

Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, November 14, 2015

4:30 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, Eve Smith Guilbeau, Pereda Fontenot, Egbert McGee, Sharlene Rider, Michael Granger, Edith Harmon, Keith LeJeune

SUNDAY, November 15, 2015

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Polly Chaumont (**1st Anniv.**), Leonard Beaubouef, Stacey Beaubouef, Drew Granger, Weston Monceaux, Sr., Abe Seal, Glenn Sonnier, Linda LeJeune

MONDAY, November 16, 2015

NO MASS

TUESDAY, November 17, 2015

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2015

NO MASS

THURSDAY, November 19, 2015

NO MASS

FRIDAY, November 20, 2015

NO MASS

SATURDAY, November 21, 2015

4:30 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Ryder, Eve Smith Guilbeau, Mr. & Mrs. Linus Manuel, Preston Manuel, Zoa Grace Granger, Elmo Smith, Alee Gobert, Mrs. Colonial Gradney Gobert, Joseph Lee Gobert, Keith LeJeune

SUNDAY, November 22, 2015

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Margaret Karam, Sox Gordon, Mr. & Mrs. Mach Dyer, Leonard Beaubouef, Stacey Beaubouef, Deacon Dale & Kathy Deshotel, Abe Seal

Last Week's Collection

\$3,827.25

PRAYER LIST FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

Linda Aguillard, Phil Beard, Gerry Beaubouef, Jerome, John, & Josie Bergeron, Joann Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Renate Bourque, Virginia Bowles, Velma Brakel, Kary Cole Briscoe, Ann Burgess, Leslie Busher, Charles Chaumont, Jerry Chaumont, Florence Comeaux, Pam Dequeant, Carol Deshotel, Jeremiah Deville, Mavy & Emmalyn Ducote, Edward Duhon, Sheryl Duplechain, David Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Tanner Fontenot, Elsie Foster, Juanita Francois, Tim Germany, Monsignor Ronald Groth, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Jim Guillory, Sybil Haas, Harrison Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Jennifer C. Hibbs, John Jackson, Perella Jackson, Sheenita Jackson, Brandon Johnson, Pat Klein, Essie Langley, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joe, Adam and Mary LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Joy Mancil, Kevin Manuel, Lula Manuel & Fly., Marlin Manuel, Pat Manuel and Fly., Trista Marler, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Beau Montou, Kathy Montou, Leroy Moreau, Gloria Morris, Carolyn Morgon, Glenn Morgan, Marvin Morgan, Odrey & Dorothy Montou, Nicholas Odum, Lucas Orsot, Marie Parker, Devin Pelt, Mary Mott Peterson, Sally Pitre, Linda & Don Portie, Ashton Read, Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Terry Reeves, Leonard Richard, Johnathan, Christina, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylei, Richard, Sharon, Martha, Rusty, Patsy, Matt, & Josh Rider, Rev. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Bill Scheffler, Donald Paul Sonnier, Kermit Sonnier, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Suzanne Stringer, Devin Swarouth, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweek, Ticky Family, Roselyn Victorian, Zachary Villereal, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Laura Zaidan

SAVE THE DATE

EWTN Parish Pilgrimage, Monday, May 23rd to Thursday, May 26th, 2016.

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 & Sandra Chapman

Vocations Candle – Mary Berry
(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

Vocations Cross – Mrs. Philomone Goodley

Glad Tidings Program

Sunday, November 22, 2015 – **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:** Bishop Glen John Provost is joined by Father Jeffrey Starkovich, Senior Parochial Vicar of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, for a dialogue on the Gospel of the day (John 18:33-37).

“Thanksgiving of Life” Party

Lucas Orsot invites you to attend a party of “Thanksgiving of Life” on Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. All are invited to attend. This event coincides with Lucas’ 21st Birthday. Lucas humbly requests no gifts. In Lucas’ words “Praise God”.

“A Tribute to Frank Sinatra”

The Bishop’s Gala: Saturday, December 12, 2015, from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the L.C. Civic Center. Tickets are \$125 each or \$1,250 for a table of ten. **Deadline to purchase tickets at the rectory is November 25th.**

Christmas-At-Sea: Seafarers’ at the Port of Lake Charles

The Stella Maris Seafarers’ Center spreads the love of Christ through their Christmas at Sea Program by providing bags for ships that come into the Lake Charles ports. Personal care items as well as caps, handkerchiefs, playing cards, socks, wash cloths, work gloves and prayer cards are needed. Contact Deacon Patrick LaPoint, Director of the Stella Maris Seafarers’ Center @ 337-436-1315 to have items picked up.

St. Paul Catholic Church Fall Bazaar

St. Paul Catholic Church in Elton is having its Fall Bazaar Nov. 14th & 15th. It begins after 5 P.M. Mass on Saturday and continues Sunday after 10 A.M. Mass. For questions call Kara Scogin @ 337-884-4726.

Diocese of Lake Charles Respect Life Banquet

The Diocese of Lake Charles Respect Life Banquet will be held on Tuesday, January 12th at the Lake Charles Civic Center. Doors open at 6 P.M. The guest speaker is Ramona Trevino, Planned Parenthood Manager-turned Pro-Life Activist. Tickets are \$50. Proceeds help fund Rachael’s Vineyard, Gabriel’s Project, and Youth Pilgrims to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. For more information and to get tickets go to lodiocese.org or call 337-439-7400.

Early Childhood Center Director

Our Lady Queen of Heaven – Early Childhood Center is seeking applicants for the Director position. Applicants must have a degree in Early Childhood Education, as well as experience in daycare operations, management and finances. Call [337-477-7349](tel:337-477-7349) for application information.

Thank You

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to everyone at SJoA for their prayers, words of consolation, and tremendous generosity. These acts of charity have made the presence of Christ concretely present to us and helped us carry the burden of sorrow that naturally comes with the loss of a loved one. Pleased be assured, then, of our appreciation. May the Lord reward you for your kindness. - the Beaubouef Family

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, November 15th – RCIA @ 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, November 17th – Holy League: Men’s Prayer Group @ 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ Adoration: Wednesdays from 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

FROM FATHER CONNER

The Version of the Bible SJoA Recommends

Having a bible of one's own is important. As St. Jerome once wrote: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Parents, please make sure your children have a bible, so that they can come to know Christ by reading it. The bible recommended by SJoA is the *Revised Standard Version* (RSV), Catholic Edition Bible printed by Ignatius Press. The RSV is a good English translation. I find that Catholics tend to be unaware that a Catholic bible and a Protestant bible are not identical. Protestant bibles are *missing* 7 books from the Old Testament and important parts of Daniel and Esther. Over the course of time, these books were *removed* by Protestants. Thus, Catholics did not *add* them.

An Important Announcement

On Sunday, November 29th, the First Sunday of Advent, we will mark a very important transition at SJoA. At that time, I will begin offering the 10:00 am Sunday Mass facing toward the altar, crucifix, and tabernacle. When a Priest faces this direction, it is referred to as offering Mass *ad Orientem* (which means, "toward the East"). The purpose of praying in this direction is for the Priest to face the object of his prayers, namely, to face God. (The bible refers to Christ as the *Oriens*, or the East. See, for example, Zechariah 6:12.)

This decision is one that has been deliberated and prayed about for quite a long time, and not just by me personally. For many months I have been in communication with Bishop Provost about beginning to pray Mass in the Ordinary Form facing the East. In accordance with the particular law of the Diocese of Lake Charles, Bishop Provost has given permission for us to begin this practice at SJoA. He believes that I have provided sufficient catechesis on the matter and that we are prepared as a parish to re-employ the practice of facing toward the East at holy Mass. (I use the word "re-employ" intentionally, because until very recently all Masses were offered with the Priest facing the altar. This was the case always and everywhere, with very few exceptions until just a few decades ago.)

As I make this announcement, I do so, on the one hand, with a deep sense of gratitude and humility, and on the other, with a sincere desire to explain why making this transition is important, especially to anyone who could find this change a little difficult or confusing. My gratitude and humility are rooted in the privilege we have as a parish in using once again a practice that was given to us by Our Lord Himself. (Did you know that the Apostles – as in *the Twelve Apostles* – taught that Jesus commanded them to offer Mass facing the altar . . . to the East? Really, the Apostles taught this . . . and I'll be showing you the writings.)

On the other hand, I appreciate that this will be a big change for us. Many will be excited at hearing this news. (*I know this, because they tell me over and over that they can't wait until all Priests start facing God once again when offering holy Mass. I share their joy and enthusiasm, because that would be a positive development, since having a common direction in prayer at Mass can strengthen the Catholic Identity of a community.*) For some, though, making this transition could be

difficult. This is understandable, since having the Priest face them throughout the entirety of holy Mass is what is known. I can assure you that this is a reality which I do not take lightly. At the same time, however, I also know that we are a thoughtful parish. We have the capacity to penetrate more deeply into the mysteries of the faith. This we need to do, all of us.

The honest Catholic of today knows that the previous two generations (at the very least) are in some way victims of poor catechesis. This means that all of us have holes in our formation which need to be filled in. The direction of the Priest at the altar is one of these. If we truly love God, we will want to grow, to develop and to mature in our relationship with Christ, even if this means relearning some things we may have been taught but which were not exactly 100% accurate. This will be an opportunity for us to do that. If we humbly open ourselves to the truths of the faith, the Lord can bring us to understand just about anything. Since the direction which the Priest faces at holy Mass is of the very essence of our faith, I hope all of us will be open and approach this as an opportunity to grow in our knowledge and love of Christ, rather than let some old, worn-out ideology or spiritual sloth prevent us from drawing more closely to Christ in the proper celebration of His mysteries.

To be sure, it will take time to address every facet of why the Priest might face toward God at certain points of the Mass rather than facing the people, or why it is important for us to begin making this transition now. If you permit me the time, I will address this thoroughly and systematically. And if you approach this with the openness I have come to expect from you, I am certain that you will find the rationale behind *ad Orientem* very fascinating and profoundly beautiful!

So then, let's be resolute to proceed with patience and humility. Be assured that the decision to offer holy Mass *ad Orientem* was not made in haste or in a vacuum. Time and teaching were needed to lay the appropriate groundwork. Now we are ready to take the next step. So let us!

I wish to thank publically His Excellency for believing in all of us at SJoA, that we are ready to "turn toward the Lord" at Holy Mass. I am grateful that he has the confidence in our humble parish and sees fit to let us be involved in this important work of Christ. What an exciting time this is!

In the interest of space, I conclude today with the Preface from the Mass of All Saints, to which I will refer in my homily today. As pilgrims on this earth we must strive for Heaven, always keeping that destination as our focus. So let us all look toward the Lord, especially at holy Mass!

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"For today by Your gift we celebrate the festival of Your city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother, where the great array of our brothers and sisters already gives You eternal praise. Towards her, we eagerly hasten as pilgrims advancing by faith, rejoicing in the glory bestowed upon those exalted members of the church through whom You give us, in our frailty, both strength and good example."

THREE REASONS FOR PRAYING TOWARD THE EAST

by St. Thomas Aquinas

First, because the Divine majesty is indicated in the movement of the heavens which is from the east.

Brief Explanation: This means that we can learn about God by observing natural signs. Just as the light begins each day in the east, we are reminded by our physical turning toward the east that Heaven is superior to earth.

Secondly, because Paradise was situated in the east according to the the Book of Genesis 2:8, and so we signify our desire to return to Paradise.

Brief Explanation: The Bible tells us that the Garden of Eden was located in the eastern part of Paradise. When we pray toward the east, we exercise the virtue of hope, because facing toward the east while we pray demonstrates externally the faith we have (which is *internal*) that Christ will destroy the bonds of sin and bring us to the true *paradise*, Heaven. (Facing east for prayer, then, is kind of like a 'sacrament' . . . it's a sign pointing to a greater reality!)

Thirdly, on account of Christ Who is *the light of the world*, and is called the *Oriens* (Zech. 6:12); *Who ascends above the heaven of heavens to the east* (Ps. 67:34), and is expected to come from the east, according to Matthew 24:27: *As lightning comes out of the east, and appears even into the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.*

Brief Explanation: The bible identifies Jesus with the East (the *Oriens*). Just as the sun emerges from the east to scatter the darkness of night, so too will Christ, Who is the *Light of the World*, come forth from the east to destroy sin and death. This is why we pray turned toward the east at holy Mass, because Christ truly comes to us in the Holy Eucharist! We turn toward the east to show that we expect Christ to come to us! (Cool, huh!!!! . . . and even better, it's *real!*)

(See St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, II-II, q. 84, a. 3 ad 3.)

Q & A ABOUT *AD ORIENTEM**

1. Will all the Masses be offered with Father facing to the East?
(**ad Orientem* is Latin for “to the East”)

- No. Only the 10:00 am Mass each Sunday will be *ad Orientem*.
- All other Masses in the Ordinary Form (OF) will be offered *versus populum*.*
(**versus populum* is Latin for “facing toward the people”)

2. If Father faces to the East (i.e., toward the altar), does this mean the Mass will be in Latin?

- No. The Mass will continue to be almost entirely in English.
- The direction of the Priest at the altar does not determine which language is used at holy Mass.
- **Important:** Please remember that approximately 99.8% of each and every single word used at Mass at SJoA is in English. This is foreseen as continuing even though using that much English at Mass contradicts the express teaching of Vatican II, which clearly teaches that most of the Mass is to be in Latin.

3. Will Father pray the consecration prayers silently now that he will be facing the East?

- No. In the OF Mass, the Canon, also called the “Eucharistic Prayer,” must be prayed in a clear voice, which means it is not to be whispered.
- Therefore the prayers made at the altar will be spoken audibly.

4. Is there any possibility that I will experience internal self-combustion if I do not immediately understand why we will be having *ad Orientem* at SJoA?

- No. In fact, there is absolutely no possibility of this happening . . . **if** you have the virtues of faith, patience, and humility. *{ };-)

P.S. That’s Padre, wearing a biretta, smiling and winking at you. (*Turn paper on edge*)