

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 19, 2016

8:00 A.M. Mass – Solemnity of St. Joseph

6:00 P.M. MASS – Eve Smith Guilbeau, LeRoy J. Fontenot, Pereda Fontenot, Michael Granger, Jeremy Rider, Hubert & Doris Ryder, Hubert Bertrand, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Emily Adams

SUNDAY, March 20, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Margaret Karam, Stacey Beaubouef, Joseph Lee Gobert, Wesley, Addison, & Jordy Pitre, Robert “Robby” Taylor

MONDAY, March 21, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Leonard Beaubouef

TUESDAY, March 22, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Elmo Smith

WEDNESDAY, March 23, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – E.J. & Mary Hance

THURSDAY, March 24, 2016 - Mass of the Lord’s Supper

7:00 P.M. MASS – Patrick Savant

FRIDAY, March 25, 2016

6:00 P.M. – Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, March 26, 2016 - Holy Saturday

10:00 P.M. MASS – Claiborne Durio, Jeremy Rider, Bruce & Mary Esther Courville, Cecilia Sonnier, Evelyn Manuel, Sidney McGee

SUNDAY, March 27, 2016 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Margaret Karam, Stacey Beaubouef, Joseph Lee Gobert, Wesley, Addison, & Jordy Pitre, Robert “Robby” Taylor

Last Week’s Collection

\$4,897.56

2nd Collection last weekend

\$ 245.00

2nd Collection - Holy Land (Good Friday)

2nd Collection - Seminary (Easter Sunday) Quota is \$486.00

PRAYER LIST FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Gerry Beaubouef, Enola Bellard, Jerome, John & Josie Bergeron, Joann Bertrand, Michael Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Renate Bourque, Virginia Bowles, Luke Burnham, Bertha Ceaser, Norris Chapman, Jr., Charles Chaumont, Jerry Chaumont, Florence Comeaux, Pam Dequant, Carol Deshotel, Marla Duplechain, Poochie Duplechain, David Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Elsie & Cotrell Foster, Roy Franks, Tim Germany, Rachel Granger, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Clifford Guillory, Terrence Guillory, Sybil Haas, Harrison Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Joseph Harmon, John, Perella & Shenita Jackson, Brayden Johnson, Essie Langley, Tina Morgan-Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joe, Adam and Mary LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Joy Mancil, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Marlin Manuel, Pat Manuel and Fly., Trista Marler, Charles Mancil, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Russell Meaux, Beau Montou, Kathy Montou, Gloria Morris, Carolyn Morgon, Glenn Morgan, Marvin Morgan, Odrey & Dorothy Montou, Charles Mosley, Nicholas Odum, 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, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Suzanne Stringer, Kelly Strother, Devin Swarouth, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweek, Ticky Family, Roselyn Victorian, Zachary Villereal, Gene Vizena, Robbie Willis, Kena Wilson, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Laura Zaidan

Please Call In Names for April, May, & June

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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 –Verlis Fontenot & Family

(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

Vocations Cross – Mrs. Francis Gueringer

Easter Lily Donations

Donations for Easter Lilies are being accepted. The cost per Lily is \$20.00. You may put your donation in the collection or bring it to the church office.

Diocese of Lake Charles Youth Conference (DYC)

“Cast your Net” Diocesan Youth Conference will be held April 8 – 10 at the Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza for youth in grades 8 – 12. If you would like to help a teen attend the conference call Ms. Corinne at the rectory or your donation in the collection labeled “DYC”.

Winners of the 2016 Vocation Drawing Contest

The First Place winner and recipient of \$200.00 is Krystal Moreau, 10th grade student at SJoA. A panel of four judges chose the three winners of the 2016 Vocation Drawing Contest for the observance of World Day of Prayer for vocations scheduled for Sunday, April 17, 2016. Bishop Provost will be the Celebrant at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles on that day and will present the three winners their prizes. Krystal will have her drawing on the prayer card which will be distributed to the church parishes for that weekend’s observance.

Glad Tidings Program

Sunday, March 27, 2016 – **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord:** 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 this Easter Sunday.

The Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf Tournament

The Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 4th at Mallard Cove in Lake Charles. Proceeds benefit the mission work of Abrazando Cristo in Nicaragua. For registration and more information, please contact Johnnie Thibodeaux @ 337-405-8491 or Susan Thibodeaux @ 337-249-6886.

Ultreya

The Oberlin Ultreya meets every 2nd Sunday of the Month at 5:00 P.M. in the SJoA hall. Anyone who has made a Cursillo or would like to make a Cursillo is invited to attend.

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This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, March 20th – St. Joseph’s Altar in the church hall after 10:00 Mass.
- ❖ Tuesday, March 22nd – No Holy League
- ❖ **Wednesday, March 23rd – Adoration 7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, March 24th – Confessions at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Friday, March 25th – Stations of the Cross 3:00 P.M.; Confessions at 5:00 P.M.; View **The Passion of the Christ** Movie after 6:00 P.M. Liturgical Service.
- ❖ Saturday, March 26th – Confessions at 11:00 A.M.; Prepare Church @ 3:00 P.M. for Easter Vigil

SAVE THE DATES

First Holy Communion Mass

Sunday, April 3rd @ 10:00 Mass.

Spring Cleaning of the Church

Saturday, April 16th @ 8:00 A.M.

High School Confirmation

Tuesday, April 19th @ 7:00 P.M. at SJoA.

April Spiritual Pilgrimage

Saturday, April 23rd
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Diocese of Alexandria

EWTN Pilgrimage

Monday, May 23rd – Thursday, May 26th. Reserve your spot now by calling the Rectory.

External Observance of the Feast Day of SJoA

Sunday, June 5th @ 10:00 Mass. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

FROM FATHER CONNER

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday

6:00 pm Confession
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration after Mass until Midnight.

Good Friday

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
5:00 pm Confession
6:00 pm Passion of the Lord (Liturgy)
Passion of the Christ (film) showing in the Parish Hall after the liturgical service.

Holy Saturday

11:00 am – 1:00 pm Confession
10:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

7:00 am Confession
7:30 am Holy Mass
9:15 am Confession
10:00 am Holy Mass

EF Propers on Website

A few weeks earlier, we linked the daily EF propers in English to the parish website. These will be of great assistance when coming to holy Mass. If you do not have an EF hand missal, go to www.sjoaoberlin.com and look on the sidebar for the EF propers. This is a great tool to help you draw more deeply from the wellsprings of salvation, otherwise known as the holy Mass!

Letter from Bishop Provost

Here is a letter sent recently to the Priests of the diocese from Bishop Provost:

Dear Father Conner,
Greetings in the Lord as we continue our journey through Lent! Recently I have received from the Prefect of the Congregation for Oriental Churches, Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, a letter encouraging support for the Holy Land Shrines through the collection which you will make in your parish on Good Friday. We need no reminder of the dire circumstances which our brothers and sisters face in the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody have historic responsibility to assist those in need and to protect and care for the sites which witnessed our Redeemer's life and the Good Friday Collection directly supports the Custody of the Holy Land and its good works.

Cardinal Sandri writes: "[W]e are urged more than ever to demonstrate our mercy and solicitude for our brothers [and sisters] in the Middle East. Refugees, displaced persons, the elderly, children, and the sick are all in need of our help. In this land of the East, people are dying, being kidnapped and even killed. Many live in agony for their loved ones, or suffer when the family is divided on account of forced migration and exodus. They know the darkness and fear of neglect, of loneliness, of misunderstanding. It is a time of trials and challenges, even of martyrdom. All this necessarily augments our obligation to help, to respond to emergencies, to reconstruct and to invent new ways to meeting the whole gamut of needs. Such acts of mercy, all necessary and urgent, allow us each day to experience that 'if the Lord does not build

the house, in vain do its builders labor.'"

The Custody of the Holy Land maintains the holy sites providing work for the local people-educational scholarships, a home for needy boys, youth development programs, artisan initiatives, apartments for the needy and young couples, as well as educational centers. The generosity of our parishioners in the Good Friday Collection helps meet these demands. Cardinal Sandri asked me to convey his gratitude to you and your parishioners for your generosity.

I would ask that you make this message known to your parishioners in whatever way you see fit-by copying this letter in your bulletin, using portions of it for announcements, posting it on your website, or making your own appeal from the pulpit. Often I am asked what the Church is doing to assist in the Mid-East. The Good Friday Collection is a major opportunity to answer that question. Please pass on the message. With prayers for your own intentions, I remain

Devotedly yours in our Lord,
Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles

Good Friday Collection – Important!!!

Given this encouragement from our Bishop, and in light of the plight of Christians trying to maintain the presence of the Holy Faith in the very place in which the "Word became flesh," the earthly home of Our Blessed Lord, I ask that you please do what you can, by way of prayer, yes, but even with respect to supporting the Good Friday Collection. May the Lord grant us the grace to understand the degree of difficulty of our brothers and sisters in Christ living in the Holy Land, and then move our hearts to support them.

Seminary Quota Collection – Important!!!

Every year on Easter Sunday (and the Easter Vigil) we take up a special collection to assist with the education of our diocesan seminarians. The cost of educating our future Priests is substantial. This year alone the total cost is nearly one-half of a million dollars. (The total for tuition, room, and board for our 15 seminarians is **\$475,750.00.**) That's just for one year! SJoA's quota is \$486.00. Given the importance our parish places on vocations, I do not expect that we'll have any difficulty reaching our quota, but it is good that we know how much it takes (monetarily speaking) to prepare our future Priests. Let's all do our part with our time, talent, treasure, and prayers in preparing holy priestly vocations!

GOOD FRIDAY ... A DAY OF PENANCE & PRAYER

Good Friday is a mandatory day of penance. Catholics are to abstain from flesh meat and observe the Church's discipline of fasting. Good Friday is NOT a day for revelry, nor is it a time for diversions. **Even if you're "off" of work, don't treat it as a holiday. Treat it as a holy day.** On Good Friday, a faithful Catholic will avoid unnecessary shopping, going to movies, eating at restaurants. A faithful Catholic will not even entertain attending crawfish boils or fish fries or consuming alcohol. "The business of this life should not preoccupy us with its anxiety and pride," St. Leo the Great tells us. "True reverence for the Lord's Passion," he continues, "means fixing the eyes of our heart on Jesus crucified." During the Holy Triduum, our hearts should be fixed on the Lord, not immersed in the world.