

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, George, Pat & Penny Schneider, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Sonja Billodeaux, Catherine Papillion, Curley Victorian, Sr., Harrison Harmon, Lindsey Guillory, Paul Collin, Roselyn Victorian, Arsan & Agnes Victorian, Dalbus Gradney, Dwight Gradney, Gracie Gradney, Berlinger, Horton & Marcantel Fly., Liv. & Dec.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

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

10:30 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Foster & Allie Manuel, Ryan Rozas Fly., Fr. Conner

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019

8:00 A.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

7:00 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)

9:00 A.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019

12:05 P.M. MASS – Aguillard Fly., Liv. & Dec.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Sheryl Banks Fly.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019

8:00 A.M. MASS – Gary Crouch

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Don Fontenot, Sonja Billodeaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Hubert Bertrand, Evelyn Sandell, Bernard Fontenot, Catherine Papillion, Freddy Gorman, Elmo Smith, Berlinger, Horton, Marcantel Fly., Liv. & Dec., Bill & Ann Burgess, Harrison Harmon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

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

10:30 A.M. MASS – J.C. & Bertha Smith, Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Ryan Rozas Fly., Fr. Conner

Last Weekend Collection	\$2,756.62
Maintenance Fund to Date	\$33,830.50
BSA to Date (Quota is \$10,399.00)	\$7,600.55
2nd Collection December 24th & 25th – Christmas Charities	

Vocations Candle and Cross – Shannon & Kristen Mancil

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, Palmer Ortego, 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, Julia 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 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.**

Thursday Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration for Thursdays will begin January 16th. A signup sheet will be placed in the church for a new cycle of Adoration.

Ladies Altar Society

Elections of officers will take place at the January 7th meeting at 5:30 P.M. Dues of \$20 for the 2020 year will also be accepted.

SJoA Youth Group Envelope Fundraiser

The youth group envelope fundraiser to raise money to attend the Diocesan Youth Conference 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.

In Memory of:

Boggs & Persac Families
LeRoy and Rodney Fontenot Families, Liv. & Dec.
Beaubouef Family
Jack Johnson
Deceased members of the McCleon Family and Church Members
Frank Mougeot
Clifford, Dorothy & Bryant Montou
Fran Meaux
Duane Warren
Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus #3353

This Week @ SJoA

- **Sunday, December 29th** – No CCD Grades 1-8; Holy Hour from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
- **Tuesday, December 31st** – Holy Hour from 11:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.
- **Wednesday, January 1st** – Food & Fireworks at 12:00.01 A.M.
- **Thursday, January 2nd** – No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 – 7 P.M.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

Respecting Women

Time was, all practicing Catholic women held up Mary as a model to imitate in terms of virtue, modesty, and womanhood. They all saw her as a standard that was to be lived up to. Such an impact did that have on society and culture that nearly every non-Catholic woman wanted to be and live as Catholic women, because men of every stripe (especially Catholic men) would treat women as the special people they are. Men had such great respect and admiration for the fairer sex that they would tip their hats and open doors for women, something rarely seen today. Men saw women imitating Mary as desirable for marriage, and no young man would even consider marrying a woman who was less than modest and virtuous.

But in the '60s, radical feminism crept into culture and society, infecting all women to some degree. Radical feminism has done its level best to convince women there is no difference between the sexes that marriage was a form of slavery, and women shouldn't want "a bunch of kids." Indeed, all of us have seen the pitying looks and heard the condescending remarks of others when a young wife announces she is pregnant the second time. (You're pregnant again? Poor thing.) And the woman who is satisfied with being a wife and mother they pity and criticize because she'd rather do that than pursue a career.

The feminism of the '60s brought with it a disdain for human life. I'm not talking about abortion; that's the natural progression in the culture of death, not its beginnings. I'm talking about the one taboo topic that simply isn't discussed today: contraception. That's the origin of the culture of death. Without contraception we could never have had abortion on demand, test tube babies, selective abortion on the basis of birth defects, euthanasia, rampant adultery and fornication, a high divorce rate, and STDs run amok. Feminists began by brainwashing us with changes in our language. For example, when a woman is pregnant, she is carrying a *fetus* or *product of conception*, not a baby. Changing the language is very dishonest. Don't think so? Then tell me when was the last time you went to a fetus shower or a product of conception shower? Who considers a fetus or product of conception a precious little human being? Language change dehumanizes babies.

Again, this sort of ridiculousness couldn't have happened without the introduction of easy and certain contraception. An unfortunate reality of modern times is that the vast majority of people—Catholic and non-Catholic—see no problem with contraception. Admittedly, during my conversion process, I thought the Church was wrong about contraception. It bothered me that the Church would tell married people they couldn't determine themselves just exactly how many children they would have. But a deeper understanding of the topic led me to two conclusions: that contraception is selfish, and it's condemned by God and the Church is merely upholding divine law. There are perhaps lots of Catholic bishops, priests and theologians who favor contraception (I pray not), but they must admit (if they're honest) that it is God and not merely Church law prohibiting contraception.

We actually see God's prohibition of contraception all the way back in Genesis. What was the very first command God gave humans? "*Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth...*" (Genesis 1:28). He also showed us the consequences of contraception in Genesis 38:8-10 when He struck Onan dead for its practice. Hence, contraception is sometimes called *onanism*.

Then we have to consider human nature. Look, when people violate nature, they end up with virtually insurmountable problems. There is such a thing as "Natural Law" and it's not just a theological concept. Law schools the world over used to teach Natural Law, but very few do anymore because society now enjoys violating it for self-indulgent pleasure. But man intuitively knows it's wrong to lie, wrong to steal, wrong to unjustly take an innocent human life, and when we violate this natural law we end up paying the consequences one way or another.

Since the nature of men and women is to procreate, we violate nature, and thus natural law, when we use contraceptives. In other words, contraception is a perversion of our nature. In fact, *contraception is every bit as much of a perversion of nature as homosexual activity*. The reason homosexual activity is a grave violation of divine law is because procreation is not possible in the act. It stands to reason, then, that contraception perverts nature.

Contraception has also led to the breakdown of the family. Do you realize statistics show that men and women married in the Church who don't practice contraception and pray together only divorce at a rate of one out of 1,426 marriages in a society boasting a 50% divorce rate?

Earlier I said that contraception is selfish. It's called procreation because God allows our cooperation in transmitting life. When we close off our acceptance of the gift life that God wants to send us, we are being selfish in rejecting that gift and selfish in rejecting the children that could have been. Besides, we now know all chemical contraceptives are abortifacient. Since statistically at least 90% of Catholics use contraception, how many babies do Catholic women flush down the commode every year? (NB: You may not be as prolife as you thought.)

It's long past the time for us to reject radical feminism and Catholic women need to return to an imitation of Mary in terms of virtue and modesty. Men find women imitating Mary to be much more desirable as wives than their immodestly dressed and behaving counterparts. It's the responsibility of you fathers, by the way, to actually be men and make sure your daughters are modest in their dress and behavior, and you mothers should instill Marian modesty and virtue in your daughters; you can begin by setting the example. But you've got to understand that this can only be done when contraception is abandoned in your family, as the hypocrisy of maintaining it will surely show.

SAVE THE DATES

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

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

BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER

January 5th at 5:30 P.M.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Tuesday, January 7th at 5:30 P.M.

ULTREYA

Sunday, January 12th at 5:00 P.M.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monday, January 13th at 6:00 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD DAY OF REFLECTION

Monday, January 20th. (More information to come)

DAY OF PENANCE

Wednesday, January 22nd. (See bulletin for more details to come)