

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Sonja Billodeaux, Fran Meaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Hubert Bertrand, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Catherine Papillion, Don Fontenot, Elmo Smith, Ophelia Frank, Linda LeJeune, Angelle L. Durio, Agnes & Arsan Victorian, Lucius Cezar, Jr., Harrison Harmon, Noah Bellow, Augustine Goodly, Gerald & Pat Klein Fly., Liv. & Dec.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

7:30 A.M. MASS – Glenn Anthony Barbier

10:30 A.M. MASS – Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Ed & Ora Peloquin, Doug & Jeane Daigle, Peggy Monk, Liv. & Dec. Members of Gleta Granger Fly., Patricia Mikas

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020

12:05 P.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020

NO MASS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

NO MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

4:30 P.M. MASS – Sonja Billodeaux, Fran Meaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Catherine Papillion, Sox Gordon, Harrison Harmon, Delmer, Helen & Glenn Sonnier, Matthew Truman, Linus & Mary Manuel, Egbert McGee, Preston Manuel, Martin Goodly

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

7:30 A.M. MASS – Irving Reed

10:30 A.M. MASS – Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Dallas & Billy Bertrand, LeRoy & Rodney Fontenot Fly., Liv. & Dec., Mark & Chelsea Foreman Fly., Jeane Daigle, Peggy & Bea Monk

Last Weekend Collection

\$5,156.57

Maintenance Fund to Date

\$35,081.45

2ND Collection Maintenance Fund

Vocations Candle and Cross – Beaubouef Fly.

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 Dunnehoo, Lonnie Duplechain, Jeff Durio, Jim Earlene, Elizabeth Enloe, Lois Evans, Noah Ferry, David Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Sandy Ford, 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, Norma Jane, 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 D. Moreau, Janice Moreau, Brad Morgan, Clifton & Carolyn Morgan, Leah Morgan, Willie Moses, Phylis D. 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 confined in their own home. **Please call the rectory to add or remove names as needed.**

Blessed Palms

Please bring your blessed palms and place them in the container at the entrance of the church. They will be used to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

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 sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. For more information please contact Lynne Boggs at 225-362-2503.

Lake Charles Society of Catholic Gentlemen

Meetings are held at the Ave Maria Hall across from the Cathedral in L.C. one Saturday a month from 6 – 10 pm. The dress code is Sunday best. Food is provided. Thomas A Kempis "The Imitation of Christ" is being discussed in 2020. Guest speakers are also scheduled. You must be a male 18 years of age or older, a baptized and confirmed Catholic and registered in a Catholic parish within the Diocese of L.C. Contact Copeland Duhon at copelandduhon@yahoo.com for more information and to add your name to the email list to receive details about monthly meetings.

This Week @ SJoA

- **Sunday, February 9th** – CCD for Grades 1-8 at 9:00 A.M.; Holy Hour from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.; Ultreya at 5:00 P.M.
- **Monday, February 10th** – Knights of Columbus at 6:00 P.M.
- **Wednesday, February 12th** – Youth Group at 5:00 P.M.; High School CCD at 6:00 P.M.
- **Thursday, February 13th** – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 – 7 P.M.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

Strange Times

These are indeed strange times. At this writing we are on the brink of a third world war and global economic collapse. We are on the brink of a new civil war in America, and similar conditions exist throughout the rest of the world. We live in a post-Christian era where sexual paganism is the new god, every sort of sexual perversion known to man has become the norm, and now matrimonial bliss for pet owners with their pets is being considered for legalization in some jurisdictions.

In this post-Christian culture God has been completely rejected from public discourse—not just in America but the entire world. Indeed, there are some jurisdictions now considering laws that would make the mere mention of the God of Christianity a hate crime punishable by imprisonment. Be assured, however, that religion is not dead! Paganism is the new official religion. In mid 2017, there was a total eclipse of the sun. Millions of people traveled great distances to be in the path of the eclipse just to celebrate this event. They were there to worship the sun and its eclipse. In fact, more people traveled across the country at great expense to worship the sun than there were in any Christian church the following Sunday—about 30 times as many. So much for a country founded on the basis of Christianity!

The year of 2017 is significant for several reasons. In October of 2017 the world takes notice of four anniversaries: the centenary of the Bolshevik Revolution, the 300th anniversary of Freemasonry (an enemy of the Catholic Church), the 500th anniversary of Protestantism, and the 100th anniversary of the most amazing singular event in human history. Of course, I'm talking about the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima and the miracle of the sun. The miracle of the sun is the only miraculous event in all of human history where the exact time and place of a miracle was foretold in advance. It is interesting that 100 years after the miraculous event with the sun, there was a total eclipse of the sun that had so many worshipers. It is even more interesting that this eclipse took place exactly 100 years to the month after Lucia, Jacinta, at Francisco (the children of Fatima) were jailed in an attempt to stop the apparitions.

When you consider the shape the world is in and take into account the four anniversaries mentioned above, the most obvious conclusion one can reach is that we may very well be sitting at the end times. There is a lot of talk right now about Jesus' return and the end of the world. Am I one of those alarmists who predict the world's end? Well, historically, I'm not; however, today I am. And with thoughts of the end of the world in mind...

What does this mean to the average Mass attending Catholic reading these words right now? Perhaps we should consider what Jesus told us two thousand years ago.

I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. (Revelation 3:16)

The events of the year 2017 and this passage of scripture should cause us to question ourselves. As a Catholic Christian, am I living completely in obedience to Christ and his Church's teachings (Luke 10:16)? Am I doing all I can to change the world by sharing Christ's teachings? Am I living a holy life, or will I be terrified and humiliated in Christ's presence for the condition in which He finds my soul?

In these curious and strange times, I find myself wanting to be like John the Baptist. I want to preach one message to the entire world, especially Catholics—most especially myself. That message is...

Repent!

On the one hand, I am almost giddy at the idea of Jesus returning to earth for the final judgment. On the other hand, I am terrified! Yes, I'm terrified about what Jesus may say to me and how He sees my soul. But I'm also terrified of His justice and what this Day of Reckoning will mean to me and everyone I know. If I'm fortunate enough to be found in a state of grace, at least I can avoid that Hell. But when I think of all the time I have accumulated for punishment in purgatory I tremble.

Complacency—that is, lukewarmness—is something we can no longer afford. All of us are lukewarm to some degree; some more than others. Jesus hates lukewarmness. If you live in a perpetual state of mortal sin, you have consciously and actively made the choice to be an enemy of Christ. That activity and the abuse of your free will is at least something Jesus can respect, because you are doing *something*. If you are trying to be holy and share the faith, you are engaging in activity that Jesus can lovingly embrace. But if you are lukewarm, as the vast majority of Catholics are, you already know from the passage quoted above that Jesus holds this laziness and complacency in complete and utter contempt. Now is the time to change that!

Again, as a Catholic you have two primary responsibilities: to become holy, and share the faith. Every other Catholic responsibility falls under one of these two primary responsibilities. I would suggest you renounce your lukewarmness and get on fire for Christ now while there is still time. I know I am! Because this is What We Believe... Why We Believe It.

Visit my website JoeSixpackAnswers.com today to find your answers. Also while you are there, **sign up for my free email course about the Catholic faith.**

SAVE THE DATES

40 HOURS DEVOTIONS AT SJoA

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

St. Joseph's Altar

TBA

CONFIRMATION MASS

Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Oakdale

LENTEN MISSION WITH FR. MICHAEL CHAMPAGNE

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