

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Sonja Billodeaux, Fran Meaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Evelyn Sandell, Catherine Papillion, Elmo Smith, Harrison Harmon, Martin Goodly, Sonja Billodeaux, Curley Sr. & Savannah Gradney, Farris & Norma Guillory, Eldridge Hance Fly., Liv. & Dec.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

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

10:30 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Weston & Cecile Granger, Mark & Chelsea Foreman Fly., Jeane Daigle, Peggy & Bea Monk, Gerald & Pat Klein Fly., Liv. & Dec., Toevic & Joyce Fontenot, Phylis D. Naquin, Carla D. Moreau

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

5:30 P.M. MASS – Pour Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020

6:30 A.M. MASS – Fr. Conner

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

6:30 A.M. MASS – Mr. & Mrs. Togeal Goodly

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020

5:00 P.M. MASS – James Yeagley

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

4:30 P.M. MASS – Sonja Billodeaux, Fran Meaux, Jennifer L. Manuel, Bernard Fontenot, Catherine Papillion, Freddy Gorman, Don Fontenot, Elmo Smith, Doug & Jeane Daigle, Delmer, Helen & Glenn Sonnier, Henry, Lula, Betty Fontenot & Gradney Fly., Curley Sr. & Savannah Gradney, Martin Goodly, Mr. & Mrs. Harris Ceaser

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

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

10:30 A.M. MASS – Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Doug Daigle, Deacon Dale & Kathy Deshotel, Ed & Ora Peloquin, Peggy & Bea Monk, Phylis D. Naquin, Carla D. Moreau, Fr. Conner

Last Weekend Collection	\$3,993.80
Maintenance Fund to Date	\$35,795.38

2nd Collection – Black & Indian Missions

Vocations Candle and Cross – Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Thomas

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. You may also put your name and money in an envelope in the collection basket.

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, Shannon Callis, 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, 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.**

St. Joseph's Altar

St. Joseph's Altar will take place in the parish hall on Sunday, March 15th after the 10:30 A.M. Mass. A list of items needed will be on a table in the church soon.

Come and See Weekend

For all young men interested in learning more about the priesthood, St. Joseph Seminary College is hosting a Come and See Weekend April 3-9, 2020. The weekend is a time for young men 16 years of age and older to learn about vocations discernment, seminary formation, and the diocesan priesthood. There is no cost to attend and transportation is provided. Please contact Fr. Starkovich at 337-725-3719 or visit <http://lc vocations.com> to register.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Shoe Drive

OLPH is having a shoe drive fundraiser until April. All types of used paired shoes in fairly good condition are asked to be donated. Shoes must be paired and in a plastic bag. A donation container will be in the front of the church.

This Week @ SJoA

- **Sunday, March 1st** – CCD for Grades 1-8 at 9:00 A.M.; Holy Hour from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.; 40 Hours Devotions 9 A.M. to 7 P.M.
- **Monday, March 2nd** – 40 Hours Devotions 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.
- **Tuesday, March 3rd** – 40 Hours Devotions 12:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.; Ladies Altar Society 6:00 P.M.
- **Wednesday, March 4th** – 40 Hours Devotions 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.; NO Youth Group
- **Thursday, March 5th** – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 to 7 P.M.
- **Friday, March 6th** – Mass at 5:00 P.M. followed by Stations of the Cross

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

Nice Catholicism

As Benedict XVI said in a homily at a funeral Mass in 2017, the Church is on the verge of capsizing. We're in terrible shape in the western world, not just the United States. One of the biggest reasons for the Catholic Church being in the shape she's in is because after the Second Vatican Council (but not because of the Council), saboteurs within the Church wanted to "fundamentally change" the whole Church. (Sound familiar?) And boy did they ever!

Contrary to the Jesus of the gospels and the documents of Vatican II, these traitors watered down catechesis, flat-out denied some dogmas and doctrines, and attempted to transform Jesus from the incarnate Word of God to Jesus the Warm Fuzzy. Consequently, what we have is a litany of problems that have caused a crisis of faith for millions—demonstrated by the fact that 6.5 people leave the Church for every one that joins.

Thanks to this "nice Catholicism", where we now have Jesus the Warm Fuzzy, here are some of our problems:

- A whopping 84% of Catholics no longer believe in Satan or objective sin.
- 70% no longer believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.
- Catholics today don't realize when they receive Communion and walk out the door, they failed to meet their Sunday obligation, thus objectively committing mortal sin.
- Most Catholics don't even realize it's a mortal sin to not participate in Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation.
- Communion lines have grown longer (almost everyone goes) while confession lines have become almost non-existent. As Bl. Paul VI said, we've lost our sense of sin.
- Beyond the occasional rosary (maybe), who prays anymore?
- Few Catholics know what is really taking place at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass anymore, and view attending Mass as a social activity.

I'm not pulling these things out of my hat. Some of these facts come from bonafide polls and surveys, while the rest come from 30 years of experience in evangelization. And this all results from "nice Catholicism". What is nice Catholicism? Well, it's a belief that we have to avoid offending people at all costs, while maintaining a gooey, sickening sweet way of conveying the faith so we can "be like Jesus". The biggest problems with this approach are, Jesus wasn't like this at all, and truth by its very nature offends those who violate it.

Jesus, when He walked among men on earth, was not nice... at least, by our modern definition of nice. He drove the money changers out of the temple with a whip, called people liars and hypocrites, insulted them by calling them white painted sepulchers full of dead men's bones, and told us He would vomit us out of His mouth for our lukewarmness. I don't know about you, but that certainly doesn't match up to my idea of being nice.

Why was Jesus this way—not nice? Because He came into the world to tell us God's truth; His truth. Truth is not nice. Truth offends our sensibilities when that truth is contrary to what we *want*. People not liking truth leads to one of the most idiotic yet common statements I've ever heard: "What's true for you isn't necessarily true for me." Really? Think about that silly statement for a moment and you'll realize just how impossible it is. Is $2+2=4$ true for me, but not true for another person? How is that possible? What's true for me must by necessity be true for you. That's the nature of truth—it's immutable.

The best working definition of truth is when the mind conforms to reality. People get offended by truth because they refuse to allow their minds to conform to reality. There is nothing subjective about truth. God gave us an objective set of moral norms to live by—called the Ten Commandments—and then gave us a divinely appointed interpreter (the Church) to tell us how to apply those laws. And those laws are really nothing more than the natural law divinely codified.

You can stand on top of a 40 story building and shout, "I don't believe in gravity!" Then you can jump off the building and repeat that ridiculous statement all the way to the ground. Sometime between the time you jump and the time you land on the ground 40 stories below, your mind will comport to the reality that gravity works. Your subjective opinion that gravity doesn't work in no way alters the objective reality that it does.

What's the point to all this talk about truth? Jesus said, "I am the way, *and the truth*, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Truth is the only avenue to heaven, and all religious truth resides in the Roman Catholic Church. So there are two things we all need to do. First, think about all the things the Church teaches as truth that you've chosen to disagree with because these truths cramp your lifestyle—remarriage after divorce, contraception, the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, the need for confession, etc. Then renounce your subjective opinions in favor of objective truth. (If you need to have any of these truths proven to you, visit JoeSixpackAnswers.com and ask me about them.)

Next, quit worrying about offending people with the truth. You have a moral obligation to always proclaim the truth, no matter how well it's received. Speak the truths of Christ as taught by His holy Roman Catholic Church, and don't worry about the consequences. By doing this, you'll be living like and imitating Jesus... which is exactly what we're supposed to do. This is What We Believe... Why We Believe It.

If you feel the need to discuss this or any Catholic topic, feel free to contact me through the JoeSixpackAnswers.com website. While you're there, sign up for a free email course about the faith that will be delivered to your inbox every three days.

SAVE THE DATES

40 HOURS DEVOTIONS AT SJoA

March 1st – March 4th (Sign up sheet in the church)

St. Joseph's Altar

Sunday, March 15th in the hall after 10:30 A.M. Mass

CONFIRMATION MASS

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

TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, March 21st at 12:00 noon at Oberlin Farmer's Market

LENTEN MISSION WITH FR. MICHAEL CHAMPAGNE

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