

Third Sunday - Season of the Year

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 21, 2016

4:30 P.M. MASS – Leroy Fontenot, Pereda Fontenot, Enola Bellard, Frances Meaux, Sox Gordon, Jeremy Rider, Dorothy J. Montou, Keith LeJeune, John Spears & Fly., Willie, Allie, Larry & Raymond Lanthier

SUNDAY, January 22, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Edward Maddox, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Paul & Rosia Frank, Dreau Granger, Weston Monceaux, Sr., Roselyn Victorian, Augustine Goodley

MONDAY, January 23, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Mrs. Sam J. Reed

TUESDAY, January 24, 2017

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, January 25, 2017

NO MASS

THURSDAY, January 26, 2017

NO MASS

FRIDAY, January 27, 2017

5:30 P.M. MASS – Philip Courville

SATURDAY, January 28, 2017

4:30 P.M. MASS – Helen Sweeney Kidd (1st Anniversary), Frances Meaux, George & Clara Schneider, Pearl P. Fontenot, Martin Goodly, Jeremy Rider, Dwayne, Adam, & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr., Louanna McGee, Keith LeJeune

SUNDAY, January 29, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Edward Maddox, Joseph J.G. Berry, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Roselyn Victorian, Helen Sonnier, Glenn Sonnier

Last Week's Collection

\$3,650.85

2nd Collection – Church in Latin America

PRAYER LIST

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 Fly., Vivian Cole Family, Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottogin, Aiden Darbonne, Carol Deshotel, Jackie Deville, Jabe Doyle, Poochie Duplechain, David Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Justin Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Jeri Garcille, Tim Germany, Elaine & Justin Giles, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Daniel Goodly & Fly., Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Todd 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, Dwain LeBleu, 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, Louanna McGee, Sam & Rochelle McMahon, Christina McNutt, Ronald Meaux, Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Kara Montou, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Nicholas Odum, Gabriella & Martel Papillion, Howard Patin, Devin Pelt, Sally Pitre, Linda & Don Potier, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Ashton Read, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Sara Reed & Fly., Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Leonard Richard, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, ryleigh, Skylië, Jackson, Martha, Rusty, and Patsy Rider, Michael Roger, Beverly Romero and Fly., 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, Barbara Strickland, Kelly Strother, Lucille Strother, Carl Tarver, Kenneth Taylor, Carl Thibodeaux, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Zachary Villereal, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Robbie Willis, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young

Leading the Rosary before Mass this Weekend

4:30 P.M. – Haddie Goodly 7:30 A.M. – Lucy Brandon
10:00 A.M. – Deacon Norris Chapman

Vocations Candle – Mrs. Vergie Monceaux

Vocations Cross – Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Rozas

Divine Intimacy Reading Guide

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Knights of Columbus

It's a new year. Send in your \$25 KC dues to Craig Lejeune a 9842 Hwy 165, Oberlin or pay at the meeting. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M.

Ladies Altar Society

As we begin a new year the Ladies Altar Society would like to welcome all SJoA ladies to join our organization. Dues are \$20 per year. Checks are payable to the Ladies Altar Society and may be mailed to Sandy Scimemi at P.O. Box 210, Oberlin, LA. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 5:30 P.M.

Rachel's Vineyard

Retreat for Healing After Abortion

The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat is Friday, February 24th – Sunday, February 26th at Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff. If you are struggling with guilt, depression, regret or other difficult emotions from an abortion, you are not alone. Brochures are at the entrances of the church. The cost is \$210.00 for meals, private room with private bath and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. For more information or registration contact: Rachel's Vineyard of SWLA 337-439-7400 ext. 317 or e-mail rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org

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This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, January 22nd – NO R.C.I.A.
- ❖ Monday, January 23rd, 2016 – Holy Hour of Reparation for Offenses against Human Life at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, January 23 – Friday, January 27 Office Hours are 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
- ❖ **Wednesday, January 24th – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD; NO Youth Group**
- ❖ Thursday, January 26th – NO Men's Holy League

FROM FATHER CONNER

Away from SJoA a few days this week

Parish business will take me away from SJoA for a few days this week. From a practical point of view, this will affect the daily Mass schedule. Mass will be at the usual time Monday (6:30 am). There will be no Masses Tuesday – Thursday. Friday's Mass time will be at 5:30 pm. I ask your prayers for safe travel, as I will be out of the state during this time.

Adoration/CCD on-going this week

Adoration and CCD will continue as usual this week even though I will be away. The Deacons will oversee adoration/benediction and I have a substitute teacher for my high school CCD class. Thus, these will proceed as usual.

Abbreviated rectory office hours this week

Corinne will be attending the March for Life this week with the Diocese. The rectory office will remain open, but the hours will be reduced. This week the rectory office will be open Monday – Friday, from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm. We appreciate your consideration.

Roe v. Wade

Today, Sunday, January 22nd, marks the 44th anniversary of the full legalization of abortion in the United States. I apply President Roosevelt's words regarding Pearl Harbor to the anniversary of Roe v. Wade: "Today is a day of infamy." Since that disastrous legal decision, approximately 58,000,000 babies have been murdered in the womb in the United States of America alone. Consider well this number. Over 58,000,000. This number is equivalent to more than 12.5 times the state of Louisiana's population!

A few statistics on abortion*

- Nearly 1 out of 3 women will have an abortion by the time she is 45.
- Since 2008, more than 4 out of 10 women who have had an abortion had an income below the federal poverty line.
- White patients accounted for 39% of abortion procedures in 2014, blacks for 28%, Hispanics for 25% and patients of other races and ethnicities for 9%.
- Women of color are disproportionately more likely to have an abortion.
- In 2011, 21% of all pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) in the USA ended in abortion.
- In 2011, 1.7% of women aged 15–44 had an abortion. Half of these women had had at least one previous abortion.
- More than half of all abortion patients in 2014 were in their 20s: Patients aged 20–24 obtained 34% of all abortions, and patients aged 25–29 obtained 27%.

* Information taken from the Guttmacher Institute.

Catechism of the Catholic Church on "abortion"

- Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. **(2270)**
- Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law. **(2271)**
- Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life. A person who procures a

completed abortion incurs excommunication *latae sententiae*, by the very commission of the offense, and subject to the conditions provided by Canon Law. The Church does not thereby intend to restrict the scope of mercy. Rather, she makes clear the gravity of the crime committed, the irreparable harm done to the innocent who is put to death, as well as to the parents and the whole of society. **(2272)**

St. John Paul II on "abortion"

- "Give us the grace, when the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life."
- "You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion."
- "The promotion of the culture of life should be the highest priority in our societies ... If the right to life is not defended decisively as a condition for all other rights of the person, all other references to human rights remain deceitful and illusory."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta on "abortion"

- "It is a poverty that a child must die, so that you may live as you wish."
- "There are two victims in every abortion: a dead baby and a dead conscience."

Pope Benedict XVI on "abortion"

- "The freedom to kill is not a true freedom, but a tyranny that reduces human beings to slavery."
- "Selfishness and fear are at the root of (pro-abortion) legislation ... We in the Church have a great struggle to defend life ... life is a gift not a threat."

Pope Francis on "abortion"

- "Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, Who even before He was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection ... They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!"

Holy Hour of Reparation for abortion

Deacon Deshotel will lead a holy hour of reparation for the sin of abortion this **Monday (Jan. 23rd) at 6:00 pm**. The Second Vatican Council spoke of abortion as an "**unspeakable crime**" (cf. GS 51). Pope Francis has summoned us to resist the "throw away" culture in which we live, which sadly, he noted, also includes innocent human life in the womb (cf. *Address to Diplomatic Corps*, 1/14). Abortion is a tragic chapter in our nation's history. We must not turn a blind eye to it. The responsibility to fight the culture of death falls to each of us. We (**you**) have an obligation to resist, to fight, and to defeat abortion. At the same time, we must also make atonement for the damage this crime against innocent human life has caused. As scripture says: "Make justice your aim: redress the wronged" (cf., Isaiah 1:17). Such will be our intention this Monday evening. Please join Deacon Deshotel at 6:00 pm for an hour of adoration and reparation. I will join you, though from afar, with prayers of my own.