

First Sunday of Lent

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 13, 2016

4:30 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, Michael Granger, Jack Johnson, Evelyn Manuel, Sidney Mcgee, Gaston & Evia Babineaux, Fabian, William, Stephen, Bernadine, Shirley, Aaron & Lucius Cezar Jr., Deceased Family members of Gene & Joetta Vizena

SUNDAY, February 14, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Leonard Beaubouef, Stacey Beaubouef, Darrell, Eloise & Greg Reed, Sox Gordon, Paul Thomas, Sr. & deceased family members

MONDAY, February 15, 2016

5:15 P.M. MASS – Rev. John O'Farrell

TUESDAY, February 16, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Linda LeJeune

WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Rev. J.J. Lauzon

THURSDAY, February 18, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Martin, Augustine & Dosey Goodly

FRIDAY, February 19, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Rev. Barnard Neyboers

SATURDAY, February 20, 2016

4:30 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, LeRoy J. Fontenot, Pereda Fontenot, Joseph Lee Gobert, Michael Granger, Togeal Goodly, Roy & Anna Boullion, Hubert & Doris Ryder, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula, & Elmer Chatman, Sr.

SUNDAY, February 21, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Margaret Ann Karam (**1st Anniversary**), Stacey Beaubouef

Last Week's Collection

\$4,121.50

2nd Collection – Religious Education

PRAYER LIST FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Gerry Beaubouef, Jerome, John & Josie Bergeron, Joann Bertrand, Michael Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Renate Bourque, Virginia Bowles, Luke Burnham, Charles Chaumont, Jerry Chaumont, Florence Comeaux, Pam Dequant, Carol Deshotel, Marla Duplechain, Cathy Fontenot, David Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Elsie & Cotrell Foster, Roy Franks, Tim Germany, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Terrence Guillory, Sybil Haas, Harrison Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Joseph Harmon, John, Perella & Shenita Jackson, Brayden Johnson, 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, Gloria Morris, Carolyn Morgon, Glenn Morgan, Marvin Morgan, Odrey & Dorothy Montou, Nicholas Odum, Marie Parker, Devin Pelt, Mary Mott Peterson, Sally Pitre, Linda & Don Portie, Sandy Pousson, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ashton Read, D. C. Reed, 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, Helen Shreeman, Donald Paul Sonnier, Kermit Sonnier, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Suzanne Stringer, Devin Swarouth, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweak, Ticky Family, Roselyn Victorian, Zachary Villereal, Gene Vizena, Kena Wilson, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Laura Zaidan

2016 Cursillo Dates

Men

February 11–14
April 7 – 10
May 19 – 22
July 21– 24
September 8– 1

Women

March 10 – 13
April 28 – May 1
June 9 – 12
August 11– 14
September 29 – Oct. 2

Contact Corinne at the Rectory if you are interested in making a Cursillo.

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 – Mr. & Mrs. Kent Manuel

Sponsors are needed.

(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

Vocations Cross – Mr. & Mrs. Kent Manuel

Valentine's Day Youth Group Bake Sale This Weekend

Glad Tidings Program

Sunday, February 21, 2016 – **Second Sunday of Lent:** 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 9:28-36).

Women's Day of Reflection

"The Woman You Were Made to be": Women's Day of Reflection will be Feb. 27th from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm at St. Louis High School. Early registration by Feb. 20th - \$25; after Feb. 20th - \$30. Lunch is included. Sr. Camille Martinez, SEC is the presenter for the day. Call Connie Walker to register or for more info: 337-298-0866.

Vocation Drawing Contest

A Vocation Drawing Contest will be conducted for our diocese in preparation for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Every student in grades 2-12 is invited to make a drawing on an 8:1/2 X 11 white sheet of poster board depicting awareness of the vocation to the priesthood in southwest Louisiana. All drawing must be turned in to the Office of the Vicar General by NOON on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. The drawing must be in a large envelope unfolded. On the back of the drawing the name of the artist, age, grade, contact phone number, church parish, and name of school attending must be printed. Also, indicate on the envelope that this is for the Vocation Drawing Contest. Announcement of the winners will be faxed to all by Friday, March 11th. First Place - \$200.00; Second Place - \$100.00; Third place - \$50.00. The first place winner will also have their drawing produced on prayer cards in observance of World Day of Prayer for Vocations scheduled for April 17, 2016 and distributed at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral in Lake Charles. Please encourage your students to participate!!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

A special Mass at the Cathedral will be celebrated Sunday, April 17th at 9:30 a.m. with the Bishop. Prayer cards will be distributed to all attending the Mass. The first place winner of the Vocation Drawing Contest will have their drawing on the prayer card. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Reception will follow Mass in the Ave Marie Hall.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, February 14th – Youth Bake Sale after both Masses.
- ❖ Sunday, February 14th – Rite of Election at the Cathedral @ 2:30 P.M.
- ❖ Sunday, February 14th – Ultreya @ 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, February 15th – Lenten Mission @ 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, February 16th – Altar Society Meeting after 5:30 P.M. Mass
- ❖ Tuesday, February 16th – Men's Holy League: Holy Hour @ 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, February 17th - Adoration: 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, February 18th – Latin Class after Mass
- ❖ Friday, February 19th – Stations of the Cross after 5:30 P.M. Mass

FROM FATHER CONNER

Lenten Mission

Our Parish Lenten Mission is this Monday!!!

We're elated that **Father Mark Beard**, of the Diocese of Baton Rouge and Parish Priest of St. Helena (Kentwood), will offer a one-night Lenten Mission. The title of the mission is *Heaven's Hospital*, referring to Purgatory. Father Beard's mission will be **Monday, February 15th**, at **6:00 pm**.

Don't forget: The Lenten Mission will be preceded by Mass, which begins at 5:15 pm. We encourage you to attend! There's no charge and there will be no collection taken during the mission.

Mercy Mondays . . . Put it on your calendar

One of SJoA's Year of Mercy initiatives is Mercy Mondays. On one particular Monday each month, a visiting Priest will give a presentation on a topic related to mercy. The format will be: begin at the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. A twenty minute presentation will ensue, and this will be followed by about fifteen minutes of Q & A. After this, we'll head to the church for thirty minutes of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which will be capped with Benediction.

Mercy Mondays begin Monday, February 29th. **Father D.B. Thompson** (Prompt Succor, Sulphur) will speak to us about indulgences. Please consider participating in Mercy Mondays for the Year of Mercy.

The Maccabee Campaign

Well, did you check out 2 Maccabees 12:39-45? If so, you likely know why we've designated our parish prayer efforts at the cemeteries during the Year of Mercy as the "Maccabee Campaign." If you haven't yet, give it a read to learn more about what the Bible has to say about praying for the dead.

Pope Francis has put a strong emphasis on practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy during the Year of Mercy. (*He mentioned their importance yet again in his Ash Wednesday homily!*) You can be assured that we'll have opportunities to *learn* about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy this year, but we also need to *practice* them. (*And that's what Pope Francis wants – us to practice them!*) While some folks may know what the works of mercy are, they could be hesitant to do them because they aren't sure how to or don't know where they could practice them. SJoA wants to remove obstacles such as these. As such, SJoA is sponsoring days and times to pray in area cemeteries.

The **Maccabee Campaign** begins in earnest **Sunday, February 21st**. We'll gather at **Oberlin Cemetery** (across the street from the high school) at **4:15 pm** to pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed. The *Catechism* reminds us that Sunday is an ideal day to practice works of mercy: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the **performance of the works of mercy**, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (CCC 2185). The Year of Mercy, moreover, is the perfect time to get back in the habit of or learning how to practice the works of mercy. Parents, bring your children to the cemetery for these prayers. Make the Maccabee Campaign a time of family prayer.

Think of it this way: If you teach your children how to pray for the dead, and the importance of it, they just may pray for you one day

while you're suffering there in Purgatory . . . and let me tell you: you'll *definitely* be glad you made the effort then!

Latin during Lent

As noted last Sunday, we're enjoying a little bit of Latin in our OF Masses during Lent. This is in accordance with the Second Vatican Council's mandate that Latin must be maintained in Mass. (Sadly, this part of Vatican II is sorely ignored.) As we increase our fidelity to Vatican II during this time by having Latin at holy Mass, I ask **1.)** that you be open to Latin. It is beautiful, and it facilitates our participation at Mass; (*it's also required by Vatican II.*) **2)** that you consider coming to Latin class on Thursdays after Mass (5:30 pm on Thursdays in Lent). These classes are informative and enjoyable; (*Vatican II also taught that you should be able to make all these prayers at Mass.*) **3.)** that you pick up the printed sheets in the pew back pockets and follow along as the choir sings during holy Mass. Singing is good for the soul, and, as St. Augustine wrote: the redeemed man sings a new song.

Forty Hours Devotions

In about one month SJoA will observe Forty Hours Devotions. Forty Hours is a venerable Catholic custom of praying to the Blessed Sacrament for an extended period of time (roughly 40 hours) for Priestly and Religious Vocations.

Here are the dates and times SJoA will observe Forty Hours Devotions:

Sunday, March 13 th	11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Monday, March 14 th	7:00 am – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 15 th	7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, March 16 th	7:00 am – 8:00 pm

I ask that every, single parishioner of SJoA (yes, every, single one of us) sign up for at least one hour: young, old, rich, poor, practicing, part-timing, fervent, lukewarm, pious, irreverent. Every single one of us rely on Priests to provide the Sacraments, myself included. It's easy to find an excuse: *Oh, I'm too busy. Or, I don't know what to do at adoration. Or, I won't feel like going because I'll be tired after (or before) work.* These are pitiful excuses. If we do nothing in support of vocations, we're brushing up against the sin of presumption, because it's presumptuous thinking that God will magically make a Priest appear in our parish or at our bedside when we're dying. This isn't how it works. Straw is required for making bricks (cf. Exodus 5:1-21). And Our Lord has said, moreover: **Ask the Master of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard** (cf. Mt. 9:38). Everyone (*everyone!*) is busy, so it's time to stop making excuses and start having **Faith** – faith, because prayer actually **does** work for obtaining priestly vocations. It's also time to begin acting with **reason** – reason, because Priests actually do **not** fall from heaven into the bosom of a diocese. They come when we support vocations.

There are more than 400 people who regularly attend holy Mass at SJoA on the weekend. We should have **zero** difficulty filling these spots. Some can cover morning hours, others hours during the day, and still others can come in the afternoon or at night. All can come at some point!!! Sign up sheets are at the main entrance of the church.

**CAN YOU NOT SPEND ONE
HOUR IN PRAYER WITH YOUR LORD?**

(cf. Matthew 26:40)