

# External Observance of the Solemnity of St. Peter Claver

## **MASSES & INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, September 10, 2016**

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Evelyn Manuel, Jeanette Hornsby, Keith LeJeune, Egbert McGee, Preston Manuel

**SUNDAY, September 11, 2016**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Stacey Beaubouef, Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, John Essie Victorian, D.C. Reed, Jr., Helen Sonnier, Glenn Sonnier, Edward Maddox, Jennifer Sonnier, Police Officers & Firemen, Megan Manuel, David Briscoe

**MONDAY, September 12, 2016**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Mary Bushnell

**TUESDAY, September 13, 2016**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, September 14, 2016**

**6:30 A.M.** – D.C. Reed, Jr.

**THURSDAY, September 15, 2016**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Michael Wayne Granger (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**FRIDAY, September 16, 2016**

**NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, September 17, 2016**

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Cecile Sonnier, Hubert Bertrand, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Emily Adams, Eve Smith Guilbeau, Keith LeJeune, Shirley Gary

**SUNDAY, September 18, 2016**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Stacey Beaubouef, Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, Margaret Karam, Linda LeJeune, Paul Thomas, Sr. & Deceased Family Members, John Essie Victorian, D.C. Reed, Jr., Edward Maddox, Jeanette Hornsby, Jennifer Sonnier, Joseph J.G. Berry, Lillian Fontenot, Douglas Chauvin, Lucille Daigle

**Last Week's Collection** **\$6,154.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection This Weekend – Catholic University of America**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Weekend – Bishop's Service Appeal**

## **PRAYER LIST FOR JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER**

Enola Bellard, Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Dianne Beaubouef, Charles Beaubouef, Gerry Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Corey Briscoe, Douglas Briscoe, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, David & Natalie Carrier, Beatrice Cezar Family, Vivian Cole Family, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottogin, Aiden Darbonne, Carol Deshotel, Jackie Deville, Susan Duplantis, David Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Justin Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Tim Germany, Rita Gordon, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Daniel Goodly & Fly., Keith Granger, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Victoria Lynn Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Shirley Hebert, Jan Horton, Charlene Ireland, John, Sheenita & Perella Jackson. Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Rudolph & Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Essie Langley, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel, Shirley Manuel, Trista Marler, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Dorothy Montou, Grayce LaRacca, Tina Morgan Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, and Adam LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Charles Mancil, Joy Mancil, Ray Marcantel, Brandy McCarty, Sam & Rochelle McMahan, Christina McNutt, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Russell Meaux, Janice Moreau, Nicholas Odum, Gabriella and Martel Papillion, Howard Patin, Devin Pelt, Sally Pitre, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Ashton Read, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Sara Reed & Fly., Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Leonard Richard, Don Rider, Ann Rooney, Rev. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Margie Smith, Donald Paul Sonnier, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Zachary Villereal, JoAnn Welch, Robbie Willis, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Robert Yeagley, Sr., Nicole Young

## **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** – Mrs. Francis Gueringer

**Vocations Cross** – Todd & Kellie Manuel

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## **St. Vincent de Paul**

School uniforms and school supplies are available in the St. Vincent de Paul building. The building is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 – 12 or you may come by the rectory during office hours.

## **Glad Tidings Program**

Sunday, September 18, 2016 – **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time:** Bishop Glen John Provost reads the Gospel of the day from St. Luke (16:1-13) and speaks on the importance of the scripture.

## **Bishop's Golf Classic**

The Annual Bishop's Golf Classic will be Friday, October 7, 2016, at The National Golf Course in Westlake. There will be one shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. There will be four persons to a team (\$500/team or \$125/individual), Hole Sponsorships are available for \$150.00 each and Banner sponsorships available for \$1,000 each. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church.

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## **This Week @ SJoA**

- ❖ Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Ultreya at 5:00 P.M.; Solemn Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – K.C. Meeting at 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – NO CCD or Youth Group**
- ❖ Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Holy League: Men's Prayer Group at 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – NO MASS**

## **RETURN TO THE LORD**

## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION**

### **What is Camp Karol and how will the campaign benefit Saint Charles Center?**

Every generation desires that the values and beliefs that are essential to their moral and spiritual well-being are handed on to the next generation. This is the fundamental mission of the new Camp Karol of the Saint Charles Center (SCC). SCC intends to expand its facilities and broaden its youth ministry programming. The campaign already secured a generous, lead gift earlier this year of 89 acres, conveniently located near its current facilities along Sam Houston Jones Parkway in Moss Bluff to help us achieve our mission. Through this campaign, we will dedicate \$1.6 million dollars to make Camp Karol a dynamic faith experience so youth can "get away" to a sacred space for serenity and renewal, as well as personal challenge and growth. To date, our parish has raised 24% or \$58,706 toward our goal of \$246,444.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

**Weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**

BSA Collection

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

R.C.I.A. begins at 5:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Bazaar Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

**Weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**

SJoA Bazaar

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### **Big Communion Mass**

Please mark your calendar for our 2016 “Big Communion” Mass. Last year we had the grace of having a Big Communion Mass for the first time in several decades. The tradition continues this year as well. **Our Big Communion Mass will be Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:00 am Mass.** At this Mass, our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD class will make their “Big Communion.” As I noted last year leading up to the Mass, a Big Communion was a staple of just about every Catholic Church Parish in the USA until just a few decades ago. A Big Communion was made for different reasons, but among the most common were these: **1)** to give thanks to God for the inestimable gift of the most Holy Eucharist. Having a few more years of formation, a child could thank the Lord in a special ceremony for the gift of His Sacred Body and Precious Blood. **2)** to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which in earlier times was usually administered just after a young person made a Big Communion.

While the second of these does not apply to this year’s 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class, they can still offer a special tribute of gratitude to the Good God during this unique Mass. I ask that we keep the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders in our prayers. We will join them in thanking the Lord of Heaven and earth for “remaining with us” in this most sublime of all sacraments: the most Holy Eucharist!

Finally, it’s fitting that the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders dress in such a way to demonstrate the dignity of the occasion. We ask that the young gentlemen wear coats and ties and the young ladies wear dresses (suggestion: white, with gloves and a veil ... like at First Holy Communion). If for some reason this is not possible, first of all, be assured that SJoA wishes to be of assistance to any family who might need help in obtaining the wardrobe just described. Secondly, be assured that accommodations can be made if necessary. We want this to be a time of joy for the entire family and church parish!

### **Blessing of the Cemeteries**

The Blessing of the Cemeteries will be Saturday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>** and Sunday, **November 6<sup>th</sup>**. A schedule will be posted in the bulletin very soon as well as on the parish website.

### **The Parish Bazaar**

Along the lines of marking the date, please reserve the weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. No. That’s not the weekend LSU will be playing Alabama. **Our parish bazaar will be Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

The **Gumbo Cook Off** will be that Saturday, along with **BINGO** and plenty of food. (FYI ... The Gumbo Cook Off is open to any and all. Non-parishioners, non-Catholics, anyone may register for it.)

The **Auction, raffles, more BINGO, games** for the kids, and even more **food** will be that Sunday.

The bazaar is an important fundraiser for us, so please start inviting family and friends (even those who do not live around the OT) to join us.

It would certainly be a big help for SJoA if you bought your BBQ meal tickets earlier this year. Also, would you consider taking a book of tickets and selling them to some of your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc?

And we need items for the auctions. *Would you help us solicit items? Do you have any connections with either individuals or businesses?* Big or small, we have a need. If you think of a person or business we can approach, please let me or Kenneth Granger (the “Bazaar Czar” ... Bazaar Chairman) know. Anything helps, so don’t be bashful in approaching folks for donations!

We’re compiling a list of auction items and will soon begin making note of some of the items. We will have some things of real interest, so keep an eye out for them.

Also, we are in need of folks to help plan and work the bazaar. Won’t you consider coming to the next bazaar meeting? It will be **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 pm. We could really use your help.

### **St. Peter Claver – Patron of the Diocese of LC**

The Feast of St. Peter Claver, the Patron of the Diocese of Lake Charles, is September 9<sup>th</sup>. In both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms, the feast is transferred to the Sunday nearest the actual date. As such, today we commemorate the External Observance of the Solemnity of St. Peter Claver in the Diocese of Lake Charles. In the Ordinary Form, the Readings of the Mass are those of the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday (found in the missalettes). The Propers (Introit, Gradual, Offertory, Communion) belong to the Mass of St. Peter Claver, as do the orations (Collect, Prayer over the Gifts, Post Communion). In the Extraordinary Form, the Mass of St. Peter Claver replaces the entire Mass of the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.

While the Saints never go out of style (we apologize to the 1970s which thought they did!), some saints are needed more at times than others. Today it seems we really could use the help and example of St. Peter Claver. Here’s what I mean.

Our Country presently suffers from tensions among the various races. Strife and discord are so pervasive, and the media stokes the racial fires. (This is the work of the demonic!) We would be very wise in seeking the intercession of our great diocesan patron for heavenly assistance to heal the racial wounds of our day and bring unity to these divisions. St. Peter is here for us. He longs to assist us from Heaven. But we must make an appeal, maybe even several, for God tests the quality of our faith (Luke 18:1-8).

May he who offered compassion and charity beyond all telling to those who were different and counted as nothing by the majority of men in his day, remind us of how we are to treat others. In the words of St. Paul: “Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,’ and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law” (Romans 13:8-10).

Let us leave behind all hatred and strife, discord and dissension. The child of God must seek to imitate his Heavenly Father. We are called to love (to supernatural charity), to kindness, to patience, to forgiveness, to gentleness, and to peace. So let us be peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God (Matthew 5:9)!

God bless you all! And Happy Patronal Feast Day!

St. Peter Claver, “slave of the slaves.”

Pray for us!