old covenant Jews—didn't Jesus change all that?

If you are one of those people who ask such questions, or worse, you simply assert that the Old Testament is just a moldy, outdated part of the Bible that doesn't apply to we moderns, I've got some pretty important news for you. The simple fact of the matter is, the Old Testament is the basis for the entire gospel message of Jesus. In fact, if we discount the validity of the Old Testament for Christians, Jesus' entire message and mission are pointless.

Jesus said, "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them" (Matthew 5:17). Now, this verse used to really confuse me when I was a neophyte convert. After all, the Old Testament talks about things like an eye for an eye while the Jesus talks about things like love and forgiveness. Those things seemed incompatible to me, thus making Matthew 5:17 confusing.

But those two things aren't really incompatible at all. The first clue for me was when I read that Pope Pius XII said we Catholics are new covenant Jews. In other words, Judaism was established under the old covenant, and the old was perfected by the new.

If we are to follow Christ, we must follow the teachings of the Old Testament. Under the old covenant, God always dealt directly with a mediator who acted as a conduit between Him and the people. Through this relationship, He told us how to live and how He wanted to be worshipped. In fact, even a cursory reading of the Pentateuch 1(The first five books of the Old Testament) shows us the great detail God went to in His description of how He wanted to be worshipped. He detailed to the exact dimension the construction of the Ark of the Covenant, the tabernacle, the meeting tent that served as the precursor to the temple, and more. He also called His priesthood from the tribe of Levi and set them apart for service to Him and the people. He governed exactly what liturgical vestments His priests were to wear, how the various sacrifices were to be made, and even how the people were to behave, dress, and the posture they were to assume during liturgical functions. And God's punishments for violating any of these norms of worship were always severe—sometimes including death.

And why shouldn't the punishment for liturgical abuses by priests or people be severe? After all, as the Jews well understood from personal experience, the very existence of man and everything good in the world was contingent upon God's benevolence and His keeping all things in existence by keeping them in His eternal mind. So doesn't God deserve to be worshipped as He wants?

Fast forward to the time of Christ and the fulfillment of the old covenant with the establishment of the new. Jesus established the new covenant by giving us the perfect sacrifice of the Mass (a re-presentation of His sacrifice on the cross) with the

Eucharist (Himself) to supplant the imperfect sacrifices of cereal, wine and flesh under the old. Now God demands that He be worshipped particular ways under the new covenant.

Just as God the Father had established a hierarchy under the old covenant, God the Son established a hierarchy under the new... but with one huge difference. Under the old covenant, God the Father was the end-all, be-all Authority. The Levitical priesthood could make speculative decisions or interpretations of what God the Father had commanded, but God the Son went much further when He established the Church under the new and everlasting covenant.

To the apostles He said, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me" (Luke 10:16). To Peter he said, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind in earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19). For the first time in the history of mankind, God gave to the men He set apart a power and authority never given to man before! They were to speak in His name and with His authority.

God still demands to be worshipped as He deems fit, but under the new covenant He leaves it to His Church to tell us how on His behalf. Removed from the equation is severe punishment for non-compliance, except in the most extreme sacerdotal cases. But any liturgical disobedience is still a rejection of the desires and authority of the Trinity, whether that disobedience be from a priest or the laity.

For the priest, failure to obey the rubrics 2(The instructions for how to perform the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the General Instructions of the Roman Missal) exactly as they are written is disobedience to the Church, pope, bishop, and Christ Himself. Because a priest is special and set apart, his punishment from God will be worse at judgment than for the laity. But rest assured the laity who disobeys the rubrics will also find themselves facing God's wrath at their judgment.

Now let me temper this by pointing out a couple of things. First, due to the faulty catechesis of the late '60s, throughout the '70s, and into the early '80s, the laity are really not at fault for not knowing what is right and what is not. Furthermore, there were thousands of priests who "experimented" with the liturgy during that period. Most of them experimented out of ignorance, and with the mistaken understanding from authority figures that it was okay to experiment. But in either case—priest or laity—God created the mind of man to know truth. This means we all have the obligation to learn what the Church wants, which equates to what God wants.

So for the next several weeks we will examine how the laity should posture themselves during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass based on the rubrics. We will also cover some attitudes and unwritten protocols that come from the heart of the Church. While not binding under obedience, these are things that go to our love and respect of the Most Holy Eucharist. They are also in keeping with protecting the dignity of our Lord in His Eucharistic form.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### **Ultreya**

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall

### **Knights of Columbus Meeting**

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall

### **No Adoration**

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

### **No Youth Group or CCD**

Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Office Closed**

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>