

Fifth Sunday in the Season of the Year

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 6, 2016

8:00 A.M. MASS – Sr. Zélie Thérèse of the Redeemer
4:30 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, Simon, Leora & Freddie Sonnier, Eve Smith Guilbeau, Pereda Fontenot, Michael Granger, Bernadine Cezar Logan, Aaron & Fabian Cezar, Ashley Cezar, P.J. Logan, Samuel Papillion, Bish LeJeune, Deceased members of Steve & Jo-Ann Chapman Family

SUNDAY, February 7, 2016

7:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)
10:00 A.M. MASS – Dallas & Billy Bertrand, Sr., Ella Mae Prater, Augustine Goodley, Joseph J.G. Berry, Aldes Edora Frank, Curley Victorian, Alex & Annie Victorian, Dolyanna Victorian

MONDAY, February 8, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, February 9, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Stacey Beaubouef

WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – The Cooper Family
12:05 P.M. MASS – E. J. & Mary Hance
6:00 P.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)

THURSDAY, February 11, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Togeal & Elizabeth Goodly

FRIDAY, February 12, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Claiborne Durio

SATURDAY, February 13, 2016

4:30 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, Michael Granger, Jack Johnson, Evelyn Manuel, Sidney McGee, Gaston & Evia Babineaux, Fabian, William, Stephen, Bernadine, Shirley, Aaron & Lucius Cezar, Jr.

SUNDAY, February 14, 2016

7:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)
10:00 A.M. MASS – Leonard Beaubouef, Stacey Beaubouef, Darrell, Eloise & Greg Reed, Sox Gordon

Last Week's Collection **\$3,944.50**
2nd Collection **\$398.40**
2nd Collection next weekend for Religious Education

PRAYER LIST FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Diane Beaubouef, Enola Bellard, Jerome, John & Josie Bergeron, Joann Bertrand, Michael Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Renate Bourque, Virginia Bowles, Luke Burnham, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Charles Chaumont, Jerry Chaumont, Bertha Ceaser, Florence Comeaux, Pam Dequant, Carol Deshotel, Marla Duplechain, Cathy Fontenot, David Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Cotrell Foster, Roy Franks, Tim Germany, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Nicholas Guillory, Terrence Guillory, Sybil Haas, Harrison Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Joseph Harmon, John, Perella & Shenita Jackson, Brayden Johnson, 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, Nicholas Odum, Marie Parker, Devin Pelt, Mary Mott Peterson, Sally Pitre, Linda & Don Portie, Sandy Pousson, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ashton Read, D. C. Reed, 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, Helen Shreeman, Hazel Slate, Donald Paul Sonnier, Kermit Sonnier, Koltan Squier, Leah Squier, Suzanne Stringer, Devin Swarthout, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweak, Ticky Family, Roselyn Victorian, Zachary Villereal, Gene Vizena, Junetta Vizena, Kena Wilson, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Laura Zaidan

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

Contact Corinne at the Rectory if you are interested in making a Cursillo.

Leading the Rosary before Mass this Weekend

4:30 P.M. – Haddie Goodly 7:30 A.M. – Lucy Brandon
 10:00 A.M. – Paul & Patsy Fontenot

Vocations Candle – Mary Ann Goodly
(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

Vocations Cross – Bobby & Lucy Brandon

Youth Group Bake Sale

Buy your Valentine a cake for Valentine's Day. The youth group will have a bake sale after 7:30 and 10:00 am Masses on Sunday, February 14th. Proceeds will help defer the cost of youth events scheduled locally and diocesan wide. Youth group members are asked to bake at least 2 cakes or pies.

St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteers are needed to work on Monday in the St. Vincent de Paul building from 9 – 11 am. Substitutes are needed for Tuesday and Wednesday. Please call Corinne at the rectory to volunteer.

Glad Tidings Program

Sunday, February 14, 2016 – **First Sunday of Lent**: Bishop Glen John Provost is joined by Father Jeffrey Starkovich, Senior Parochial Vicar of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, for a dialogue on the Gospel of the day (Luke 4: 1-13).

Women's Day of Reflection

"The Woman You Were Made to be": Women's Day of Reflection will be Feb. 27th from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm at St. Louis High School. Early registration by Feb. 20th - \$25; after Feb. 20th - \$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.

Vocation Drawing Contest

A Vocation Drawing Contest will be conducted for our diocese in preparation for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Every student in grades 2-12 is invited to make a drawing on an 8:1/2 X 11 white sheet of poster board depicting awareness of the vocation to the priesthood in southwest Louisiana. All drawing must be turned in to the Office of the Vicar General by NOON on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. The drawing must be in a large envelope unfolded. On the back of the drawing the name of the artist, age, grade, contact phone number, church parish, and name of school attending must be printed. Also, indicate on the envelope that this is for the Vocation Drawing Contest. Announcement of the winners will be faxed to all by Friday, March 11th. First Place - \$200.00; Second Place - \$100.00; Third place - \$50.00. The first place winner will also have their drawing produced on prayer cards in observance of World Day of Prayer for Vocations scheduled for April 17, 2016 and distributed at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral in Lake Charles. Please encourage your students to participate!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday, April 17, 2016, is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. A special Mass at the Cathedral will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. with the Bishop. Prayer cards will be distributed to all attending the Mass. The first place winner of the Vocation Drawing Contest will have their drawing on the prayer card. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Reception will follow Mass in the Ave Marie Hall.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, February 7th – NO RCIA
- ❖ Monday, February 8th – **Office Closed**
- ❖ Tuesday, February 9th – **Office Closed**
- ❖ Tuesday, February 9th – Holy League: Men's Prayer Group @ 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, February 9th – Prison Mass @ 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ Wednesday, February 10th – **Ash Wednesday Office Closed; No Adoration, CCD or Youth Group**
- ❖ Thursday, February 11th – Latin Class after 5:30 P.M. Mass
- ❖ Friday, February 12th – Stations of the Cross after 5:30 P.M. Mass

FROM FR. CONNER

Lenten Mission

We're elated that **Father Mark Beard**, of the Diocese of Baton Rouge and Parish Priest of St. Helena (Kentwood), will offer a one night Lenten Mission. The title of the mission is *Heaven's Hospital*, referring to Purgatory. Father Beard's mission will be **Monday, February 15th**, at **6:00 pm**. The mission will be preceded by Mass, which begins at 5:15 pm. There's an insert in the bulletin today with more details. We encourage you to attend! There's no charge and there will be no collection taken during the mission.

Mercy Mondays

One of SJoA's Year of Mercy initiatives is Mercy Mondays. On one particular Monday each month, a visiting Priest will give a presentation on a topic related to mercy. The format will be: begin at the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. A twenty minute presentation will ensue, and this will be followed by about fifteen minutes of Q & A. After this, we'll head to the church for thirty minutes of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which will be capped with Benediction.

Mercy Mondays begin Monday, February 29th. **Father D.B. Thompson** (Prompt Succor, Sulphur) will speak to us about indulgences. Please consider participating in Mercy Mondays for the Year of Mercy. *I think Pope Francis would! ;)*

Praying at the Cemeteries

Another Year of Mercy opportunity!!! Certainly we'll have opportunities to *learn* about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy during the Year of Mercy, but we also need to *practice* them. While some folks may know what the works of mercy are, they could be hesitant to do them because they aren't sure how or don't know where they could practice them. Well, SJoA wants to remove obstacles such as these. Accordingly, SJoA is sponsoring days and times to pray in area cemeteries. We begin the **Maccabee Campaign** (cf. *2 Maccabees 12:39-45 to see if you can figure out the reason for this name!*) **Sunday, February 21st**. We'll gather at *Oberlin Cemetery* (across the street from the high school) at **4:15 pm** to pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed. The *Catechism* reminds us that Sunday is an ideal day to practice works of mercy. "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the **performance of the works of mercy**, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (CCC 2185). The Year of Mercy, moreover, is the perfect time to get back in the habit of or learning how to practice the works of mercy. So, then . . . come, join us! *Pope Francis would . . . if he lived near the OT!*

Latin during Lent

We're going to reintroduce a little (*just a little*) Latin at holy Mass during Lent. The *Kyrie* will continue to be chanted as is typical for us. (Did you know the *Kyrie* is *Greek*, not Latin?) The *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei* will be in Latin too. We're also going to chant the *Pater Noster* (Our Father) in Latin at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass and sometimes at the 4:30 pm and 7:30 am Masses. I know, Latin is not the most "*favorite*" thing in the world for some Catholics. This is truly regrettable, because, as Blessed **Pope Paul VI** has said in his letter *Sacrificum laudis* (written after Vatican II), Latin is one of the most beautiful treasures of the Catholic Church. That saintly Pontiff also said in the same letter that we should not only *not* despise Latin, but that we should love Latin just as much as our ancestors. Additionally, **Vatican II** insisted that Latin be maintained at Mass in the Roman Rite. Here are a couple of quotes from Vatican II on Latin:

"The use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites" (SC, 36.1).

"Steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them" (SC, 54).

So much for Vatican II 'getting rid' of Latin," I guess. In all seriousness, though, Latin is beautiful, and it even fosters true participation at holy Mass. If we give Latin an honest shot, we will eventually realize the value of its beauty and the necessity of it for our profiting from holy Mass . . . but we must be genuine in our efforts. If we quietly harbor angst in our soul upon hearing some Latin at Mass, our heart will never be turned away from its hardness.

Latin Classes during Lent

Since Vatican II insisted that Latin be maintained in Mass, and that the faithful (*hey, that's you!!!*), are supposed to be able to sing in Latin and recite the prayers of the Mass in Latin, I figure I have an obligation (*and it's a happy one!*) to assist you with these. Accordingly, we'll have Latin classes on Thursday evenings during Lent. Latin classes will follow the Thursday evening Mass (added during Lent). Mass begins at 5:30 pm. After Mass, we'll move over to the Parish Hall for Latin class. There's no charge for the classes and we'll even have a bunch of good Catholic fun while learning the correct pronunciation of prayers! I hope you'll join us . . . and bring a friend. *For this one, I can't say that Pope Francis would join us if he lived in the OT . . . not because he doesn't like Latin, but because he already knows it!!! ;)*

On the Priesthood
(*Divine Intimacy*, Fr. Gabriel of Saint Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

PRESENCE OF GOD – O Lord, give to Your Church many holy priests.

MEDITATION

1. The Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, is not to be regarded merely as a spiritual institution which can be neither touched nor seen; it is a concrete organism which is visible in its members, the faithful, who are joined together under the leadership of their pastors. “For as in one body we have many members, but all the members have not the same office” (*Rom 12,4*), so in the Church there are members of diverse importance, having various functions: there are the faithful and there are the shepherds, the priests appointed by Christ to guide souls. To state that Jesus sanctifies and governs us by means of the Church, is to say that He sanctifies and governs us by means of the Bishops and the Pope. Jesus has placed all the powers given to His Church in the hands of the priests, who have been chosen by Him from among the people to become His ministers. “As the Father hath sent Me, I also send you” (*Jn 20-21*); “He that heareth you, heareth Me, and he that despiseth you, despiseth Me” (*Lk 10, 16*). The priestly dignity depends upon this investiture by Christ, this appointment as His representative and minister. Priests must be thoroughly aware of the great dignity of their call if they wish to live at the height of their vocation. “They must be holy,” says St. Pius X, “because they are the friends and representatives of a holy God.”

The faithful on their part should see and venerate Christ Himself in their priests. St. Paul, writing to the Christians of Corinth, gave them the exact meaning of his priestly authority: “For Christ, therefore, we are ambassadors, God, as it were, exhorting by us” (*2 Cor 5, 20*). And St. Catherine of Siena cautioned her disciples to see priests only as “the dispensers of the Blood of the humble, Immaculate Lamb” and to overlook the faults which they might notice in them. A priest is a man, and therefore always remains fallible and capable of making mistakes, but this does not prevent him from being the Anointed of the Lord, marked forever with an indelible sign and having the power to consecrate the Body of Christ, to administer the sacraments, and to preach to the people in the name of God.

2. Without the priesthood we would be deprived of the Holy Eucharist; we would never have the consolation of hearing, in the name of God, “Thy sins are forgiven thee” (*Mt 9,2*). If there were no priests, the churches would be deserted, schools would become secularized, there would be no nuptial blessings, the dying would be deprived of final consolation, children would be abandoned to evil; all men would become totally immersed in misery, with no one to raise them up and lead them to God, with no one to pray to Him in their name and for their welfare. But Jesus, the sole Mediator between God and man, willed to institute the priesthood to perpetuate among us, in a visible manner, His work of mediation, salvation, and sanctification. The priest accompanies us at every step of our life. Soon after our birth, he welcomes us at the baptismal font; he administers the Sacraments so us, He helps us to understand divine truths, he shows us how to lead a good life, blesses our efforts, sustains our footsteps, and strengthens us in our last agony. He often works unseen and unknown, misunderstood, never sufficiently appreciated; yet his apostolic work is priceless, indispensable. Every Christian ought to be grateful for the gift of the

priesthood: in the first place, we should be grateful to Jesus who instituted it, and then to those who perform its sublime duties. We must express this gratitude, not only by showing reverent respect and filial docility to God's ministers, but also by assiduously offering out prayers and good works for priestly vocations. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest" (*ibid.*9-38). "What prayer," comments Pius XI, "can be more pleasing to the Sacred Heart of the Redeemer?...Ask, and it shall be given to you: ask for good, holy priests, and the Lord will not refuse to send them to His Church" (*Ad Catholici Sacerdotii*). To our prayers we must add good works "to awaken, foster and help vocations to the priesthood" (*ibid.*). Blessed are the families that have had the honor of giving a priest to God; blessed are all those who by their prayers, sacrifices, and good works help in the formation of holy priests!

COLLOQUY

"Lord, do not look upon my sins, but hear Your servant through the mercy of Your inestimable charity. You did not leave us orphans when You departed from us, but You left us Your Vicar and Your ministers to baptize us in the Holy Spirit. By Your sacred power, they cleanse our souls from sin, not once, but again and again.

"O eternal Mercy, grant that Your Vicar and Your ministers may hunger for souls, may burn with an ardent desire for glory, and in all things seek You alone, O Supreme, eternal Goodness.

"Sanctify these Your servants, O Eternal God, that they may follow You alone, in simplicity of heart and with a perfect will; look not upon my wretchedness, but receive my prayer and establish them in Your will.

"O Eternal God, I know that Your arm is powerful and strong, that it will deliver the Church and Your people, rescue them from the hands of the demon, and put an end to persecution. I know that the Wisdom of Your Son, who is one with You, can illumine our intellects and scatter the clouds which hover around Your dear Spouse, the Church.

"Then, Eternal Father, I beg and implore Your power, the Wisdom of Your Only-Begotten Son and the clemency of the Holy Spirit, abyss and fire of charity, to show mercy to the world and restore the warmth of charity so that peace and union may reign in the Holy Church. Alas, I do not want to wait any longer: I pray that Your infinite goodness may constrain You not to close the eye of Your mercy on Your holy Spouse, O sweet Jesus, Jesus' love" (St. Catherine of Siena).

Confession: A “How To” Guide

Forgotten how to go to confession, or never learned? Here are the “How To’s” for the Sacrament of Penance (i.e., confession).

Penitent: the one confessing sins.

Confessor: the Priest receiving the confession.

1. The Penitent enters the confessional and kneels behind a screen (a chair is provided for those physically unable to kneel).
2. The Penitent, making the sign of the cross, says, ***Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been _____ (state amount of time) since my last confession. These are my sins.***
3. The Penitent confesses his sins. The Confessor listens, but he may ask questions if something the Penitent has said is unclear or in order to lead the Penitent to a more thorough examination of conscience. (*NB. All mortal sins – each kind and the number of times committed – must be confessed. All venial sins should be confessed.*)
4. When the Penitent finishes confessing, he signifies this by saying: ***For these and all my sins, I ask forgiveness of God and absolution from you, Father.*** The Confessor may offer some advice or counsel, so that the Penitent may take the necessary steps to amend his life.
5. The Confessor then gives a penance (usually a prayer or a good work) and then instructs the Penitent to make an Act of Contrition. There are different formulas. One version is usually in the confessional.
6. After the Penitent has made an Act of Contrition, the Confessor imparts absolution with the sacramental formula. The Penitent makes the Sign of the Cross at the absolution.
7. The Confessor concludes with these or similar words: ***Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.*** The Penitent responds, saying: ***Thanks be to God.***
8. The Penitent leaves the confessional and fulfills the penance as soon as possible.

The Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. And I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishment but most of all because they offend Thee, my God Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

“Be courageous. Go to confession.” – Pope Francis