

# Third Sunday in the Season of the Year

## MASSES & INTENTIONS

**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, Melca Manuel

**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, and Jordy Pitre

**MONDAY, January 25, 2016**

**6:30 A.M.** – Angelle LeJeune Durio

**TUESDAY, January 26, 2016**

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Darrell, Eloise & Greg Reed

**WEDNESDAY, January 27, 2016**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – E.J. and Mary Hance

**THURSDAY, January 28, 2016**

**NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, January 29, 2016**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Bernice Moore (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**SATURDAY, January 30, 2016**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Jeremy Rider, Claiborne Durio, Michael Granger, Paul & Rose Frank, Martin Goodly, Alphonse Paul Ardoin

**SUNDAY, January 31, 2016**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Keith Deshotel, Stacey Beaubouef, Ella Mae Prater, Wesley, Addison, and Jordy Pitre

**Last Week's Collection will be published next week.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be published next week.**

## 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 Swarthout, 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 – Philo Goodly

(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

### Vocations Cross – Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Granger

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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.

### Women's Prayer Luncheon

Bishop Glen John Provost invites the ladies of the Diocese of L.C. to the Women's Prayer Luncheon, Wed., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:30 A.M. at the Ave Marie Hall across from the Immaculate Conception Cathedral. This year's topic is the **Letter to the Hebrews**. For those planning to attend, the Bishop asks that you prepare by reading the **Letter to the Hebrews**, Chapters 6:1-7, 28. The cost is \$15.00. Make checks payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles and mail to Gaynell Carrier, Diocese of Lake Charles, 414 Iris Street, L.C., La. 70602. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to be used to send your ticket to you. Deadline for receipt of your paid reservation is Fri., Jan., 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Women's Day of Reflection

"The Woman You Were Made to be": Women's Day of Reflection will be Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm at St. Louis High School. Early registration by Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - \$25; after Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - \$30. Lunch is included. Sr. Camille Martinez, SEC is the presenter for the day. Call Connie Walker to register or for more info: 337-298-0866.

### 2016 Louisiana Life March Central

On Sat., Jan. 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. Please gather by 9:45 AM at Louisiana College.

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

Come experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend retreat Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. 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

February 11– 14  
April 7– 10  
May 19 – 22  
July 21– 24  
September 8– 1

#### Women

March 10 – 13  
April 28 – May 1  
June 9 – 12  
August 11– 14  
September 29 – Oct. 2

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### This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – RCIA @ 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Holy League Men's Prayer Group @ 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> - Adoration: 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### **The Season of *Septuagesima***

In the Extraordinary Form (EF) liturgical calendar there is a brief pre-Lenten liturgical season known as "*Septuagesima*" (sounds like *sep-too-ah-jay-c-ma*). This season, which was kind of like a countdown to Lent, did not find its way in the Ordinary Form (OF) in the liturgical restructuring that took place after Vatican II. Consequently, many Catholics are not familiar with *Septuagesima*. As the EF continues to become more familiar to greater numbers of the Christian faithful, questions some time emerge as to the meaning of various aspects of the EF which are not experienced in the OF. An example would be *Septuagesima*. It's at this point that I want to pause and insert a brief "overview" of the season of *Septuagesima* from the website *Fisheaters*.

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*Septuagesima* and Lent are both times of penance, *Septuagesima* being a time of voluntary fasting in preparation for the obligatory Great Fast of Lent. The theme is the Babylonian exile, the "mortal coil" we must endure as we await the Heavenly Jerusalem. Sobriety and somberness reign liturgically [during *Septuagesima* and Lent]; the Alleluia and *Gloria* are banished.

The Sundays of *Septuagesima* are named for their distance away from Easter:

- The first Sunday of *Septuagesima* [this year, January 24<sup>th</sup>] gives its name to the entire season as it is known as "*Septuagesima*." "*Septuagesima*" means "seventy," and *Septuagesima* Sunday comes roughly seventy days before Easter. This seventy represents the seventy years of the Babylonian Captivity. It is on this Sunday that the alleluia is "put away," not to be said again until the Vigil of Easter.
- The second Sunday of *Septuagesima* [this year, January 31<sup>st</sup>] is known as "*Sexagesima*," which means "sixty". *Sexagesima* Sunday comes roughly sixty days before Easter.
- The third Sunday of *Septuagesima* [this year, February 7<sup>th</sup>] is known as "*Quinquagesima*," which means "fifty" and which comes roughly fifty days before Easter.

*Quadragesima* means "forty," and this is the name of the first Sunday of Lent [this year, February 14<sup>th</sup>] and the Latin name for the entire season of Lent. Throughout this short Season and that of Lent (next Season) you will notice a deepening sense of penance and somberness, culminating in Passiontide (the last two weeks of Lent), that will suddenly and joyously end at the Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday when the alleluia returns and Christ's Body is restored and glorified.

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The reason I offer this brief overview on *Septuagesima* is twofold:

1. First, there is an inexhaustible storehouse of treasure with respect to our Catholic patrimony. Considering something like *Septuagesima* opens our awareness to an important part of our history. Not only can it broaden our base of knowledge, but it also can open up our understanding to an observance that was of great benefit to our parents, grandparents, and pretty much the majority of Catholics of the Roman Rite throughout history. Therefore it strikes me something worthwhile to be aware of, even if we do not observe the season of *Septuagesima* in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite.
2. Secondly, I have spoken to many a Catholic who tell me that they see great wisdom in the practice of having a brief season of preparation, a time of transition, if you will, from the season of

Christmas to the season of Lent. *Septuagesima* was known to be indispensable in helping Catholics prepare for a good Lent, and it's for this reason that I want to make a few more comments on this second point. But, before I do, let's stop here and recall that, even though *Septuagesima* was not carried over into the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite, it continues to be observed in the Catholic Church. Later today, just down the road, at Bishop Provost's Cathedral in Lake Charles, a Priest will offer the Mass of *Septuagesima*. This will be a real Mass, and neither the Priest nor the people will be pretending they are living in the past. They will most likely be firmly grounded in the 2,016<sup>th</sup> Year of Salvation. So then, what I am writing about today is a **living reality** in our midst, even if we are unaware of it.

Now, a brief word on **how** *Septuagesima* benefited Catholics through history in making good preparation for Lent and how it can continue to benefit us all as well.

It's by God's grace that I was born in Southwest Louisiana, but it's by choice that I remain. I wouldn't want to live anywhere other than here. The reasons why are simply too many to list here. In our part of the world we have the benefit of the external signs of *Mardi Gras* to remind us that Lent is near. (We also have the unfortunate aspects of *Mardi Gras*: drunkenness and debauchery . . . which, don't forget, lead to Hell). We see the decorations; we go to parades and catch beads; we enjoy the food; we maybe even chase chickens! *Mardi Gras*, when observed virtuously, is good. *Mardi Gras* is also a sign. Those things associated with it (for good or for ill) tell us that Lent is just around the corner. In this sense *Mardi Gras* is quite helpful, because it directs us to remember that Lent is not far off.

But *Mardi Gras* is not observed everywhere. In the absence of these external indicators of *Mardi Gras*, what is it that alerts Catholics to consider that Lent is not far off? When you think about it, there really could be a vacuum. But this wasn't always the case. It was precisely for this that *Septuagesima* is so helpful: it focuses the Christian faithful, sharpens their attention, turning them to consider that a crucial time is approaching. They would know this because the Sacred Ministers at Mass (Priest, Deacon, Subdeacon) would lay aside green vestments for violet ones. The organ would begin to quiet down and the *Gloria* and the Alleluia would disappear. In other words, in the Season of *Septuagesima*, the Church used external indicators in the Sacred Liturgy to alert people of Lent's presence, and not only *did* it work very well, I would add that it still does....where it's observed.

### **Sponsoring Candles for *Candlemas***

In the bulletin last Sunday, I mentioned the possibility of donating candles to SJoA, candles which will be used at holy Mass, processions, etc. throughout the year. (If you missed that bulletin, go to [www.sjoaoberlin.com](http://www.sjoaoberlin.com) and access last week's bulletin for more info.) This Sunday I want to give you the cost of sponsorship of candles. We use different types and sizes of candles. Here are the prices for sponsoring:

#### 7/8 diameter bleached candles:

- \$3.50 per candle
- \$63.50 per box

#### 7/8 diameter unbleached candles:

- \$4.00 per candle
- \$70.00 per box

#### 1 1/2 diameter bleached candles:

- \$11.00 per candle
- \$66.00 per box

#### 1 1/2 diameter unbleached candles:

- \$11.00 per candle