

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

MASSES & INTENTIONS

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, Arsan & Agnes Victorian

MONDAY, November 23, 2015

6:00 P.M. MASS – For those whose names are in the Book of the Departed

TUESDAY, November 24, 2015

5:30 P.M. MASS – Gene & Velma Brakel

WEDNESDAY, November 25, 2015

6:30 A.M. MASS – Angelle L. Durio

THURSDAY, November 26, 2015

8:00 A.M. MASS – Dec. Fly. Members of Russell & Cecile Meaux

FRIDAY, November 27, 2015

NO MASS

SATURDAY, November 28, 2015

4:30 P.M. MASS – Claiborne Durio, Cecilia Sonnier, Jeremy Rider, Eve Smith Guilbeau, LeRoy J. Fontenot, Pereda Fontenot, Raoul & Julia Frank, Michael Granger, Keith LeJeune, Hubert Bertrand, Harrison Harmon, Collin Guillory, Guillory Family living & deceased

SUNDAY, November 29, 2015

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Andrus & Ella May Frilot, Leonard Beaubouef, Stacey Beaubouef, Abe Seal, Ernest & Bernice Moore, Helene Ingham, Alee Gobert, Mrs. Colonial Gradney Gobert, Joseph Lee Gobert, Dalius & Gracie Gradney

Last Week's Collection

\$3,119.12

PRAYER LIST FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

Linda Aguillard, Phil Beard, Gerry Beaubouef, Jerome, John, & Josie Bergeron, Joann Bertrand, Michael Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Renate Bourque, Virginia Bowles, Velma Brakel, Steve Campbell, Kary Cole Briscoe, 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, Tucker Scimemi, Donald Paul Sonnier, Kermit Sonnier, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Suzanne Stringer, Devin Swarhout, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweek, Ticky Family, Roselyn Victorian, Zachary Villereal, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Laura Zaidan

Poinsettias for Christmastide

Anyone wishing to donate a poinsettia for our Christmastide church décor may do so at a cost of \$30.00. You may put your donation in the collection or bring it to the church office.

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. – David & Dana Thibodeaux

Vocations Candle – Mr. & Mrs. Herman Deshotel
(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

Vocations Cross – Mrs. Ken Durio

Youth Group T-shirt Quilt Raffle

The youth group is selling raffle tickets for a t-shirt quilt made from youth group t-shirts. Tickets are \$1.00 and can be purchased from a youth member or at the rectory. Drawing will be Sunday, December 20th after 10:00 Mass. Proceeds benefit youth group members attending parish, diocesan and national youth events.

March for Life Pilgrimage 2016

The March for Life Pilgrimage is for high school teens, young adults, and adults from the Diocese of Lake Charles. The total cost of the Trip is \$550.00, which includes travel, lodging, most meals, scarf, hat, bag, journal and entry fees into various events and sites. A deposit of \$150.00 per person is due with the parish registration forms to Mrs. Corinne by **Wednesday, December 16th** with the remaining balance of \$400.00 due Thursday, January 7, 2016. Contact Mrs. Corinne at the rectory to register or for more information.

"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 Wednesday, November 25th.**

Glad Tidings Program

Sunday, November 29, 2015 – **First Sunday of Advent:** Bishop Glen John Provost is joined by Father D. B. Thompson, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, for a dialogue on the Gospel of the day (Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36).

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 lcdiocese.org or call 337-439-7400.

Position Open

The Diocese of Lake Charles is accepting applications for the full time position of **Assistant Director of the Office of Fiscal Affairs**. An application is found on the website (www.lcdiocese.org). The position will be available Thursday, December 17, 2015, and applications are requested by Friday, December 4, 2015. For more information call the Diocesan Chancery and ask for The Very Rev. Ruben Buller, Moderator of the Curia at (337) 439-7400, or email ruben.buller@lcdiocese.org.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, November 22nd – **Christ the King Eucharistic Procession** after 10:00 A.M. Mass
- ❖ Tuesday, November 24th – Holy League: Men's Prayer Group @ 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ Wednesday, November 25th – NO CCD or YOUTH GROUP
- ❖ **Adoration: Wednesday, November 25th from 7:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, November 26th & Friday, November 27th – **Office Closed**

FROM FATHER CONNER

Advent: A Time of New Beginnings

The season of Advent begins next Sunday. Advent initiates a new liturgical year. In the Ordinary Form, there is a three year reading cycle at Sunday Mass:

- + Year A (Gospel of Matthew read at Mass)
- + Year B (Gospel of Mark read at Mass)
- + Year C (Gospel of Luke read at Mass)

We enter Year C next Sunday. Many people regularly make *resolutions* when the new secular year begins. This seems reasonable enough; it is as if there is something innate in man that directs him to improvement or renewal.

I would like to suggest, along these lines, that we approach the new liturgical year as an appropriate time for seeking renewal. What if we all made it a time of newness for our soul? As we begin this new year of salvation, I encourage you to make a good confession during the Season of Advent. Please check out the parish website (www.sjoaoberlin.com) for a very good and thorough examination of conscience on the homepage. A few copies of the examination can be found at the entrance of the church for those who prefer a paper copy. A thorough examination of conscience, along with sincere contrition and a genuine desire to amend our lives, renders the Sacrament of Penance (confession) very fruitful, even transformative. A regular, good confession was the key for many of the saints in their struggle to be faithful to God. It is the same for us. I know our good Holy Father Pope Francis would encourage each of us to make a good confession at the beginning of Advent, for he himself has been emphasizing the centrality of the sacrament during the Year of Mercy (which begins December 8th – the Immaculate Conception of the BVM).

Q & A on *ad Orientem*

1. I've been told Vatican II changed the direction the Priest faces at Mass. Is SJoA rejecting Vatican II since Father will be facing the altar at holy Mass?
 - No. SJoA is absolutely not rejecting Vatican II. (*Such a thought is ghastly!*) While it has been common to hear that Vatican II 'turned the Priest around,' in actuality Vatican II taught nothing of the sort. In fact, the Council said nothing about this at all.
 - A number of mistaken notions about Vatican II still prevail today, even 50 years after the Council. It is common, for example, for people to say Vatican II made the Priest face the people at Mass, or suppressed Latin at Mass, or gave permission for Holy Communion to be received in the hand, and so on. Statements such as these are simply incorrect. They have no basis in the *actual teachings* of Vatican II.
 - In point of fact, having the Priest face to the East and (or) toward the altar during Mass actually corresponds to the teachings of Vatican II.
 - **Consider:** The Ordinary Form Mass (the Mass you are attending now, the so-called "English" Mass) was promulgated (i.e., put into effect) in December of 1969. That was five years *after* Vatican II. The directives of the Roman Missal (properly called "rubrics") instruct the Priest to face toward the altar at specific times during Mass. **Question:** If Vatican II taught that the Priest was to face the people at Mass, why then would the Ordinary Form Mass (which was created *after* Vatican II) tell the Priest to face toward the

altar? Based on what is contained in the Ordinary Form Missal, it simply does not compute in saying that Vatican II 'turned the Priest around' at holy Mass. (Next week we will look at a theological teaching from Vatican II which basically demands that the Priest face the altar at holy Mass. It's called "liturgical eschatology." *Ooooooh, interesting!*)

2. Will not seeing everything Father is doing at Mass (since he will be facing the altar at certain times) prevent me from getting something out of Mass?
 - No. Of course not.
 - One of the lingering misconceptions about "participating" in Mass is that we must see, hear, and (discursively) understand every action, word and gesture at Mass. If this were true, how do we account for the Saints who did not know how to read or write, or who did not know any or much Latin? Furthermore, if a condition of fruitful participation at holy Mass depends on seeing the Priest's face and the actions he does at Mass as necessary (or even beneficial), how do we account for the holiness of saints like our own patroness? If we think about it, it would be unreasonable to believe that St. Joan of Arc ever attended Mass with the Priest facing her. Yet her holiness was derived from the Mass, wherein the Priest faced toward the altar.
 - **Consider:** If we were to hold rigidly to the philosophy that we must see and hear everything at holy Mass in order to benefit from it, we also would have to hold that anyone who suffers from sight and (or) hearing impairments could not derive any (or much) benefit from Mass. But this cannot be. The grace of the Mass is for those who cannot see and (or) hear. While we should never diminish the importance of our senses at holy Mass (since we learn through them), we should not forget that God can use mystery to lead us into a deeper understanding and fuller participation.

As we continue exploring the richness of *ad Orientem*, I hope we can see that everything regarding holy Mass is fascinating, and very important. I also hope we will not be afraid to think critically about how we approach holy Mass, so that we can derive as much fruit as possible by assisting at it.

No RCIA this Sunday

There will be no RCIA this Sunday. We will all be way too tired after making the Eucharistic Procession! Next RCIA meeting: First Sunday of Advent, 5:00 pm.

Mass Schedule this Week

Please keep in mind that Mass on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) will be at **8:00 am**. We encourage attendance at this Mass. We will offer special prayers of thanksgiving to God for giving us yet another tranquil Hurricane Season. *Isn't it rather "coincidental" that since we have been praying fervently as a diocese during Hurricane Season for divine protection the Gulf has remained calm?* It's almost as if . . . as if God (wait for it) actually attends to prayers issuing from fervent hearts! [Cf. Psalm 55:22] Let us thank the Lord for lovingly protecting our home and way of life again this year!

Finally, there will be no publically scheduled Mass Friday of this week, as I will be away from the parish.