

Fifty Sunday of Easter



MASSES & INTENTIONS

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., Elroy & Genora Thomas, Lawrence, Norbert, Paul Thomas, Sr., Alphonse Ardoin, Mrs. Jack Granger

SUNDAY, April 24, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Stacey Beaubouef, Leonard Beaubouef, Robert “Robbie” Taylor, Tush Strother, James Sharp, Nelson Manuel, John Essie Victorian

MONDAY, April 25, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Angelle L. Durio

TUESDAY, April 26, 2016

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Evelyn Manuel

THURSDAY, April 28, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Marita Caesar Family – In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, April 29, 2016

6:30 A.M. – Claiborne Durio

SATURDAY, April 30, 2016

6:00 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, Cecilia Sonnier, Elmo Smith

SUNDAY, May 1, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. – Dallas & Billy Bertrand, Sr., Stacey Beaubouef, Doughty, Margaret & Nancy Broussard, Robert “Robbie” Taylor, Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, James Sharp, John Essie Victorian

Last Week’s Collection

\$4,677.52

2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

PRAYER LIST FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE

Enola Ballard, Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Dianne Beaubouef, Charles Beaubouef, Gerry Beaubouef, Enola Bellard, Jerome, John & Josie Bergeron, Joann Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Beatrice Cezar, Charlotte Cezar, Carol Deshotel, Pam Dequeant, Donald Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Cotreal Foster, Tim Germany, Elaine Giles Granger, Neuban Guidry, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Victoria Lynn Guillroy, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Shirley Hebert, 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 Scimemi, Caleb Simeon, Margie Smith, Donald Paul Sonnier, Kelly Strother, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweak, Ticky Family, Zachary Villereal, Glenda Williams, Robbie Willis, Earnest & Odella Wilson, Nicole Young

Women’s Cursillo

The Oberlin Ultreya is working in the kitchen for the Women’s Cursillo April 28th – May 1st. *Ultreya meets the 2nd Sunday of every month at 5:00 P.M. in the parish hall.*

Leading the Rosary before Mass this Weekend

6:00 P.M. – Haddie Goodly 7:30 A.M. – Lucy Brandon
10:00 A.M. – Deacon Norris Chapman

Vocations Candle – Clara Smith

(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

Vocations Cross – Kent and Jenny Manuel

SJoA Youth Fundraiser

It’s **Pizza! Pizza!** Time! Make a quick meal with Little Caesars Pizza Kits. They are great for after sporting events or anytime. Order your pizza kit from any youth member or at the church office. **Orders and money are due by Friday, May 6th. Pickup is at the parish hall on Monday, May 16th 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 23rd – Thursday, May 26th. 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 9th.

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 11th, at 11:30 A.M. at the Ave Maria Hall across from the Immaculate Conception Cathedral. 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.

Newly Baptized Meeting

A meeting with the Bishop will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at 10:00 A.M. at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Lake Charles. This is only for the newly baptized at the Easter Vigil Mass, and there will be several Priests present for the neophytes to receive the sacrament of Penance (confession).

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.

Easter Lily Donations

Mrs. Elsie Berlinger in memory of Ralph “Sonny” Berlinger
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Fontenot.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Saturday, April 23rd and Sunday, April 24th – Bethlehem Olive Wood will be here selling religious items after all Masses.
- ❖ Sunday, April 24th – Rosary at Oaklin Springs Cemetery: Macabee Campaign at 4:00 P.M.
- ❖ Sunday, April 24th – RCIA at 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 27th – Adoration 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, April 28th – NO HOLY LEAGUE

SAVE THE DATES

Baccalaureate for 2016 Oberlin and Fairview High Seniors

Sunday, May 8th at 10:00 A.M. Mass

CCD Closing Party

Saturday, May 21st from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

CCD Pre-registration

Sunday, May 22nd after 7:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Masses

External Observance of the Feast Day of SJoA

Sunday, June 5th at 10:00 A.M. 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

Congratulations to the 2016 SJoA Confirmation Class

We extend heart-felt and joyful congratulations to those young gentlemen and one young lady who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this Tuesday past.

1. Johari Frank
2. Loranzo Gradney
3. Luis Ortiz
4. John Marcantel
5. Christian McClellan
6. Bryce Reed
7. Ethan Smith
8. Kailee Sonnier
9. Colby Thibodeaux (*was confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass*)
10. Drew Beaubouef (*will be confirmed Pentecost Sunday*)

With the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation comes an increased duty to pray, to practice the Sacraments more fervently, to hold, teach and defend the Catholic Faith, and to support the Church and her mission. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* plainly states: Having received the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Christian faithful “are *more perfectly bound* to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, *more strictly obliged* to spread and defend the faith by word and deed” (1285).

The errant belief that Confirmation is a “graduation” must cease. Confirmation does not conclude one’s formation. Rather, Confirmation provides the recipient with additional graces for living the Faith in the “field of the world.” Confirmation sets us on a course to become more involved in the apostolic mission of the Church, the work of evangelization, and more deeply rooted in the life of the church parish. So then, let none of us think the ceremonies of a few days ago signaled the conclusion of these young people’s “faith journey.” Such a notion is seriously deformed. In God’s plan, these young people are just beginning! Our failure to cooperate with His plan is only to our detriment, and for one who has received Confirmation, that failure is even worse. As Our Blessed Lord has said: “Every one to whom much is given, of him will much be required” (Luke 12:48).

The Maccabee Campaign

The next Maccabee Campaign is *Sunday, April 24th*, at *4:00 pm*. (That’s today!) We will make the prayers at Oaklin Springs Cemetery. Remember, Pope Francis has indulged the works of mercy during this Jubilee Year, so don’t miss out on this opportunity to pray for the souls of the departed faithful!

Mercy Monday

The next Mercy Monday is *April 25th*, at *6:00 pm*. Yours truly is the scheduled presenter. My presentation is titled: “Angels: Messengers & Agents of Mercy”. I hope you will join us. We meet in the Parish Hall for the presentation and then journey to the church for a brief period of adoration and benediction.

Thanks to the Ladies Altar Society

I wish to thank the Ladies Altar Society for overseeing the lion’s share of details for the Confirmation reception. SJoA benefits very

much from their dedicated and generous service. May the Lord reward them for their kindnesses!

ETWN Spiritual Pilgrimage

It’s time to sign up for the parish pilgrimage to EWTN. Last year’s trip (our first as a parish) was awesome! If you’re on the fence about whether to make the pilgrimage, I encourage you to speak with anyone who did. From beginning to end, the pilgrimage was a time of “light, refreshment, and peace.” I fully expect this year’s pilgrimage to live up to last year’s. The dates for the trip are May 23-26. We leave after morning Mass on May 23rd and will return in the evening of the 26th. The cost is \$225.00 per person. This includes lodging and some of the meals. Other expenses to be incurred are meals while traveling and whatever items you might wish to purchase. *Please note:* the pilgrimage was planned so that those in the school system could easily attend, since school will have let out by the time of the pilgrimage. You can sign up for the EWTN Pilgrimage by calling the Rectory (639-4399).

On the Holy Eucharist (St. Cyril of Jerusalem, the *Catecheses*)

On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: “Take, eat: this is my body.” He took the cup, gave thanks and said: “Take, drink: this is my blood.” Since Christ himself has declared the bread to be his body, who can have any further doubt? Since he himself has said quite categorically, This is my blood, who would dare to question it and say that it is not his blood? Therefore, it is with complete assurance that we receive the bread and wine as the body and blood of Christ. His body is given to us under the symbol of bread, and his blood is given to us under the symbol of wine, in order to make us by receiving them one body and blood with him. Having his body and blood in our members, we become bearers of Christ and sharers, as Saint Peter says, in the divine nature. Once, when speaking to the Jews, Christ said: *Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you shall have no life in you.* This horrified them and they left him. Not understanding his words in a spiritual way, they thought the Savior wished them to practice cannibalism. Under the old covenant there was showbread, but it came to an end with the old dispensation to which it belonged. Under the new covenant there is bread from heaven and the cup of salvation. These sanctify both soul and body, the bread being adapted to the sanctification of the body, the Word, to the sanctification of the soul. Do not, then, regard the Eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine: they are in fact the body and blood of the Lord, as he himself has declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith. You have been taught and you are firmly convinced that what looks and tastes like bread and wine is not bread and wine but the body and the blood of Christ. You know also how David referred to this long ago when he sang: *Bread gives strength to man’s heart and makes his face shine with the oil of gladness.* Strengthen your heart, then, by receiving this bread as spiritual bread, and bring joy to the face of your soul. May purity of conscience remove the veil from the face of your soul so that by contemplating the glory of the Lord, as in a mirror, you may be transformed from glory to glory in Christ Jesus our Lord. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.