

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020

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, Elmo Smith

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

6:30 A.M. MASS – Dorothy Montou

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

NO MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

12:05 P.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Mougeot Fly., Liv. & Dec.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Sonja Billodeaux, Helin McCauley Fly., Liv. & Dec., Jennifer L. Manuel, Catherine Papillion, Berlinger, Horton & Marcantel Fly., Liv. & Dec., Deceased members of Jerome & Blanche Haas, Harrison Harmon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

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

10:30 A.M. MASS – Dallas, Joan & Billy Bertrand, Ryan Rozas Fly., LeRoy & Rodney Fontenot Fly., Liv. & Dec., Sheryl Banks, Copeland & Allison Duhon

Last Weekend Collection	\$3,104.79
Maintenance Fund to Date	\$33,955.45
Christmas Collection	\$1,760.00
Christmas Charities	\$507.00
2nd Collection Next Weekend – Maintenance Fund	

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, 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.

Poinsettias for Christmastide

We are still taking donations at a cost of \$30.00 for a poinsettia for our Christmastide church décor.

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, January 5th** – CCD Grades 1-8 at 9:00 A.M.; Holy Hour from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.; **Blessing of Epiphany Water at 5:30 P.M.**
- **Tuesday, January 7th** – Ladies Altar Society at 5:30 P.M.
- **Wednesday, January 8th** – Youth Group at 5:00 P.M.; High School CCD at 6:00 P.M.
- **Thursday, January 9th** – No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

Are You a Pervert?

I thought that title would get your attention. No one likes to think of himself/herself as a pervert. When we hear the word "pervert," images of some strange man with various sexual deviancies lurking in the shadows comes to our minds.

At best, it is uncharitable to call someone a pervert. These days, it is also unimaginably politically incorrect to use the term pervert. However, perversions do exist and people who commit perversions are indeed perverts. Just because something is unpleasant in the way it sounds and in its usage doesn't change the reality of what it is. For accuracy's sake, though, we need to define exactly what perversions and perverts are.

Let's examine the physiological aspects of human nature and the perversions of it.

God created the human body as two sexes. The reason for the two sexes is because they were made to procreate. That is the only purpose of the human body. After all, God could have made us the way He did the angels—pure spirit and no body. But He chose to create us in such a way as to allow us to cooperate with Him in the generation of human life.

Since the human body in its nature is made for procreation, homosexual acts are disordered and perversions of nature. Although it is now politically incorrect to refer to someone engaging in homosexual acts as a pervert, that is nonetheless the truth of the matter. Homosexuality is a perversion because there can be no procreation through homosexual acts. Despite political correctness, this seems apparent to most people.

But homosexual activity is not the only common perversion people engage in today. Sadly, around 90% of Catholics regularly engage in sexual perversion. Don't believe it? Let's see if I can prove it.

As we stated near the beginning, the two sexes of the human body and its human nature is so designed by God to cooperate with Him for the transmission of human life. Indeed, the very first commandment He ever gave to the human race was to be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 1:28). This isn't something he gave humans as a suggestion, as we see in Genesis 38:1–10. Just as God wiped out the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for the perversions of the people there, so too did He kill Onan for his sexual perversion of not being open to the transmission of human life.

It is indeed a sexual perversion to practice contraception. What does that make a practitioner of contraception? You do the math.

To say it is a sexual perversion to practice contraception and its adherents are perverts is a tough pill to swallow, but it merely follows the physiological model of natural law. Homosexual activity, masturbation, and contraception are all three sexual perversions, and Catholics are forbidden to

participate in these perversions. Not just by the Catholic Church, but by God!

Contraception is seriously sinful, and the reason it is seriously sinful is because it rejects chaste married love and defies God by wanting to increase pleasure while avoiding the God-given responsibility of procreating children. Furthermore, the irresponsible use of sex via contraception leads to a lack of respect for both sex, the marriage partner as a person, and human life. It is also a leading cause of divorce. Indeed, statistics show that over 99% of all Catholics who divorce were using artificial contraception in their marriage!

The most common contraceptive is "the pill". The Pill is evil morally, ethically, and medically. It condemns women to a premature death, impedes the conception of children and destroys life in the womb. Furthermore, use of the Pill leads people into other immoral sexual activities that lead to eternal punishment in hell.

None of this is new under the sun. From the very beginning of the Church's inception she has taught that contraception is evil. Yes, she has taught that for 2000 years! And all of the non-Catholic Christian religions taught the same thing as well, until the Anglican Lambeth Conference in 1930. So the idea that we could defy God and impede the procreation of children is not yet a hundred years old!

Sadly, many Catholics have been led to believe that contraception is not a moral evil. However, the subjective belief that contraception is okay in no way alters the objective reality that it is evil. In fact, two popes in the last 50 years have written encyclicals on this topic. The first was from Blessed Pope Paul VI in 1968, and it was called *Humanae Vitae*. The second was written by St. Pope John Paul II in 1995, and it was called *Evangelium Vitae*. For less than \$10 you can get both of these in encyclicals from the Daughters of St. Paul. You can buy them online (<http://www.pauline.org>) or through the mail by writing to Daughters of St. Paul, 50 Saint Paul's Avenue, Boston, MA 02130.

I strongly recommend reading these two in encyclicals for two very important reasons. One is, it's just a good Catholic thing to read what popes write when they are teaching. The other is, now that you have been informed as to the morality of contraception, you need to get a much fuller explanation from the successors of St. Peter.

I suffer no illusions about the reaction of many of the readers of this installment. I know many of you are angry or resentful. I am sorry if I offended you, but not that I offered you the truth. If you are a practitioner of contraception I sincerely hope and pray that you stop this evil practice, because this is What We Believe... Why We Believe It.

SAVE THE DATES

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)