

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Hubert Bertrand, Mary Ophelia Fontenot (**1st Anniversary**), Andrus & Ella Mae Guillory, Joe & Mildred Guillory, Florence S. Guillory, Francis S. Guillory, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Hosey Guillory, Jennifer L. Manuel, Catherine Papillion, Harrison Harmon, Paul Collier, Sonja Billodeaux, Paul Thomas Sr., Fly., Liv. & Dec., Edora Frank

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

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

10:30 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Joe, Katherine, Ray & Louis Karam, Curley Gradney Sr., & Savannah Gradney, Mark & Chelsea Foreman Fly., Mack Fontenot, William Berry

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019

12:05 P.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – John C. Durio

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Roy Frank

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

8:00 A.M. MASS – Gary Crouch

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Elmo Smith, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, Don Fontenot, John & Virginia Spears Fly., Keith LeJeune, Sonja Billodeaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Evelyn Sandell, Bernard Fontenot, Catherine Papillion, Freddy Gorman, Harrison Harmon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

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

10:30 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Mark & Chelsea Foreman Fly., Doug & Jeane Daigle, Vicki C. Petitjean

Last Weekend Collection	\$3,236.30
Maintenance Fund to Date	\$32,666.50
BSA to Date (Quota is \$10,399.00)	\$7,048.00
2nd Collection This Weekend – BSA	
2nd Collection Next Weekend – Retirement Fund for Priests	

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

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, 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, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Edgar Miller, Josh Miller, Louise Miller, Patrica Mikas, Beckie Moreaux, Carla Deshotel Moreau, 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, Cathy Rock, 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.**

Ladies Altar Society Selling Tickets for "A Sweet Year"

The LAS is selling raffle tickets for "A Sweet Year" for \$1 per chance. One winner will be chosen to receive 12 homemade desserts – one per month during the 2020 year. The lucky winner will receive a list of desserts and contact information for pick up arrangements. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2019. All LAS members are encouraged to pick up a book of tickets after Mass or at the rectory.

SJoA Youth Group Envelope Fundraiser

The youth group is having an envelope fundraiser to raise money to attend the Diocesan Youth Conference in February. Simply select an envelope from the bulletin board in the entrance of the church and place the money amount written on it inside the envelope. Place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory. Thank you for your continued support of the youth of our parish.

SJOA CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- 12:00 A.M. Mass (EF)
- 7:00 A.M. Mass
- 9:00 A.M. Mass

This Week @ SJoA

- **Sunday, December 1st** – NO CCD Grades 1-8; Holy Hour from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
- **Tuesday, December 2nd** – Ladies Altar Society at 5:00 P.M.
- **Wednesday, December 4th** – Youth Group & HS CCD
- **Saturday, December 7th** – First Saturday Mass at 8:00 A.M.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

How Does God Want to Be Worshipped? Part 4

Throughout this series on proper comportment for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we have focused on what the rubrics and the GIRM have to say. In this final installment, though, we will focus on other things. Actually, I consider myself herein to be a spokesman for Mass participants in general.

Nearly all of us love children—I know I do. As the father of four, I can honestly say being a parent defined my life and made it special. But society and global realities were different then than they are now. Indeed, the changes in families have been so drastic between the time of my own childhood and now that I find it difficult to even recognize the world today. Of course, when I was a kid dirt still had a shine to it.

When I was a kid, my father ruled his household with an iron fist. If I had treated my children the way he treated me, the police would have certainly arrested me and a judge would have sent me away for a while. And a judge would have been right in doing that, as my father was a wee bit too harsh. But in those days, law enforcement stayed out of “family matters” unless a family member filed a complaint.

Not so anymore! In all jurisdictions, signs of child abuse are dealt with quickly and with extreme prejudice. In some jurisdictions, spanking a child is considered child abuse, and dealt with accordingly. In a few jurisdictions, even speaking harshly to a child, or disciplining him at all, is considered child abuse. Contrary to what a famed politician says, rearing a child does *not* take a village. To say such is merely PC speak for the nanny state trying to tell parents how *it* thinks they should rear a child. But nothing could be farther from the truth—morally, philosophically, and logically.

The constant teaching of the Catholic Church has been that parents are the primary teachers of their children. This applies to the children’s academic development, moral formation, character formation, and religious formation. These things are none of the state’s business. The only legitimate role of the state is to protect a child from real harm—not the perception of harm as the nanny state defines it.

The interference of government in family affairs has given society parents who are either fearful of disciplining their children, or they have been brainwashed into the false belief that it does indeed take a village to rear a child. This has also resulted in a generation of rude, self-centered, unruly, undisciplined children who openly demonstrate a blatant disrespect for their parents, elders, contemporaries, and the Church.

It is past time to change all that!

The Bible, and thus the Church, instructs us as to exactly how we should rear our children. St. Paul writes, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise), ‘that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth’” (Ephesians 6:1-3). The operative words here are, “Honor your father and mother.” Okay, but does a child automatically know about that when they pop out of the womb? Of course not; mom and dad have to teach them such things. And Paul talks about that too.

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). Here’s where it gets interesting. First, it’s apparent that many fathers—maybe even a majority—have abdicated their legitimate authority over the affairs of their children to the mothers. Frankly, I wouldn’t

want to be one of those fathers on Judgment Day. Second, we need to realize what this passage is actually telling us. Many people seem to think that disciplining their children will lead to children’s anger. Wrong!

By their very nature, children actually *want* to be disciplined, *want* to be told what to do, *want* boundaries set for them, and *want* to learn the right way to behave. When a parent fails to do those things with their children, they actually do cause them to anger—as demonstrated by way of the children’s acting out behavior.

So what does this have to do with participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? More than you might imagine. I’ve heard parishioner after parishioner in every parish I’ve been to complain about loud, distracting, unruly children at Mass. People go to Mass to worship God, not to be distracted by “cute” children. You may have the cutest children in the world, but if they’re distracting worshippers from giving God His due... well, there’s nothing cute about that. And the children can’t be blamed for being kids and doing what comes natural to them, but mom and dad can certainly be blamed for the distractions caused by those kids.

If you have children who are distracting worshippers, the remedy is to discipline your children. There is no excuse for children being unruly during Mass. Your child should be taught there are consequences for bad behavior. Don’t bring coloring books, story books and finger foods to Mass to occupy your child. If your child is old enough for those things to be effective, begin teaching him or her about the Mass. Don’t sit in the back and hope your child behaves. First, make sure your child understands unruly behavior will be punished, then sit up front so you can explain to the child what is going on and what’s expected of him or her, and (if necessary) use a good children’s Mass book to aid you in that explanation. In a simple Google search, I found six sources and about two dozen Mass books for kids on just the first page of the search—books they can have to learn the importance of the Mass and how they can participate and feel like they’re a part of what’s going on.

There is another thing to consider here. As a parent, I know children are always better behaved in public than they are at home. Based on what I witness on a regular basis, some of the ill behaved children at Mass must be absolute terrors at home. If firm and consistent discipline isn’t administered when they’re little, you will know genuine heart ache when they’re older, because you’ll be turning them over to the state by way of a judge to live in a much bigger house than they’re growing up in now. In other words, prison and a ruined life will be in their futures. Your tax dollars will provide a disciplined environment for your grown child later if you don’t provide a disciplined environment for them now. I’ve worked in prison apostolate. Believe me when I tell you that you don’t want to be responsible for condemning your child to such a draconian end as that.

Remember that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the re-presentation of Christ’s sacrifice to the Father—the highest form of worship there is. Everybody there is present for one purpose and one purpose alone—to worship Almighty God. Everyone has a right to be able to do that without undue distraction. And you have a moral obligation to both make sure your child *is not* a distraction and that the child understands and worthily participates in the Mass.

SAVE THE DATES

Ladies Altar Society

Tuesday, December 3rd at 5:00 P.M.

Knights of Columbus

Monday, December 9th at 6:00 P.M.

Rorate Mass

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

Ember Days

December 18, 20 & 21

SJoA Birthday Party for the Divine Child

Wednesday, December 25th after midnight Mass

New Year's Eve Party

Wednesday, January 1st at 12:00.01 A.M.

NO WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP OR CCD

December 18th, December 19th, and January 1st

NO SUNDAY CCD

December 22nd and December 29th

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:30 A.M. Mass (OF) 1 NO CCD Grades 1-8 9:15 A.M. Exposition 10:15 A.M. Benediction 10:30 A.M. Mass (EF)	2 NO MASS	3 12:05 P.M. Mass 5:00 P.M. LAS	4 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	5 6:30 A.M. Mass 3—7 P.M. Adoration	6 <u>Priestly Vocations for The Diocese of L.C.</u> 6:30 A.M. Mass	7 8:00 A.M. Mass 4:30 P.M. Mass
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7:30 A.M. Mass (OF) 15 9:00 A.M. CCD Grds. 1-8 9:15 A.M. Exposition 10:15 A.M. Benediction 10:30 A.M. Mass (EF)	16 NO MASS	17 6:30 A.M. Mass	18 Ember Day 6:30 A.M. Mass 9:15 A.M. Mass at SFN No Youth Group or CCD Grades 9-12	19 6:30 A.M. Mass 3—7 P.M. Adoration	20 Ember Day <u>Sanctification of the Clergy</u> 6:30 A.M. Mass	21 Ember Day 4:30 P.M. Mass
7:30 A.M. Mass (OF) 22 NO CCD Grades 1-8 9:15 A.M. Exposition 10:15 A.M. Benediction 10:30 A.M. Mass (EF)	23 NO MASS	24 Office Closed 9:00 A.M. Mass	25 Office Closed 12:00 A.M. Mass 7:00 A.M. Mass 9:00 A.M. Mass (EF) No Youth Group or CCD Grades 9-12	26 Office Closed NO ADORATION 5:00 P.M. Mass	27 Office Closed <u>Increase in Vocations for Religious & Consecrated Life</u> 12:05 P.M. Mass	28 4:30 P.M. Mass
7:30 A.M. Mass (OF) 29 NO CCD Grades 1-8 9:15 A.M. Exposition 10:15 A.M. Benediction 10:30 A.M. Mass (EF)	30 Office Closed NO MASS	31 Office Closed New Year's Eve 8:00 A.M. Mass 11:00 P.M. Holy Hour 12:00.01 A.M. Food & Fireworks	January 1st New Year's Day 7:00 A.M. Mass 9:00 A.M. Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) No Youth Group or CCD Grades 9-12			