

30th Sunday - Season of the Year

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 28, 2017

5:30 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, John C. Durio, Andrus & Ella Mae Frilot, Dec. Mem. of Bruce & Mary Esther Courville Fly., Fran Meaux, Keith LeJeune, Elie & Theolite Smith Fly., M/M Sidney Gradney, Enola & Emma Bellard, Autry Gradney, Paul Gradney, Elmo Smith

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Marvin Banks, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol & Anthony Deshotel, Edward Maddox, Arlington Manuel, Matthew Guillory, Clegg & Tootie Chaumont, Richard Young

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Joseph Beaubouef

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017 (All Saint's Day)

6:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)

12:05 P.M. MASS – Dempsey Fontenot

6:00 P.M. MASS – Roland & Verlie Chaumont

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Faithful Departed

12:05 P.M. MASS – Pope Francis

6:00 P.M. MASS – Elmo Smith

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – John C. Durio

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

7:00 A.M. MASS – Deceased Parishioners of SJoA and St. Joseph

4:30 P.M. MASS – Sr. Zélie Thérèse of the Redeemer, Jeremy Rider, Preston Bertrand, Francis & Beula Davis, Elba & Aza Deshotel, Vernon Deshotel, David Dugas, Brent Meaux, Fran Meaux, Bernard Aguillard, Keith LeJeune, Estelle Pellerin, Thomas & Eda Harmon Fly., Liv. & Dec. Sonny Berlinger

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Members of St. Martha's Guild, Jeanette Hornsby, Marvin Banks, Doughty, Margaret, Nancy & Peter Broussard, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol Deshotel, Edward Maddox, M/M Clegg Chaumont, Juan H. Castellano, Juan H. Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guihermo Consuegra Garcia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez

Last Week's Collection **\$2,604.81**

BSA (SJoA Quota \$9,953.00) **\$7,296.66**

PRAYER LIST

M/M Robert Andrews, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Jack Berlinger, Joan Bertrand, Shorty Beverly, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Pauline Boudreaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Brandon Bridgwel, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Roxane Campbell, Kristin Carlton, David & Natalie Carrier, Rosabelle Carrier, Megan Cart, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottogin, Jay Crittle, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Shaun Darbonne, Jackie Deville, Cindy Dowies, Jabe Doyle, Amy Duplechain, Bryker Fontenot, David Fontenot, Don Fontenot, Mary O. Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Tim Germany, Daniel Goodley & Fly., Mary Ann Goodley, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Bruce Granger, Jr., Jennifer Granger, Linda Green, Victoria Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Shai Hebert, Sunni Hurst, Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Grady Johnson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Kristen Labauve, Charles Lacey, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Deanne LeBlanc, Dwain LeBleu, Tina Lantier, Craig LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Doc Lowe, Benny Manuel, Brian Manuel, Jennifer Manuel, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Pat Manuel & Fly., Reed McIver, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Ray Marcantel, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Ronald Meaux, Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Frank Mougeot, Andrew Norwood, Nicholas Odum, Debbie & Phil Owen & Fly., Joey Owen, Martel & Gabriella Papillion, Howard Patin, Devin Pelt, Hannah Popillion, Linda & Don Potier, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Renaldo & Kathy Ramos, Ashton Read, Reid Redlich, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Dora Reed, Gary

Reed, Lynda Reed, Irving Reed, Sandra Reed, Octavia Reeves & Fly., Will Reid, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylië, Jackson, Martha, Rusty, and Patsy Rider, Janice 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, Lois Singleton, Max Smith, C. Sonnier, Remy Spring, Kolton & Leah Squier, Barbara Strickland, Aerial Storer, Kelly Strother, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Katelyn Tunks, Dollyanna Victorian, Dana Vidrine, Steve Vidrine, Joseph Vizena, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Daryl & Kimberly Worthy, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Divine Intimacy Reading Guide

Oct. 29 th – Nov. 5 th	Entry Number
Sunday	336 & 383
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Vocations Candle and Cross – Mrs. Phielomone Goodly

Flowers on the Altar

The Flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by Mrs. Clara Smith in memory of Elmo Smith Family

SJoA Trunk or Treat

On Tuesday, October 31st SJoA will have a Trunk or Treat from 5 – 7 pm. Trunks are needed. Donations of candy are being accepted at the church office.

Oberlin Booster Club BBQ

The Oberlin Booster Club will sell BBQ Chicken & Pork Dinners for \$8.00 Sunday, November 5th at OHS Gym.

This Week @ SJoA

❖ **Wednesday, November 1st – NO ADORATION; NO CCD or Youth Group**

FROM FATHER CONNER

Classes for Becoming Catholic

About this time each year we begin instruction for anyone interested in becoming Catholic. In recent decades, these classes have come to be known as “**RCIA**”, or **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact me. Before setting a schedule for classes (such as days and times), I must gauge interest and see what the availability is of the people involved. Also, don't underestimate the power of an invitation. Sometimes people are simply waiting to be asked. No? Are not the Gospels littered with examples of Our Blessed Lord offering invitations to “follow” Him?

Next BSA Collection

Next weekend's Second Collection will be for the BSA. We're close to meeting our quota. If you haven't been able to contribute yet, maybe this is your opportunity. It's good to wrap up our BSA efforts sooner rather than later so that it doesn't hang over our head. We also need to support the good that's happening in the D of LC!

All Saints/All Souls

All Saints Day (Wed., Nov. 1st) **is** a holy day of obligation. All Souls Day (Thurs., Nov. 2nd) is **not** a holy day of obligation. Please make plans to fulfill your obligation this Wednesday. I also encourage attending Mass on All Souls Day (& making prayers in a cemetery each day for the first week of November) for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. *Something to consider:* What I am asking of you here and now is the same thing you will desperately desire immediately after you die: i.e., suffrages on your behalf. We mustn't neglect performing works of mercy.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

A FITTING CHALLENGE

A missionary priest who worked among the native people of the Himalayan Mountains used to tell of an astounding custom among the people. Since murder was considered the most horrible crime that could be committed, the punishment was always death. When a murder had been committed but no one knew who the murderer was, everybody in the village was obliged to pass by the victim's body, which was placed in the main street, and as each person passed the body he placed his hand on the corpse and took a solemn vow that he had no part in the crime; an incredibly hard but fitting challenge for the guilty party.

The fifth commandment is: "You shall not kill." As is true of all the commandments, the fifth commandment implies so much more than simply murder. Indeed, this commandment implies more than any of the other nine. Some of the sins forbidden by the fifth commandment are intentional homicide, abortion, euthanasia, child abuse, sterilization, suicide, and all that can lead to physical and spiritual harm to oneself or others. The latter includes anger, fighting, revenge, drunkenness, drug abuse, torments inflicted on mind and body, hatred, and bad example. Since we now live in a culture of death, we'll begin by looking at only a few of these this week.

Intentional homicide is the unjust taking of an innocent human life. That's not to say that all killing is murder. The key to the mortal sin of murder is the word "innocent". It can be lawful (God's law—not necessarily man's) to take the life of another person when there is no other means to defend one's own life, or the life of another. "The act of self defense can have a double effect: the preservation of one's own life; and the killing of the aggressor... The one is intended, the other is not." (St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, II-II, 64, 7) "Legitimate defense can be not only a right but a grave duty for one who is responsible for the lives of others. The defense of the common good requires that an unjust aggressor be rendered unable to cause harm." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2265) It can also be lawful to take the life of another person in a just war. (We will deal with what constitutes a just war in another article at some point in the future.)

Taking a life in defense of a human life opens the door to discussion of capital punishment. Like abortion, capital punishment has come to be perceived more as a political issue than a moral issue. Indeed, few issues are more hotly debated than the death penalty, but the Roman Catholic Church has remained firmly resolved in the consistency of her moral teaching in this area.

If only the politicians, political pundits, and the electorate would listen to Christ through His Church! (Luke 10:16) The Church tells us that she "does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2267) She continues to say, "If, however, non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the

concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity with the dignity of the human person." (*Ibid.*) Due to the advanced state of modern penology, this essentially rules out the use of capital punishment in Occidental society, but still does not make it immoral. (It should be noted that, contrary to the boasts of politicians and the media, few penal systems in America honor or respect the human dignity of prisoners anymore—regardless of the crime. Our prisons today are centers of absolute depravity...a depravity authored by the state instead of the inmates. While prisons are necessary, the entire criminal justice system is corrupt and Catholics should feel compelled to work for change in the nation's penal systems.)

Let's finish this week's article with a brief look at abortion. Abortion is the intentional killing of a preborn child at any time after conception. (*All* chemical contraceptives act as abortifacients.) The God-given authority of a parent *does not* extend to the taking of the life of the pre-born child. Abortion, in any form, is always a mortal sin. The Church has taught from her inception that abortion is morally evil.

Despite the arguments of the so-called pro-choice lobby, abortion is never justified, no matter the cause of the child's conception—including rape and incest. It's easy to understand how a mother would be inclined not to want a child conceived in rape or incest, but the child still has as much right to life as the mother. The Church is very sympathetic to such involuntary mothers, and many organizations and agencies associated with the Church are set up to provide for counseling, temporal and medical assistance, and adoption as a moral alternative to abortion.

The Church *automatically* imposes the penalty of excommunication upon any person who procures an abortion. (*Code of Canon Law*, can. 1398) This penalty extends to anyone who aids in its procurement or otherwise participates in any way with an abortion. This automatic excommunication, then, could extend to Catholic politicians who are "pro-choice".

Let's finish by making it very clear just what exactly excommunication is. Excommunication is an ecclesiastical penalty by which a baptized Catholic is excluded from the communion of the faithful for committing and remaining obstinate in certain serious offenses specified in canon law. Any excommunicated Catholic is deprived of Church membership and its spiritual goods until he repents, is absolved, and the excommunication is lifted by proper ecclesiastical authority. In other words, should a person who is excommunicated die in that state, he goes before Almighty God already judged by His Church.

Abortion is arguably one of the greatest evils in society today, and excommunication is a fitting punishment from Holy Mother Church. That is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

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