

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Sonja Billodeaux, Ursin & Lillie Carrier & Fly., Alice Manuel, Cecilia Sonnier, Bryant Montou, Jennifer L. Manuel, Catherine Popillion, Harrison Harmon, Elmo Smith, Don Fontenot, Roy Frank, Sox Gordon, Linda LeJeune, Angelle L. Durio

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

7:30 A.M. MASS – Clarence, Elda & Phillip Courville

10:30 A.M. MASS – Keith Deshotel, Fr. Conner, Sheryl Banks Fly., Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Ed & Ora Peloquin, Doug & Jeane Daigle, Melca Manuel, Peggy Monk, Patricia Mikas, Irving Reed, Deceased members of Gleta Granger Fly.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020

12:05 P.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020

NO MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

NO MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

NO MORNING MASS

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Sonja Billodeaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Evelyn Sandell, Bernard Fontenot, Catherine Popillion, Freddy Gorman, Jack Johnson, Paul & Rose Frank, George & Clara Schneider

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

7:30 A.M. MASS – Fr. Conner

10:30 A.M. MASS – Weston & Cecile Granger, Sheryl Banks Fly., Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Mark & Chelsea Foreman Fly., Jeane Daigle, Peggy Monk, Patricia Mikas

Last Weekend Collection

\$3,117.71

Maintenance Fund to Date

\$34,981.45

Vocations Candle and Cross – Beaubouef Family

Please call the rectory if you would like to sponsor the Vocations Cross and green candle. The cost of the green vocation candle is \$5.

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, George Bihm, Myrtis Bihm, 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, Rod Landry, Essie Langley, Theresa Langley, Fly., Cooper Law, Johnny Lee, Jessica Lindsey, C.J. LeJeune, Brian Manuel, Kermit Manuel, Kevin Manuel, Marlin Manuel, Wilson Manuel, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Edgar Miller, Josh Miller, Louise Miller, Beckie Moreaux, Carla Deshotel Moreau, Janice Moreau, Brad Morgan, Clifton & Carolyn Morgan, Leah Morgan, Willie Moses, 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, 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.**

Blessing Candles for Candlemas

Please bring your candles to be blessed on Candlemas before 10:30 A.M. Mass Sunday, February 2nd.

Come, Lord Jesus Group for Lent

A Come, Lord Jesus group will meet during Lent at 6:00 on Wednesdays at St. Joan of Arc. This is a Bible study created by Father Conley Bertrand from Lafayette. We will meet during Lent to study the gospel readings from the Sunday masses. If you have attended Father Conner's classes, this is a good way to extend your study of the Catholic faith. If there is interest, other groups can be formed. A signup sheet is in the back of the church. For more information please contact Lynne Boggs at 225-362-2503.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Retreat for Healing After Abortion

If you are struggling with guilt, depression, regret or other difficult emotions from an abortion, you are not alone. Come experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat: February 21-23, 2020 at the Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff. The weekend retreat is sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles and will combine discussions, spiritual exercise, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. The cost is \$225.00 for meals, private room with private bath, and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For more information or registration contact: RV of SWLA 337-439-7400 ext. 317 or email rachels.vineyard@lcdiocese.org.

This Week @ SJoA

- **Sunday, January 26th** – NO CCD for Grades 1-8; Holy Hour from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
- **Wednesday, January 29th** – No Youth Group or High School CCD
- **Thursday, January 30th** – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 – 7 P.M.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

Point Made!

The following brief announcement was found in a parish bulletin recently. If you're reading this during the warm summer months it will have a greater impact than it will in the winter, but I think the intent of the message makes a great point no matter when you're reading this.

Plans for Parish Swimming Pool Scrapped!

After much study, our finance committee has determined it would not be feasible to construct an indoor swimming pool in our church. As a result, we can now announce with certainty that those who have been arriving for Mass as if dressed for the pool need not do so. Also, we hope to keep the air conditioner cranking all summer long. So you do not need to wear shorts, halter tops or bikinis to Mass.

I believe the pastor who had this inserted into his parish bulletin made a very good point, and his message was one that allowed him to practice his role as shepherd and practice one of the spiritual works of mercy at the same time while he taught volumes with humor instead of confrontation.

Nobody likes confrontation, but that is often necessary. This is especially so in practicing one of the spiritual works of mercy—"To admonish the sinner." Nobody likes admonishing the sinner for his or her public sins, but nobody said doing what Jesus says we have to do would be easy. Indeed, there is little reward to Christianity if it doesn't cost us personally!

There are two primary issues being taught by this pastor's message here. The first is respect for the Most Holy Eucharist. Yes, how we dress and comport ourselves at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass does matter. Why? Well, think about it.

When the priest says the words of consecration (This is My body. This is My blood.), the entire substance of the bread and wine cease to be bread and wine to become the real body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ—true God and true man. He's there outside of Mass, too. See that red lamp off to the side at the front of the church? When you can see that red light you can know with moral certitude that the real physical Jesus is reposed in the tabernacle. Translation: Jesus is just as physically present in our parish churches as He was at the wedding feast of Cana, the Sermon on the Mount, and the Transfiguration. That reality should give us pause.

Maybe there needs to be a little self-examination. If you were invited to a private dinner with the pope, would you go dressed the way you dress for Mass? If your honest answer to that is in the affirmative, you're probably in great shape. If, on the other hand, you are thinking to yourself that you would dress better for a private dinner with the pope than you do for Mass, I would ask you one simple question: Why? Why would you dress better for the pope

than you would for the pope's only Boss? Does that make sense? Do we owe the pope more respect than we do Jesus Christ, our Creator and Savior?

But that's not the only thing the parish priest is pointing out in his announcement. There are also a couple of little minor inconveniences called the sixth and ninth commandments. The sixth commandment tells us to be modest in our behavior—including the way we dress in public. The ninth commandment tells us to be pure in all our thoughts. Modesty in dress means not showing too much flesh. When you show too much flesh, you sin against the sixth commandment, and you are likely contributing to the sin of others against the ninth commandment by causing them to have impure thoughts. Of course, that means you're also sinning against the fifth commandment by causing scandal—all of which are mortal sins.

"But, Joe, I'm only dressing in the current style and fashion."

If the style and fashion was total public nudity, would you go everywhere nude? Use your head! Is the "current style and fashion" worth eternity separated from Almighty God? How much does eternity mean to you? How much does God mean to you? If He and the faith you have from him are not paramount in your life, you probably need to rethink your position.

I don't know if the pastor who wrote that announcement also intended what I'm about to point out, but it's certainly implied.

St. Paul wrote, "Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord; For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its savior. As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives be subject in everything to their husbands" (Ephesians 5: 22-24). He also wrote, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.... Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but brings them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:1, 4).

Although the world around us changes all the time, God and His laws never change! He's the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). So contrary to the political correctness of today, the above passages from Ephesians are just as valid in the 21st-century as they were in the first century. So it's time you husbands and fathers took your rightful place as the spiritual head of your family and begin insisting on them living as God commands. In this case, that means insisting that your wives and daughters only leave the house modestly dressed. Stand up! Be a man! Fulfill your God given responsibilities and duties!

SAVE THE DATES

BLESSING OF CANDLES FOR CANDLEMAS

Sunday, February 2nd before 10:30 A.M. Mass

40 HOURS DEVOTIONS AT SJoA

March 1st – March 4th (times to be announced)

CONFIRMATION MASS

Thursday, March 19th at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Oakdale

LENTEN MISSION WITH FR. MICHAEL CHAMPAGNE

Monday, March 23rd & Tuesday, March 24th from 7 – 8 P.M.

ST. JOAN OF ARC FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:00 A.M. Mass 4:30 P.M. Mass
7:30 A.M. Mass (OF) 2 9:00 A.M. CCD Grds. 1-8 9:15 A.M. Exposition 10:15 A.M. Benediction 10:30 A.M. Mass (EF)	3	4 5:30 P.M. LAS	5 12:05 P.M. Mass 9:15 A.M. Rosary at SFN 5:00 P.M. Youth Group 6:00 P.M. CCD for Grades 9-12	6 3—7 P.M. Adoration	7 <u>Priestly Vocations for the Diocese of L.C.</u>	8 4:30 P.M. Mass
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7:30 A.M. Mass (OF) 16 9:00 A.M. CCD Grds. 1-8 9:15 A.M. Exposition 10:15 A.M. Benediction 10:30 A.M. Mass (EF)	17	18	19 12:05 P.M. Mass 9:15 A.M. Rosary at SFN 5:00 P.M. Youth Group 6:00 P.M. CCD for Grades 9-12	20 3—7 P.M. Adoration	21 <u>Sanctification of the Clergy</u>	22 4:30 P.M. Mass
7:30 A.M. Mass (OF) 23 NO CCD Grades 1-8 9:15 A.M. Exposition 10:15 A.M. Benediction 10:30 A.M. Mass (EF)	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 Ash Wednesday 6:30 A.M. Mass 9:15 A.M. Rosary at SFN 5:30 P.M. Mass (E.F.) NO Youth Group or CCD for Grades 9-12	27 3—7 P.M. Adoration	28 <u>Increase in Vocations for Religious & Consecrated Life</u>	29 4:30 P.M. Mass