

MASSES & INTENTIONS

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, Thomas & Edith Harmon Fly., Liv. & Dec., Faith Sawyer, Paul Thomas, Sr. Fly., Liv. & Dec.,

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., Teovic & Joyce Fontenot

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Isabella Iguess

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Martha Conner

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019

NO MASS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019

12:05 P.M. MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Elmo Smith, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Don Fontenot, Ursin & Lillie Carrier, Alice Manuel, Cecilia Sonnier, Keith LeJeune, Sonja Billodeaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Catherine Papillion, Paul Thomas Sr., Fly., Liv. & Dec., Curley & Savannah Gradney, Sr., Mike Bertrand

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

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

10:30 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Shelton Reed, Dean Manuel, McGee Fly., Liv. & Dec., Gidlow Fly., Liv. & Dec.

Last Weekend Collection	\$4,311.58
Maintenance Fund to Date	\$32,666.50
BSA to Date (Quota is \$10,399.00)	\$7,048.00
2nd Collection – Maintenance Fund	\$911.00

Vocations Candle and Cross – Mrs. Octavia Reeves

PRAYER LIST

Tyler Alexander, Robert Andrews, Glenn Baggett, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Georgia Baggett, Tyler Bellow, Bob & Jane Bennett, 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 Dunnehou, 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, Louise 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, 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, 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.**

Sunday CCD Donuts & Juice Donations Needed

SJoA is in need of donations of 3 dozen donuts & 1 gallon of orange juice after 7:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday, December 8th & 15th. Please call the rectory and let Mrs. Corinne know if you can donate on one of these days.

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!

10's for Turkeys

Catholic Charities would like you to please consider donating today to help put a turkey on the table of each low income family who walks through their door this Thanksgiving. \$10 would buy a turkey, but any donation amount is welcome. To meet their goal, they need 750 turkeys. Donations of frozen turkeys are also welcome. Donations may be mailed or dropped off to the office of Catholic Charities of SWLA at 1225 2nd St., Lake Charles, LA 70601. Phone number is 337-439-7436. Office hours are 9:30 A.M. – noon and 2 – 4 P.M.

Advent Mission with Adam Blai

Mr. Adam Blai will be presenting an Advent Mission titled *"The Incarnation of Christ: Learning from the Angelic Response and Our Need for Continual Conversion"* at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, November 30th, at 7-9 pm. Blai is a peritus of religious demonology and exorcism for the Diocese of Pittsburgh and helps train priests on a national level. Make plans to attend this informative and enlightening experience!

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR SJOA

12:00 A.M. Mass (EF)

7:00 A.M. Mass

9:00 A.M. Mass

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Sunday, November 17th** – CCD Grades 1-8 at 9:00 A.M.; NO ADORATION
- ❖ **Wednesday, November 20th** – Youth Group at 5:00 P.M. for Grades 7-12; HS CCD at 6:00 P.M. for Grades 9-12.
- ❖ **Thursday, November 21st** – Adoration from 3-7 P.M.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

How Does God Want to Be Worshipped? Part 2

This is our first piece on the proper way to worship God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. No, I'm not promoting Joe Sixpack's idea of what's proper, but rather what Holy Mother Church says is the proper way to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

And that's the first thing we'll cover: participation versus celebration. This is a small point that sort of sticks in my craw, so I'm just ranting a little. I hear Catholics say all the time that they went to church and *celebrated* the Mass, and if you're one of them, this is for you. No, you didn't. Only the priest can celebrate the Mass; the laity cannot. You can participate in its celebration, and you can appreciate its celebration, but you cannot actually celebrate the Mass.

Another little thing that sticks in my craw that I have to dislodge before moving on to the rubrics is, I hear people all the time say they are lectors at Mass when I know that's an impossibility in many cases. Usually, this error isn't their fault; they just don't know any better. But unless you've been officially installed as a lector by the local bishop, you're not a lector. You might read the readings at Mass, but that doesn't make you a lector.

Lector is an official ministry of the Catholic Church. It is one of the incremental steps to the diaconate and the priesthood. Some men who are not in formation for the priesthood or diaconate become lectors, but not all that many. And just because a man becomes a lector in one diocese doesn't mean he still is one in another. I was formally installed as a lector in one diocese a long time ago, but the minute I moved into my current diocese that privilege stopped. And sorry, ladies, but only a man can be installed as a lector.

To set the tone of how the rubrics guide us to proper worship, let me quote norm #42 of the GIRM. 1(General Instruction of the Roman Missal) It says...

*The gestures and bodily posture of both the Priest, the Deacon, and the ministers, and also of the people, must be conducive to making the entire celebration resplendent with the beauty and noble simplicity, to making clear the true and full meaning of its different parts, and to fostering the participation of all. Attention must therefore be paid to what is determined by this General Instruction and by the traditional practice of the Roman Rite and to what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, **rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice.***

A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them. (Emphasis mine.)

So we can see the mind of the Church for the way God is worshipped is uniformity, just as He demanded to be worshipped by His people under the old covenant in the Old Testament. It's called a rite for a reason, and that rite is established by God Himself through His Church.

My intention here is to talk about everything, in order, from the time you arrive at your parish church. Speaking of arrival, let's talk about arriving late and leaving early.

The very first precept of the Church, obligatory under pain of sin, is the most important of the precepts. It says, "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation."

Here's the skinny on that precept. First, you must attend Mass on every Sunday and holy day throughout the year. Failure to do so without a sufficient reason is a mortal sin, which means the absence of sanctifying grace. As Pope Pius XII said, "Above all, the state of grace is absolutely necessary at the moment of death; without it, salvation and supernatural happiness of the beatific vision of God—are impossible."

Now, here's the kicker. If you arrive late or leave early, you may not have fulfilled your Sunday/ holy day of obligation. If you show up late—that is, after the sign of the cross—and you don't have a sufficient reason, don't bother going to Communion and commit the additional mortal sin of sacrilege. What is a sufficient reason? Well, it isn't met by failing to get the kids out of the house and into the car. Is somebody ill? That will work. Did the car break down? That works. Just over slept? Not so good. You get the idea.

Leaving early is a bit different. If you're sick, have to go to the restroom, or something like that, no problem. But if you are one of those people who just walk out of the church after you receive Communion, you are committing a mortal sin. As St. Paul would say, you are "guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord" (I Corinthians 11:27). The Mass, and therefore your obligation, isn't over until the final blessing. You can leave after the final blessing, even though it's very disrespectful to the priest to leave before him. Personally, I can't imagine what difference another five or ten minutes can make.

Let's talk about genuflecting. Genuflecting when you enter the church prior to Mass is not part of the rubrics, as no liturgy is taking place, and you're not strictly bound to genuflect. However, the reason we have that custom is, you're paying homage to your Creator, King and Savior in the tabernacle. Some people can't fully genuflect or genuflect at all due to physical limitations. But for those of you who don't have physical limitations, don't just make a partial, half-hearted genuflection. Make a full genuflection.

What if Jesus halted His sacrifice for us while in the Garden of Olives saying, "Okay, I'm done. I really don't want to go through this whole dying thing. I've suffered enough; they're redeemed." What sort of value would we place on our redemption, and what motivation would we have to avoid sin? Jesus went through all His Passion, shedding every drop of His blood, so we could be redeemed and see how evil sin is. It stands to reason, then, that if we really love and believe in Him, and if we appreciate what He did for us, since He and His Church are gracious enough to make Him present in all our churches, the least we can do is show Him the proper respect and appreciation by fully genuflecting. He wasn't lazy and half-hearted for us. What reason could we possibly have for being lazy and half-hearted?

Next week we will start on our posture and role in the parts of the Mass. Don't worry; we won't cover every part of the Mass. We'll just cover those parts where I see people regularly do things they're not supposed to do, or where they fail to do as they ought.

Jesus gave us His all—He made the ultimate sacrifice for us. St. Therese of Lisieux—aka, The Little Flower—said she was willing to die for one rubric of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Since this is What We Believe...Why We Believe It, I wonder how we feel we can do less.

SAVE THE DATES

No Youth Group or CCD

Wednesday, November 27th

Office Closed

Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th

Rorate Mass

Saturday, December 14 at 6:15 A.M.

Ember Days

December 18, 20 & 21