

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## MASSES & INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, April 16, 2016

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Claiborne Durio, Jeremy Rider, Evelyn Manuel, Hubert Bertrand, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Emily Adams, Keith LeJeune, Bish LeJeune

### SUNDAY, April 17, 2016

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Margaret Karam, Mary Lovenia Courville, Stacey Beaubouef, Linda LeJeune, Joseph Lee Gobert, Leonard Beaubouef, Robert "Robbie" Taylor, Tush Strother, James Sharp, Nelson Manuel, for healing.

### MONDAY, April 18, 2016

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Eve Smith Guilbeau (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

### TUESDAY, April 19, 2016

**7:00 P.M. MASS** – **The Conferral of Confirmation**

### WEDNESDAY, April 20, 2016

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

### THURSDAY, April 21, 2016

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Raoul Frank, Sr.

### FRIDAY, April 22, 2016

**6:30 A.M.** – Fr. J. Kemps

### SATURDAY, April 23, 2016

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – LeRoy J. Fontenot, Pereda Fontenot, Jeremy Rider, Hubert & Doris Ryder, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula, & Elmer Chatman, Sr.

### SUNDAY, April 24, 2016

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

**10:00 A.M.** – Stacey Beaubouef, Leonard Beaubouef, Robert "Robbie" Taylor, Tush Strother, James Sharp, Nelson Manuel, In Thanksgiving for Healing

### Last Week's Collection

**\$3,578.65**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Weekend – Catholic Home Missions Appeal

## PRAYER LIST FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE

Enola Ballard, Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Gerry Beaubouef, Enola Ballard, Jerome, John & Josie Bergeron, Joann Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Carol Deshotel, Pam Dequeant, Donald Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Cotreal Foster, Tim Germany, Elaine Giles Granger, Neuban Guidry, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Tonya Hebert, Jennifer Hibbs, Amanda Hooper, Jan Horton, John Jackson, Perella Jackson, Shenita Jackson, Brayden Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Michael LaGrange, Essie Langley, Tina Morgan-Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joe, Adam and Mary LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Donell & Patricia Lowe, Joy Mancil, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Marlin Manuel, Pat Manuel and Fly., Trista Marler, Barry Martin, Charles Mancil, John McNabb, Christina McNutt, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Russell Meaux, Beau Montou, Kathy Montou, Glenn Morgan, Marvin Morgan, Odrey & Dorothy Montou, Charles Mosely, Abby Musselwhite, Nicholas Odom, Sally Pitre, Ashton Read, D. C., Sara Reed & Family, Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Rev. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Tucker Scirmemi, Caleb Simeon, Donald Paul Sonnier, Kelly Strother, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweek, Ticky Family, Zachary Villereal, Glenda Williams, Robbie Willis, Earnest & Odella Wilson, Nicole Young

### 2016 Cursillo Dates

Men	Women
May 19 – 22	April 28-May 1
June 21 – 24	June 9-12
September 8 – 11	August 11-14
September 8 – 11	September 29-Oct. 2

*Ultreya meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 5:00 P.M. in the parish hall.*

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### Leading the Rosary before Mass this Weekend

6:00 P.M. – Haddie Goodly                      7:30 A.M. – Lucy Brandon  
10:00 A.M. – Paul & Patsy Fontenot

**Vocations Candle** – Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Berry, Sr.  
(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

**Vocations Cross** – Mrs. Celeman Thomas



### SJoA Youth Fundraiser

It's **Pizza! Pizza!** Time! Time for you, your friends, and your family to stock up with Little Caesars Pizza Kits! Have them on hand for quick dinners, parties or entertaining! Order your pizza kit from any youth member or at the church office. Orders and money are due by Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Pickup is at the parish hall on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:00 P.M.

### SJoA Pilgrimage

SJoA Pilgrimage to EWTN and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Alabama is Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the Pilgrimage is \$225.00 per person. This includes lodging, travel, and three catered meals. Additional meals & gift shop purchases will cost extra. Make checks payable to SJoA. Call the rectory to sign up by Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Easter Vigil and First Communion Certificates

Certificates for Sacraments from Easter Vigil and First Communion are available at the rectory Mon. - Fri. 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

### Glad Tidings Program

Sunday, April 24, 2016 – **Fifth Sunday of Easter:** Bishop Glen John Provost is joined by Father Jay Alexius, Parochial Vicar of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, for a dialogue on the Gospel of John (13:31-35).

### Sacred Heart Church 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival

Sacred Heart Church in Oakdale will hold their 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Invitation to the Women's Prayer Luncheon

Bishop Glen John Provost invites the ladies of the Diocese of L.C. to the Women's Prayer Luncheon, Wed., May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 A.M. at the Ave Maria Hall across from the Immaculate Conception Cathedral. For those planning to attend, the Bishop asks that you prepare by reading the **Letter to the Hebrews**, Chapters 12-13. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Make checks out to the Diocese of Lake Charles and mail to Gaynell Carrier, Diocese of Lake Charles, 414 Iris Street, L.C. 70601. Please enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

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### This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – RCIA @ 5:00 P.M.; Holy Hour for Vocations at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Rehearsal at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Rosary for Confirmandi at 5:45 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation at 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Adoration 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Holy League: Men's Prayer Group at 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Bethlehem Olive Wood will be here selling religious items after all Masses.

## SAVE THE DATES

### High School Confirmation Rehearsal

Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M. – Confirmandi and their Sponsor must attend (at SJoA...in church...no gum, no visiting in church)

### High School Confirmation

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 P.M. at SJoA. (Reception follows in the Parish hall)

### External Observance of the Feast Day of SJoA

Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 Mass. A reception will follow in the Church Hall. The KC's will provide meat, Altar Society provides drinks and congregation provides a covered dish.

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### **Thanks to Cleaning Day Volunteers**

Everyone at SJoA is in debt to the volunteers who worked so hard yesterday in cleaning up the church grounds and the buildings hereon. I believe we all made the words of St. Paul our own: "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). Every part of life that is good can be incorporated into the work of redemption if we are intentional about it, even cutting back brush, cleaning mildew, sweep floors, etc. Work, moreover, can even become an occasion of joy when given a supernatural motivation! We should keep this in mind in the midst of our daily tasks. To all who helped: Thank you so very much!

### **Monthly Year of Mercy Spiritual Pilgrimage**

Don't forget about the next daily spiritual pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy! This Saturday coming (April 23<sup>rd</sup>) we visit the Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier, in Alexandria. In addition to visiting this beautiful Cathedral and spending time in prayer, we'll also pass through the Holy Doors and make prayers for the Jubilee Indulgence. There's no charge for this pilgrimage. We ask only that you call the office by this Friday (at noon) of this week to let us know that you will be accompanying us. This will also enable us to organize carpools (to cut down on expenses and build fraternal charity). We depart from SJoA at **8:45 am** sharp, so please don't be late. After visiting the Cathedral for devotions and prayer, we'll stop for an affordable Dutch treat lunch before returning home.

### **Congratulations to Krystal Moreau!**

SJoA's own Krystal Moreau, daughter of Carla Moreau, received the first prize in the Diocese's Vocations Drawing Contest. In addition to receiving a monetary prize, Krystal also has the honor of having her drawing placed on the Diocese's Vocations Card that is circulated to each parish in the Diocese. These Vocations Cards will be made available to each SJoA parishioner this weekend. I ask that you pray Bishop Provost's Prayer for Vocations (found on this card) regularly, if not daily. When we are faithful in our prayers (and sacrifices), the Lord of the Harvest will bless His Church with holy vocations to good and holy vocations to the Priesthood. Finally, on behalf of all SJoA parishioners: I congratulate you, Krystal, on a job well done!

### **Have you begun yet???**

In the homily last Sunday, I mentioned the particular relevance the Acts of the Apostles has for Christians today. Our world has slipped back into paganism. Our mission is to reclaim the world for Christ, and, with the help of God's grace, build up the Kingdom of God. It seems to me that the Acts of the Apostles can serve as a kind of "program," if you will, for how we ourselves can become effective "apostles" for Christ in the world today. If you haven't begun reading

this book of the Bible yet, *what are you waiting for???* Spend 15 or 20 minutes each day with Acts. After you read it once, start reading the Gospel of Luke. Once you finish Luke, re-read the Acts of the Apostles. (FYI: the Gospel of Luke is volume one; Acts of the Apostles is volume two.)

### **On Confirmation, by St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

(From *The Catecheses*)

When we were baptized into Christ and clothed ourselves in him, we were transformed into the likeness of the Son of God. Having destined us to be his adopted sons, God gave us a likeness to Christ in his glory, and living as we do in communion with Christ, God's anointed, we ourselves are rightly called "the anointed ones." When he said: *Do not touch my anointed ones*, God was speaking of us.

We became "the anointed ones" when we received the sign of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, everything took place in us by means of images, because we ourselves are images of Christ. Christ bathed in the river Jordan, imparting to its waters the fragrance of his divinity, and when he came up from them the Holy Spirit descended upon him, like resting upon like. So we also, after coming up from the sacred waters of baptism, were anointed with chrism, which signifies the Holy Spirit, by whom Christ was anointed and of whom blessed Isaiah prophesied in the name of the Lord: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor.*

Christ's anointing was not by human hands, nor was it with ordinary oil. On the contrary, having destined him to be the Savior of the whole world, the Father himself anointed him with the Holy Spirit. The words of Peter bear witness to this: *Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit.* And David the prophet proclaimed: *Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever; your royal scepter is a scepter of justice. You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above all your fellows.*

The oil of gladness with which Christ was anointed was a spiritual oil; it was in fact the Holy Spirit himself, who is called *the oil of gladness* because he is the source of spiritual joy. But we too have been anointed with oil, and by this anointing we have entered into fellowship with Christ and have received a share in his life. Beware of thinking that this holy oil is simply ordinary oil and nothing else. After the invocation of the Spirit it is no longer ordinary oil but the gift of Christ, and by the presence of his divinity it becomes the instrument through which we receive the Holy Spirit. While symbolically, on our foreheads and senses, our bodies are anointed with this oil that we see, our souls are sanctified by the holy and life-giving Spirit.