

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 28, 2016

6:00 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, Cecile Sonnier, Evelyn Manuel, Alfin Caesar, Katie & Beret Chapman, Marita Cezar Family, Keith LeJeune, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr., Joey James

SUNDAY, May 29, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Stacey Beaubouef, Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, James Sharp, John Essie Victorian, D.C. Reed, Jr., Kenny & Lucy Fuselier, Msgr. Joseph Bourque, Msgr. Jules Daigle, Bishop Jude Speyrer, Helen Sonnier, Glenn Sonnier, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fontenot, Michael F. Pitre

MONDAY, May 30, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – E.J. & Mary Hance

TUESDAY, May 31, 2016

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Elijah Rodriguez

THURSDAY, June 2, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Elmo Smith

FRIDAY, June 3, 2016

6:30 A.M. – Gene & Velma Brakel

SATURDAY, June 4, 2016

8:00 A.M. MASS – Sr. Zélie Thérèse of the Redeemer

6:00 P.M. MASS – Simon, Leora & Freddie Sonnier, Jeremy Rider, Henry L., Lula & Betty Fontenot, Clanton Frank, Sr., Roland & Verlie Chaumont, Egbert McGee, Preston Manuel

SUNDAY, June 5, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Dallas & Billy Bertrand, Sr., Stacey Beaubouef, Doughty, Margaret & Nancy Broussard, James Sharp, John Essie Victorian, Dwight, Dalbus, & Gracie Gradney, D.C. Reed, Jr., Joey James, Michael F. Pitre

Last Week's Collection

\$2,103.50

PRAYER LIST FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE

Keshon Artis, KeJon Artis, Enola Ballard, Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Dianne Beaubouef, Charles Beaubouef, Gerry Beaubouef, Enola Bellard, Jerome, John & Josie Bergeron, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Florence Cormier, Carol Deshotel, Pam Dequeant, Betty Dodd, Cindy Dowies, Glen Erwin, David Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Cotreal Foster, Tim Germany, Elaine Giles Granger, Keith Granger, Neuban Guidry, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Victoria Lynn Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Shirley Hebert, Jennifer Hibbs, Amanda Hooper, Jan Horton, John Jackson, Perella Jackson, Shenita Jackson, Joey James, Braden Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Michael LaGrange, Essie Langley, Shirley Manuel, Tina Morgan Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, and Adam LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Donnell & Patricia Lowe, Charles Mancil, Joy Mancil, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Marlin Manuel, Pat Manuel & Fly, Trista Marler, Barry Martin, Brandy McCarty, John McNabb, Christina McNutt, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Russell Meaux, Beau Montou, Kathy Montou, Glenn Morgan, Marvin Morgan, Odrey & Dorothy Montou, Charles Mosely, Abby Mussellwhite, Nicholas Odom, Devin Pelt, Sally Pitre, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Ashton Read, Sara Reed & Fly., Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Leonard Richard, Rev. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, Caleb Simeon, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Margie Smith, Donald Paul Sonnier, Kelly Strother, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweak, Ticky Family, Zachary Villereal, Glenda Williams, Robbie Willis, Earnest & Odellia Wilson, Nicole Young

Sponsor Flowers for Feast of SJoA

Donations are being taken to pay for flowers to be placed on the Altar for the Feast of St. Joan of Arc.

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 – Marita Cezar

(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

Vocations Cross – Mary Ann Goodly

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Come, Lord Jesus! Anniversary Mass

Father Conley Bertrand of Lafayette will celebrate an annual Anniversary Mass for the Diocese of Lake Charles Come, Lord Jesus! Groups on Wednesday, June 1st at 9:30 A.M. at St. Margaret's Family Life Center. A potluck salad luncheon will follow Mass. Guests are welcome. Contact Linda Stewart at 478-6954.

Day of Fasting and Prayer

On Friday, June 3rd – The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – has been designated by the Bishops of the Province of Louisiana as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Protection against Hurricanes. SJoA will have special prayers and devotions for our appropriate participation. You are asked to make note of this **obligation** to pray and fast on this day and plan to observe the day with fidelity.

External Observance of the Feast Day of SJoA

On Sunday, June 5th at 10:00 A.M. Mass we will observe the external feast day of St. Joan of Arc. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

Beverages, Decorated cakes & Serve – Altar Society

Main Dish – Cooked by the KC's

Side Dishes – Last Name's Start with A - G

Vegetable – Last Name's Start with H - L

Bread – Last Name's Start with M - R

Desserts – Last Name's Start with S - Z

Annual SJoA Altar Society Summer Social

On Saturday, June 18, 2016, the Altar Society members will meet in the Parish Hall at 5:30 to attend 6:00 P.M. Mass together. After Mass members return to the Hall for a Summer Social. Altar Society Members are to bring their favorite covered dish and a gift with a value of \$10 for White Elephant!! Door Prizes, too!

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession** – Sunday, May 29th immediately after 10:00 Mass.
- ❖ Monday, May 30th – **Office Closed** for Memorial Day
- ❖ Thursday, June 2nd – Rosary for Vocations at 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ Thursday, June 2nd – Holy League: Men's Prayer Group at 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Friday, June 3rd – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

FROM FATHER CONNER

Conclusion of CCD Year ... Recently His Excellency, Bishop Provost mentioned in his monthly letter to the clergy of the Diocese that he has noticed an improved understanding of the faith in the students involved in parish religion programs. News such as this is an encouragement to us all! The purpose of a parish religious education program (aka, CCD) is to increase the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ in the hearts, souls, and minds of the young. Our efforts for this must continue, and we must strive to do everything in our power to ensure that the youth have an age appropriate understanding of the faith. This is the goal of the SJoA CCD Program. Implementing **standards** (such as tests, quizzes, homework) and **requirements** (class, Mass attendance) make these goals possible. The absence of standards and requirements makes this goal practically impossible. (We now have 4 to 5 decades of evidence proving this.) Therefore, we will continue having standards and requirements in our CCD Program next year. This is a "pressing forward," because they are invaluable in assisting SJoA in her mission to form the image of Christ in the youth.

FROM FATHER CONNER

Thanks To Teachers, Administrative Assistants

I extend a sincere Thank You to each teacher and administrative assistant in the CCD Program. We had a very good year. Each of you contributed so much, and I speak of more than labor or time. I am referring, especially, to your charity. Thank you for loving God and loving these young people enough to sacrifice your time and energy. The summer will provide an opportunity to recharge. As we wrap CCD up, please be assured of my genuine appreciation for all that you did, and I thank you for your efforts in helping the youth know and love Christ more fully!

Congratulations to CCD Students

Several students were awarded achievement awards at the CCD Closing Ceremonies held last Saturday. We recognize them here:

Most Outstanding Students

- High School: Christian Manuel
- Middle School: Halea Manuel
- Elementary: Kristoff Brandon

These students exemplified diligence, discipline, respect, and courtesy in the classroom and beyond. They are to be congratulated for their outstanding effort and example.

St. Christopher Award

- Nina Abrusley

This award takes its name from the saint who “bore” the Divine Child Jesus on his shoulders and carried Him across a deep river. (The name “Christopher” means “Christ bearer.”) The St. Christopher Award is bestowed on a student who makes Christ present to others by his or her constant virtue, unfailing respect, diligent concern for others, and exemplary practice of the Catholic Faith. Join me in thanking Nina for making Our Blessed Lord present to others by her life!

Mass Attendance, Vacation & Tithing

While not officially Summer just yet, summertime definitely has arrived. School’s out and many of us will find a little time to slip away for some “R & R.” This is indeed fine and good. I would mention two things along these lines.

First, **don’t skip Mass when you’re on vacation. It’s a mortal sin.** We must sear into our mind that a person’s soul goes to Hell if he dies unrepentant in mortal sin (cf., CCC 1033). A vacation does not excuse us from the requirements of Divine Law. **Attendance at holy Mass – even when traveling, even when on vacation – remains obligatory.** How foolish we act and how superficial our relationship with God shows itself to be, when we think that taking a “vacation” from Mass would somehow benefit us!

Secondly, **SJoA needs you to be consistent in your tithing during the summer months.** I say this because it’s not all that unusual for the collection of a church parish to drop during the summer months. **(Please note last week’s collection for evidence of this.)** Tithing drops during the summer for a few reasons. Here are a few we should consider:

1. People travel more during the summer months. While away from their church parish, they do not make the effort to tithe (to their parish) as they should.

2. People tithe less in the summer to help pay for their vacation and/or travel plans. They offset this added expense by reducing their tithe.
3. People tithe less in the summer because utilities tend to be more expensive. To offset increased costs, they reduce tithes to their church parish.

From a financial perspective, each of us (both you and I) has a duty to support the church (cf. CCC 2043). If we are going to be away for a while, we should plan ahead for our tithes. ***Please keep in mind that SJoA will still have to pay her bills during the summer months.*** And like yours, our utilities also increase during the summer. I rarely speak of tithing, so I hope you will see that this is an important matter. It would be unjust (and maybe even selfishly unjust on our part) if we were not to remain steady in our financial support of SJoA over the summertime.

I wrap up this consideration on tithing by quoting the First Reading from the Mass today: ***“Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything”*** (Genesis 14:20). While there is no hard and fast rule on how much we are obliged to tithe, Christians have always seen in Abram a sure guide to their charity. “He gave him a tenth of everything.” How are we doing with our tithing? ***Research shows that, on average, Christians tithe less than 2%.*** When I read studies on these things, I ask myself the question: I wonder how much people “tithe” to LSU, MSU, the duck blind or deer stand? Is it more or less than what they offer to support their church parish? The answer can be very telling with respect to our quality of faith. ***For when we seriously consider the nature of tithing, we can see that it actually is an act of faith: tithing is an offering to God, but is our offering a sign of true faith (i.e., I make this offering trusting that God will provide for me and my family) and love? Or is it inconsequential (i.e., without thought or planning, or contingent upon hearing something I agree with at holy Mass)?*** Tithing is spiritual. Like Abram we should offer back to God something that reflects our love of and faith in Him. Tithing is also a practical necessity. A church parish must pay its bills. With all of this in mind, please make it a point to be consistent in your tithing during the summer months.

Feast of SJoA – Monday ... Sunday

The actual feast day of St. Joan of Arc is tomorrow, Monday, May 30th. We’ll have a low Mass (in the EF) to commemorate St. Joan’s feast day. Next Sunday (June 5th) we’ll commemorate St. Joan’s feast day at each of our Sunday Masses. These will be in the Ordinary Form. **As mentioned in the bulletin last Sunday, please do consider attending holy Mass at 10:00 am next Sunday. Having a packed church for our principle Mass on the Patronal Feast of the parish would be a tremendous grace. Please prayerfully consider this.** After Mass we’ll have a lovely sit-down parish luncheon. There will be plenty of food, drinks, and goodies. ***(See the facing page on what you can bring to help make the luncheon spectacular!)*** **Also:** In an effort to make the 10:00 am Mass next Sunday special for our Patronal Feast, I will pray the Preface prayer and the Eucharistic Prayer in Latin on the Feast of St. Joan of Arc. The Eucharistic Prayer (known as the Roman Canon) is very familiar to us, since I use it nearly every Sunday. To assist your participation, I will include in the bulletin next Sunday the Preface and the page number in the missalette where you can find the Roman Canon.

GREGORIAN CHANT SUMMER CAMP 2016

Parish Hall, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
Oberlin, LA

Monday, June 27th thru Friday, July 1st (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)
Lunch provided each day

\$12 fee per person (covers lunch and supplies)

Registration Deadline: Monday, June 20th

Ages 10 and above

Call the church office to register

Students will sing at High Mass in the Extraordinary Form
Friday, July 1st (Feast of the Precious Blood); 6:00 pm

Goals/Objectives:

- Appreciation of the spirituality of Chant
- Be able to interpret the Gregorian Neumes (square notes)
- Use of the tonic Sol-fa system for singing Chant
- Pronounce Ecclesiastical Latin
- Use proper choral technique for singing
- Sing the famous *Missa de Angelis* (Mass of the Angels)
- Recognize the journey of Chant into Sacred Polyphony
- Sing a short, easy polyphonic piece of music
- Understand the Church's outlook regarding Chant (esp. for the Liturgy)



“Nothing elevates the soul,
nothing gives it wings as
[Gregorian Chant] does.” — *St. John Chrysostom*



“Wherever there are
spiritual melodies, there
does the grace of the
Spirit come, sanctifying
the mouth and the soul.”
— *St. Nicodemus of the
Holy Mountain*