

## Second Sunday in the Season of the Year

### MASSES & INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, January 16, 2016**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Jeremy Rider, Michael Granger, Keith LeJeune, Oliver Victorian

**SUNDAY, January 17, 2016**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Helen Sonnier, Margaret Karam, Glenn Sonnier, Joseph Lee Gobert, Stacey Beaubouef, Linda LeJeune, Ella Mae Prater, Margaret C. Briscoe, Donnel "Doc" Lowe, Wesley, Addison & Jordy Pitre

**MONDAY, January 18, 2016**

**NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, January 19, 2016**

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Marvin Banks

**WEDNESDAY, January 20, 2016**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Leonard Beaubouef

**THURSDAY, January 21, 2016**

**5:30 P.M.** David Dugas

**FRIDAY, January 22, 2016**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Glenn Sonnier

**SATURDAY, January 23, 2016**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Jeremy Rider, LeRoy J. Fontenot, Pereda Fontenot, Michael Granger, Cecilia Sonnier, Evelyn Manuel, Sidney McGee, Sox Gordon

**SUNDAY, January 24, 2016**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Leonard Beaubouef, Stacey Beaubouef, Ella Mae Prater, Wesley, Addison & Jordy Pitre

**Last Week's Collection**

**\$3,721.70**

**Next Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Church in Latin America**

### PRAYER LIST FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Gerry Beaubouef, Jerome, John & Josie Bergeron, Joann Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Renate Bourque, Virginia Bowles, Luke Burnham, Charles Chaumont, Jerry Chaumont, Florence Comeaux, Pam Dequant, Carol Deshotel, Marla Duplechain, Cathy Fontenot, David Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Elsie & Cotrell Foster, Roy Franks, Tim Germany, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Terrence Guillory, Sybil Haas, Harrison Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Joseph Harmon, John, Perella & Shenita Jackson, Essie Langley, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joe, Adam and Mary LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Joy Mancil, Kevin Manuel, Lula Manuel & Fly., Marlin Manuel, Pat Manuel and Fly., Trista Marler, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Beau Montou, Kathy Montou, Gloria Morris, Carolyn Morgon, Glenn Morgan, Marvin Morgan, Odrey & Dorothy Montou, Marie Parker, Devin Pelt, Mary Mott Peterson, Sally Pitre, Linda & Don Portie, Ashton Read, Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Terry Reeves, Leonard Richard, Johnathan, Christina, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylei, Richard, Sharon, Martha, Rusty, Patsy, Matt, & Josh Rider, Rev. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Bill Scheffler, Tucker Scimemi, Donald Paul Sonnier, Kermit Sonnier, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Suzanne Stringer, Devin Swarhout, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweek, Ticky Family, Roselyn Victorian, Zachary Villereal, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Laura Zaidan

### PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

#### **Bishop Provost**

For an end to abortion, that God move the hearts of us all to promote the sanctity of human life.

#### **Pope Francis**

Universal: That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

### Leading the Rosary before Mass this Weekend

4:30 P.M. – Haddie Goodly      7:30 A.M. – Lucy Brandon  
10:00 A.M. – Deacon Norris Chapman

**Vocations Candle** – Mr. & Mrs. David Thibodeaux  
(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

**Vocations Cross** – Celeman Thomas

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**YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET @ 5:00 P.M. WED., JAN. 20<sup>th</sup>**

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### Youth Fun Night

On Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, youth group members and their parents are invited to enjoy a night of fun hosted by Royce & Sandy Scimemi at their camp on Carpenter's Bridge Rd. We will carpool from the hall at 4:30 P.M. Join us as we enjoy smores, hamburgers, hot dogs, games, and just plain fun around a campfire. Rubber Boots may be needed. Please RSVP Ms. Corinne @ 337-523-3336.

### Glad Tidings Program

Sunday, January 24, 2016 – **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Bishop Glen John Provost is joined by Father Matthew Cormier, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, for a dialogue on the Gospel of the day (Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21)

### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-Life Candlelight Memorial Prayer Vigil

Friday, January 22, 2016, on the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary date of Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion in our country in 1973, join us to memorialize the more than 55 million babies that have tragically lost their lives by abortion and for the healing of all those that mourn their loss. This year we unite with the national theme "Pro-Life/Pro-Woman GO Hand-in-Hand". We will meet at the L.C. Civic Center Veterans Memorial Park. Line up behind the main lead banner will begin at 5:30pm. We will depart through the Civic Center parking lot to Kirby St headed east to District Courthouse Steps. Walk will begin at 6:00pm. One hour Candlelight Prayer Service and Presentation will be from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

### 2016 Louisiana Life March Central

On Saturday, January 30, 2016, from 10 AM – 12:30 PM there will be a historic pro-life march from Pineville to the Red River Amphitheater in Alexandria for music, prayer, and inspirational presentations. Families are welcome for this Inter-Denominational event. Please gather by 9:45 AM at Louisiana College.

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend retreat is Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff. Participation is strictly confidential. The cost is \$210.00 for meals, private room with private bath and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. For more information or registration contact: Rachel's Vineyard of SWLA @ 337-439-7400 ext. 317 or email [rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org](mailto:rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org).

### 2016 Cursillo Dates

Men	Women
February 11– 14	March 10 – 13
April 7– 10	April 28 – May 1
May 19 – 22	June 9 – 12
July 21– 24	August 11– 14
September 8– 1	September 29 – Oct. 2

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### This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – RCIA @ 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – **NO MASS; Office Closed** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- ❖ Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Holy League Men's Prayer Group @ 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> - Adoration: 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### **Thanks to Knights of Columbus & Altar Society**

A special debt of gratitude on behalf of all parishioners is paid to the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Altar Society. The Ladies Altar Society, lead by their president **Donna Stewart**, again made sure the church was beautifully appointed for Christmastide. The Knights of Columbus, led by their Grand Knight **Leonard Duplechain** (and **Mark Manuel** who was right there with him!), collaborated with the Altar Society to give our CCD students and teachers a lovely Christmas/Epiphany Party. The KC's cooked gumbo and the Altar Society took care of the potato salad, desserts and drinks. (I also thank Leonard and **Tee Ryder** for erecting the outside Nativity scene again this year!) On behalf of everyone at SJoA: thanks to you all for your care, devotion, and love. May God bless you all!

### **Thanks to Kristen Mancil/Dana Thibodeaux**

What a blessing it is having a current picture directory for our parish. I wish to thank publically Mrs. Kristen Mancil and Mrs. Dana Thibodeaux. Kristen and Dana worked long and hard to bring the directory to fruition, and without their assistance the directory would not be. May the Lord reward you immensely! Also, if you were not able to get a copy of the picture directory last week (one per family), please contact Corinne at the office and let us know.

### **March for Life**

SJoA is sending 8 people to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. this year. They leave from the Chancery (in LC) on Monday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. January 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the legalization of abortion in these United States. (Abortion is perhaps the most heinous example of an unjust law, since it is harmful to human beings and destructive with respect to the common good.) Please support all those going to the MFL with your prayers and sacrifices. Estimates put somewhere around 250,000 people going to D.C. for this year's March. Our group from SJoA returns January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Through the intercession of St. Raphael and St. Christopher may you have a safe trip and be effective promoters of a culture of life!

### **Pro-Life Activities at SJoA this Week**

1. *Holy Mass*: check the Mass schedule and attend Mass every day this week with the intention of ending abortion. Do it! If you don't, who will?
2. *Rosary Walk*: immediately after the 5:30 pm Mass this Thursday, there will be a Rosary walk through the streets of the OT.
3. *Holy Hour of Reparation*: on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> (anniversary of Roe v. Wade) there will be a Holy Hour of Reparation for the sin of abortion. It begins at **6:00 pm** in the church. Come, adore Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament and make prayers of reparation for the millions and millions of lives destroyed on account of abortion.
4. *Public Rosary*: a public Rosary will be prayed at the grotto of Our Lady (just outside of the church) at 12:00 pm Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Beautiful New Vestment**

Did you notice the beautiful new Marian chasuble during Advent and Christmas? Mrs. Ophelia Fontenot very kindly donated this beautiful vestment in honor of her deceased husband, Leroy. (The chasuble is the outer vestment worn by a Priest at holy Mass.) This chasuble was made by the *House of Hansen*, in Chicago. It is a very fine vestment and is well made. If cared for properly, it should last well over a hundred years. (Consider how many Masses it will be used for over the course of its lifetime!!!)

I wish to thank Mrs. Fontenot for this very kind, and useful gift. She has helped enrich the Sacred Liturgy and bequeath a beautiful gift to SJoA. The dignity of the Mass, which **Blessed Pope Paul VI** referred to as "the most perfect prayer," necessitates that we offer the very best to God. This logically includes the physical elements involved at Mass: chalices, vestments, etc. In offering our best to God at holy Mass, we seek to imitate Him Who offers us His very best, namely, the gift of

Himself. Since God cannot be outdone by us in generosity, we always benefit more than Him when we offer our finest.

In receiving this precious gift from the Fontenot Family, I was reminded of something **Pope Benedict XVI** once wrote concerning beauty in the holy Mass: "The beauty of the liturgy . . . is a sublime expression of God's glory and, in a certain sense, a glimpse of heaven on earth. The memorial of Jesus' redemptive sacrifice [i.e., the Mass] contains something of that beauty which Peter, James and John beheld when the Master, making His way to Jerusalem, was transfigured before their eyes (cf. Mk 9:2). Beauty, then, is not mere decoration, but rather an essential element of the liturgical action, since it is an attribute of God Himself and His revelation. These considerations should make us realize the care which is needed [at holy Mass], if the liturgical action is to reflect its innate splendor" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 35). In other words, the beauty of the church, the vestments used at Mass, the chalice, the decorum of the church, the reverence of the Priest and altar boys, each of these, when rooted in beauty, gives us a glimpse of the beauty of God and the splendor of Heaven. So then, if beauty leads us to God, why then would we not desire it in our Masses . . . and to a very high degree?

### **Candlemas**

The ancient and venerable feast of Candlemas is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. (The liturgical name of this feast is the *Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary* and the *Presentation of the Lord in the Temple*.) This year Candlemas falls on a Tuesday. We will have a special Mass that evening at 5:30 pm. All are encouraged to attend.

It is customary to bless candles on Candlemas. You are encouraged to bring any candles you will use in your devotional prayers to the church that day. I will bless your candles, and the candles that SJoA will use in the current year (for example, candles used on the altar) on the feast of Candlemas (Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Also, I want to offer you an opportunity to sponsor candles to be used at SJoA, candles which will be blessed on the feast of Candlemas. In times past, it was customary for the faithful to bring candles to their church parish. These candles, which were blessed at Candlemas, were given to the parish as a gift. They would be used throughout the year at holy Mass and other liturgical prayers in the church parish. The current practice is for a church parish to order its own candles rather than receive them directly from the faithful. As an attempt of recovering that very generous practice, SJoA wants to offer you an opportunity to donate a candle, candles, or a box of candles. If you donate a candle, candles, or box of candles, they will be used on the altar at holy Mass and adoration and in various processions. Since we have to make sure these candles are all the same size and composition, we will order them rather than have you drop them off. If you are interested in donating a candle, candles, or box of candles to SJoA, please contact Corinne at the Rectory office (639-4399). Donation amounts vary based on the size of the candle. Next week I will put the donation information in the bulletin so that you can have more info.

### **Did You Know . . .**

That Pope Francis (*Yes, the Pope Francis*) offered Mass *ad Orientem* (i.e., facing the altar) this past Sunday (Jan. 10, 2016) on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord? Yep; he sure did, right there in the Sistine Chapel. The Mass was televised by CTV and photos of the Mass can be viewed at the Vatican's website, specifically at the Office for the Liturgical Celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff (<http://w2.vatican.va/content/liturgy/en.html>). Isn't it wonderful knowing that SJoA is in lockstep with our Good Holy Father as we now have certain Masses *ad Orientem*!!!