

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

6:15 A.M. MASS – Rodney & Jerry Bushnell

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Sox Gordon, Jack Johnson, Sonja Billodeaux, Ophelia Frank, Jennifer L. Manuel, Helin McCauley Fly., Liv. & Dec., Hubert Bertrand, J C & Bertha Smith, Catherine Papillion, Harrison Harmon, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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, Dallas, Joan & Billy Bertrand, Mark & Chelsea Foreman Fly.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019 – Ember Day

6:30 A.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Bernard Fontenot

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019 – Ember Day

6:30 A.M. MASS – Jean Manuel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019 – Ember Day

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Elmo Smith, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Don Fontenot, Ursin & Lillie Carrier, Alice Manuel, Cecilia Sonnier, Jack & Ellen Johnson, Sonja Billodeaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Catherine Papillion, Harrison Harmon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

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

10:30 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Joseph & Mildred Guillory, Florence Guillory, Francis Guillory, Hosey Guillory, Toevic & Joyce Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot

Last Weekend Collection	\$14,209.00
Maintenance Fund to Date	\$33,830.50
BSA to Date (Quota is \$10,399.00)	\$7,600.55
Maintenance Fund (Corrected from Priest Retirement)	\$1,043.95
2nd Collection December 24th & 25th – Christmas Charities	

Vocations Candle and Cross – Ryan Rozas Fly.

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 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., 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, Elden Bada Sonnier, Fynlee Squier, 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, 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.**

Thursday Adoration

Thank you to all who signed up for Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays. This will be the last Thursday (i.e., 12/19/19) for the remainder of the year with Eucharistic Adoration. In January, a signup sheet will be placed in the church for a new cycle of Adoration.

Ladies Altar Society

The drawing for "A Sweet Year" is being held this Sunday, December 15th after 10:30 A.M. Mass. The next LAS meeting will be held on January 7th at 5:30 P.M. in the church hall. Elections of officers will take place at the meeting. We will also begin accepting dues of \$20 for the 2020 year.

SJoA Youth Group Envelope Fundraiser

The youth group envelope fundraiser to raise money to attend the Diocesan Youth Conference in February will continue until December 31st. Thank you for your continued support.

Poinsettias for Christmastide

Anyone wishing to donate a poinsettia for our Christmastide church décor may do so at a cost of \$30.00. You may put your donation in the collection or bring it to the church office with the intention "In memory of" or "In honor of" written on the envelope.

Catholic Mission Trip

The Abrazando Cristo Mission Trip for 2020 will be July 10 – 19 to Puerto Rico. Cost of the trip is \$2,200 (covers all air and ground transportation, meals, lodging, tips, taxes, retreat, and mission shirts). For an information packet/registration form please contact Felicia Borel at 337-477-1236 or contact by email felicia.borel@lcdiocese.org. A \$300 non-refundable deposit with the registration form is due by Jan. 12th to secure a seat. Only 25 seats are available. First come first serve.

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 15th** – CCD Grades 1-8 at 9:00 A.M.; Holy Hour from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
- **Wednesday, December 18th** – No Youth Group or High School CCD
- **Thursday, December 19th** – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 – 7 P.M.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

Take My Son...

I got the following in an email from a Joe Sixpack reader the other day, and I liked it so much I thought it should be shared with all of you.

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art." The young man held out this package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the auction platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?"

There was silence...

Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one."

But the auctioneer persisted. "Will somebody bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100? \$200?"

Another voice angrily shouted, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Gogh's, the Rembrandt's. Get on with the real bids!"

But still the auctioneer continued, "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

"We have \$10. Who will bid \$20?"

"Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters."

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections.

The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, **SOLD** for \$10!"

A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection!"

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over."

"What about the other paintings?"

"I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!"

God gave His son over 2,000 years ago to die on a cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: "The Son, the Son, who'll take the Son?" Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Although this isn't a true story, it's a fitting reminder of what God has done for us.

Got questions? Ask me directly at JoeSixpackAnswers.com.

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SAVE THE DATES

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 25th and January 1st

NO SUNDAY CCD

December 22nd and December 29th

HIGH SCHOOL CCD DAY OF REFLECTION

Monday, January 20th (More information to come)