

# Thirtieth Sunday in the Season of the Year

## **MASSES & INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, October 22, 2016**

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Cecile Sonnier, Hubert & Doris Ryder, LeRoy Fontenot, Pereda Fontenot, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr., Togeal & Elizabeth Goodly, Keith LeJeune

**SUNDAY, October 23, 2016**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Angelle L. Durio, Gene & Velma Brakel, D.C. Reed, Jr., Edward Maddox, Stacey & Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, Quinten Savoie, Savannah & Curley Gradney, Sr., Mackie Duplechain

**MONDAY, October 24, 2016**

**NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, October 25, 2016**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, October 26, 2016**

**NO MASS**

**THURSDAY, October 27, 2016**

**NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, October 28, 2016**

**NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, October 29, 2016**

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Bruce & Mary Esther Courville, Sonny Berlinger, Keith LeJeune

**SUNDAY, October 30, 2016**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Andrus Joseph Frilot, Ella Mae Frilot, D.C. Reed, Jr., Edward Maddox, Stacey & Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, Quinten Savoie

**Last Week's Collection**

**\$3,831.69**

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

Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Gerry Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Corey Briscoe, Douglas Briscoe, Luke Burnham, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Kristin Carlton, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, David & Natalie Carrier, Beatrice Cezar Family, Vivian Cole Family, Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottongin, Aiden Darbonne, Carol Deshotel, Jackie Deville, David Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Justin Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Jeri Garcille, 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, Shenita & Perella Jackson. Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Rudolph & Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Tina Morgan Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Shirley Manuel, Trista Marler, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Charles Mancil, Joy Mancil, Ray Marcantel, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Sam & Rochelle McMahan, Christina McNutt, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Janice Moreau, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Nicholas Odum, Gabriella & 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, Vera Ross, Rev. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Quentin Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Margie Smith, Donald Paul Sonnier, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Conrad Trombatore, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Zachary Villereal, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Robbie Willis, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, 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. Phielomone Goodly

**Vocations Cross** – Mrs. Francis Gueringer

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## **BSA Collection**

Our BSA donations are at \$8,055.18. Our quota is \$9,671.00. BSA donations may be made at any time. Simply put BSA on your check or envelope and place these in the collection basket or bring them to the rectory. Collections will be taken on the first weekend of the month until our quota has been met.

## **SJoA Trunk or Treat**

SJoA youth group will sponsor a "Trunk or Treat" Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 – 7 P.M. Children ages 12 and under are invited. Parishioners are encouraged to bring your decorated vehicle to the church parking lot between 4:30 – 4:45 P.M. to hand out candy and trinkets to the children. Candy donations can be dropped off at the church office. There will be a costume contest for best Saint's costume for the children of SJoA. More information on this next weekend.

## **Glad Tidings Program**

Sunday, October 30, 2016 – **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Bishop Glen John Provost reads the Gospel of the day from St. Luke (19:1-10) and speaks on the importance of the scripture to the faithful.

## **Fifth Annual Bishop's Gala**

Bishop Glen John Provost invites you to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Gala Saturday, December 10, 2016, in the Lake Charles Civic Center. Tickets are \$125 each and may be purchased in the church office. Doors open with general admittance at 6:30 p.m.

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## **This Week @ SJoA**

- ❖ Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Bazaar Meeting at 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD and Youth Group beginning at 4:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, October 27<sup>h</sup> – NO HOLY LEAGUE

## **RETURN TO THE LORD**

### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION**

**How can I Return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?**

I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Dear in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his devoted. LORD, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your maidservant; you have loosed my bonds. I will offer sacrifice of praise and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vow to the LORD in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD in your midst, O Jerusalem. Alleluia! PSALM 115, VERSES 12-19. If you want to view the campaign video again, you can find it on the diocesan website [campaign.lcdiocese.org](http://campaign.lcdiocese.org). You can also make your gift online or by contacting the parish office. To date our parish has raised **\$165,573** or **67%** of our goal of **\$246,444**. Please continue your prayers to help us in this important campaign.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Anticipated Mass moves to 4:30 P.M.

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

Confirmation: Sacred Heart of Jesus in Oakdale at 7:00 P.M.

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### RETREAT

The Priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be on retreat this week, that is, from Monday through Friday. As such, we will be unavailable for assistance. In case of an emergency at SJoA, Deacon Deshotel is to be contacted. The emergency number is listed on the Rectory's voicemail. Should a death or some other grave emergency occur during the time of our retreat, I will be notified by Deacon Deshotel.

### ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day (Tuesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>) is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows:

**6:00 am Mass**

**12:05 pm Mass**

**6:00 pm Mass (EF)**

*Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before each Mass.*

Attendance at Mass on a day of precept is **not** optional. Deliberately failing to attend holy Mass on All Saints day would be a **mortal** sin. Programming note: the 6:00 pm Mass will be a **Solemn Mass**, meaning the choir will sing.

### ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls Day (Wednesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>) is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation, but attendance at holy Mass is preferable and charitable...for the "poor souls" in Purgatory are in need of suffrages (prayers/sacrifices) for their purification. The Mass schedule for All Souls day is as follows:

**9:15 am Mass** (at St. Frances Nursing Home)

**12:05 pm Mass**

**6:00 pm Mass (EF)**

*Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before the 12:05 pm & 6:00 pm Masses.*

The 6:00 pm Mass will be a **Solemn Mass**, meaning the choir will sing.

### BLESSING OF THE CEMETERIES

The schedule of the blessings has been printed in bulletin. The schedule is currently posted on [www.sjoaoberlin.com](http://www.sjoaoberlin.com). A cemetery is a holy place. Consequently, it's important that we maintain the graves of family/friends throughout the year, ensuring that they are clean and tidy. I wish to recommend that you make periodic checks on the graves of your beloved dead, to spruce up around their places of burial and to offer prayers for their repose. We look forward to seeing you at the blessings!

### ANTICIPATED MASS TIME CHANGE!!!

Daylight Saving Time is coming to an end soon. As such, the time for the anticipated Mass on Saturday evening will be adjusted. Beginning Saturday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, the time for the anticipated Mass will move to **4:30 pm**. Please make a note of this. And even though I catch a lot of flack for this, I ask everyone who regularly attends the anticipated Mass on Saturday evening but does not attend on Sunday: please examine your conscience and ask yourself: Is there reason that legitimately prevents you from attending holy Mass on Sunday? While attending holy Mass on Saturday evening fulfills a person's obligation to attend Mass, it cannot be denied (*though some continue to deny it*) that the mind of the Church (*her mind is expressed in her teachings*) is that in ordinary circumstances the faithful would attend holy Mass on Sunday, rather than Saturday evening. Please see the statement on the cover of the bulletin for references for this teaching. I continue to restate this teaching because I genuinely care for your well-being. Until we restore Sunday to its rightful place (meaning we observe it correctly, as a **day** for God, rest, spiritual formation, and family life),

there will be no renewal of the family or the world. I care for your well-being even enough to take heat for this. (And let me tell you: I have caught a **lot** of heat over this.) God bless you, and know that I love and care for you.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: OUR FIRST FREEDOM

Religious liberty, often referred to these days as our "first" freedom (after the right to life, of course), is being assailed from many sides. Religious liberty is that freedom which makes it possible for us to practice our faith in our daily lives. Please note that **Religious Liberty** is not the same thing as **Freedom of Religion**. Whereas religious liberty enables a person to practice his faith in his life (i.e., how he determines to live in the world), freedom of religion generally refers to a person's beliefs and not so much his practices. In other words, freedom of religion does not protect a person's conscience whereas religious liberty insists that the individual conscience be protected and respected. At the Masses this weekend, I will speak of the conscience, what it is, its inviolable nature, and our duty to form it correctly. Here are some important teachings from holy Church regarding conscience:

### WHAT IS CONSCIENCE?

"Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment. . . . For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. . . . His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths." (CCC 1776)

"Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking." (CCC 1777)

"Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law." (CCC 1778)

### SERIOUS OBLIGATION TO FORM ONE'S CONSCIENCE CORRECTLY & OBEY CONSCIENCE

"Conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments **according to reason**, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. The education of conscience is indispensable for human beings who are subjected to negative influences and tempted by sin to prefer their own judgment and to reject authoritative teachings." (CCC 1783)

"In the formation of conscience the **Word of God** [i.e., **Divine Revelation**] is the light for our path, we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord's Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church." (CCC 1785)

"Faced with a moral choice, conscience can make either a right judgment in accordance with **reason** and the **divine law** or, on the contrary, an erroneous judgment that departs from them." (CCC 1799)