

Fourth Sunday of Easter

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 6, 2017

8:00 A.M. MASS – Sr. Zélie Thérèse of the Redeemer
5:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Jeremy Rider, Pour Souls in Purgatory, Enola Bellard, Henry, Lua & Betty Fontenot, Preston Bertrand, Dorothy Berry, Bud Chapman, Keith LeJeune

SUNDAY, May 7, 2017

7:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)
10:00 A.M. MASS – Edward Maddox, Members of St. Martha's Guild, Gene & Velma Brakel, Jeanette Hornsby, Raoul & Julia Frank, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Liv. & Dec. members of the Ladies Altar Society

MONDAY, May 8, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

TUESDAY, May 9, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Philip Courville

WEDNESDAY, May 10, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Roselyn Victorian

THURSDAY, May 11, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Liv. & Dec. members of Our Lady of the Rosary Prayer Group

FRIDAY, May 12, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Roselyn Victorian

SATURDAY, May 13, 2017

8:00 A.M. MASS – *Our Lady of Fatima*

5:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Jeremy Rider, Martin Goodly, John C. Durio, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Jack Johnson, Auradlene Guillory, Keith LeJeune, Dorothy Berry

SUNDAY, May 14, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Edward Maddox, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Mildred P. & Florence Guillory, Andrus Joseph & Ella May Fritel, Jeanette Hornsby Jeri Garcille, Jennifer Sonnier, Liv. & Dec. members of the Ladies Altar Society, Estelle Pellerin

Last Week's Collection **\$13,739.15**
Catholic Home Mission **\$31.00**
2nd Collection Next Weekend – Basilica of the National Shrine

PRAYER LIST

Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Kristin Carlton, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, David & Natalie Carrier, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottogin, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Carol Deshotel, Jackie Deville, Cindy Doise, Jabe Doyle, Poochie Duplechain, David Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Tim Germany, Elaine Giles, Daniel Goodly & Fly., Freddy & Becky Gorman, Bruce Granger, Jr., Jennifer Granger, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Todd Guillory, Victoria Lynn Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Shirley Hebert, Sunni Hurst, Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Grady Johnson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Rudolph & Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Kristen Labauve, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Dwain LeBleu, Tina Morgan Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Arlington Manuel, Brian Manuel, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Nolton Manuel, Shirley Manuel, Reed McIver, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Ray Marcantel, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Ronald Meaux, Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Janice Moreau, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Nicholas Odum, Joey Owen, Gabriella & Martel Papillion, Howard Patin, Devin Pelt, Sally Pitre, Linda & Don Potier, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Ronnie Ramos, Ashton Read, Reid Redlich, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Sarah Reed & Fly., Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Will Reid, Leonard Richard, Donald Rider, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylie, Jackson, Martha, Rusty, and Patsy Rider, Salis Rider, Michael Roger, Ann Rooney, Vera Ross, Fr. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Quentin Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, C. Sonnier, Remy Spring, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Margie Smith, Donald P. Sonnier, Barbara Strickland, Kelly Strother, Lucille Strother, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Katelyn Tunks, Dollyanna Victorian, Steve Vidrine, Zachary Villereal, Linda Voeller, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Kimberly Worthy, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Divine Intimacy Reading Guide

May 7 th – May 14 th	Entry Number
Sunday	161
Monday	162
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Sunday	168

Vocations Candle – Bobby & Lucy Brandon

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KC Jambalaya Fundraiser

The KC's Jambalaya fundraiser is this Sunday, May 7th beginning after 7:30 A.M. Mass. The Ladies Altar Society will be selling canned drinks for \$1.00. You may choose to eat in the hall or take it to go.

Youth Excursion Day

SJoA youth completing grades 6 – 12 are welcome to attend a free excursion to Petro Bowl and Gatti's Pizza in Lake Charles Wednesday, May 24th. We will leave the church at 9:00 A.M. and return by 3:00 P.M. Please call Mrs. Corinne at the rectory by Monday, May 22nd to sign up your child. Parents are needed to drive and chaperone.

Ladies Altar Society

The next meeting of the LAS is Tuesday, June 6th. The LAS is looking for new members and reminding current members that annual dues for 2017 may now be paid by mailing \$20.00 to P.O. Box 479, Oberlin, or by placing it in an envelope in the collection. Checks should be made out to: Ladies Altar Society.

Silver (25th) and Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in L.C. will have a Mass on Sunday, June 11th at 11:15 A.M. for upcoming anniversaries. Any couple celebrating their 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, or 70+ anniversaries may attend. Register with Mrs. Corinne in the church office.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, May 7th – KC Jambalaya Fundraiser beginning after 7:30 A.M. Mass; Baccalaureate at 10:00 A.M. Mass; Our Lady of Fatima Procession after 10:00 A.M. Mass; Ultreya at 5:00 P.M.; Solemn Holy Hour for Vocations at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, May 8th – Knights of Columbus Meeting at 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, May 10th – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Saturday, May 13th – Mass for Our Lady of Fatima at 8:00 A.M.; Fatima Procession at 12:00 P.M.

EWTN PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Monday, July 17 – Thursday, July 20th. Please sign up at the entrance of the church if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATES

SJOA Feast Day Reception

Sunday, June 4th after 10:00 Mass

Vocation Bible School

Monday, July 24th – Friday, July 28th.

FROM FATHER CONNER

Congratulations!

1. SJoA congratulates Miss **Gabriella Papillion**, who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation while attending school in Natchitoches. Such a joyful time for her and her entire family! We wish each of you our sincere and best wishes!
2. SJoA also congratulates Miss **Jasmine Powers** for taking first prize in the Vocations Drawing Contest sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles. In addition to a monetary prize, Jasmine has the honor of her drawing being placed on the Bishop's official Vocations Prayer Card this year.

KC / LAS Fundraiser

Don't forget about the jambalaya dinners for sale after Mass this Sunday. Dinners may be purchased anytime after the 7:30 am Mass. The Hall will be available should you wish to eat lunch there after the Marian Procession following the 10:00 am Mass.

Farmers' Mass, Blessing of Fields & Animals

We will have a special Mass for Farmers **Monday, May 15th**, the feast of St. Isidore the Farmer. Mass will be at **6:30 am**. I will also be available to bless fields, pastures, flocks, & herds over the next few weeks. Please call the rectory if you desire blessings for your land and animals. It's my pleasure to do these things!

Follow Up On Last Sunday's Bulletin

Last Sunday, I attempted to summarize the crisis we are currently experiencing in the Catholic Church. I can imagine that some may have wondered (after the dust had settled) whether I was exaggerating or if I am simply a pessimist. I can promise you I was not exaggerating and neither am I a pessimist. I am, in fact, a realist, and a joyful one at that. There is, however, genuine cause for alarm these days, and only the most obtuse, it seems to me, could remain oblivious to this. We are experiencing, in my opinion, one of the lowest points in the Church's life, perhaps taking second place only to the difficulties of the fourth century. Anyway, as I was finishing up a long, but *very* good, weekend last Sunday night (returning from offering the evening Mass at the Cathedral), I settled in for a modest supper. During that time, I decided to check the news online. As I did, I was surprised to discover a new article written by Cardinal Sarah (the very man I spoke of in last Sunday's homily). In this brief article, Cardinal Sarah pretty much stated what I had said in my homily just hours before: the Church is in crisis! As usual, His Eminence's article is superb. I ask that you read it. I am including the article as an insert in today's bulletin. Please give it your consideration. I have also loaded it on www.sjoaoberlin.com should you wish to share it with others, which I encourage.

Things you should note in Cardinal Sarah's article:

- Words used to describe the current state of the Church: *disaster, devastation, schism*.
- The Cardinal indicates that much of the clergy suffer from theological ignorance, and specifically, that they do not know the actual or real teachings of Vatican II.
- Along those lines, many of the clergy do not realize the seriousness of this current Church crisis.
- The Cardinal indicates that "modern promoters" of the liturgy have caused serious harm to the Mass and the people's faith by assigning a multiplicity of roles to the laity during Mass, all under the rubric of what some mistakenly call "active participation."
- These activities at Mass are, he notes, actually *impediments* to encountering God in prayer. Such an encounter, were it to happen, would cause a person to confront his sinfulness and find conversion. Thus, the busyness seen so commonly at Mass these days by the laity actually *prevents* conversion from sin and growth in faith. True participation is, by nature, an *interior receptivity*.
- Many Catholics want to be entertained at Mass and make themselves the "center" rather than worship God. (Signs of this are: the removal of Latin, Gregorian Chant, Mass facing toward God, and silent prayers by the Priest at the altar in favor of the spoken language of the people, "popular" songs, Mass facing the people, and insisting that every word spoken by the Priest be audible.)
- The Cardinal indicates that, by and large, Catholics (including Priests and Bishops) have *abandoned* the Catholic faith by using Vatican II to reject the Church's tradition. (The phrase, "I'm a Vatican II Catholic." or something to that effect is a sure indicator of what Cardinal Sarah describes in the final two sentences of his article.)
- Finally, the man who wrote that article was hired by and works for Pope Francis. He heads the Congregation that is responsible for the proper celebration of the Mass and the Sacraments.