

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 26, 2016

10:00 P.M. MASS – Claiborne Durio, Jeremy Rider, Bruce & Mary Esther Courville, Cecilia Sonnier, Evelyn Manuel, Sidney McGee, Patrick Savant, James Sharp, Keith LeJeune, John Spears, Nelson Manuel, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula, & Elmer Chatman, Sr., John Spears, Allie, Willie, Larry and Raymond Lanthier

SUNDAY, March 27, 2016 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Leonard Beaubouef, Stacey Beaubouef, Angelle LeJeune Durio, Ella May Fritel & Andrus Joseph Fritel, Joseph (Joe) Guillory & Mildred Guillory, Florence S. Guillory, Francis S. Guillory, Hosey Joseph Guillory, Wesley, Addison & Jordy Pitre, Emersyn J. Mack, Robert “Robbie” Taylor

MONDAY, March 28, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Essie Victorian

TUESDAY, March 29, 2016

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, March 30, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – David and Dana Thibodeaux

THURSDAY, March 31, 2016 –

5:30 P.M. MASS – Jerome & Blanche Haas

FRIDAY, April 1, 2016

6:30 A.M. – Claiborne Durio

SATURDAY, April 2, 2016

8:00 A.M. MASS – Sr. Zélie Thérèse of the Redeemer

6:00 P.M. MASS – Simon, Leora & Freddie Sonnier, Jeremy Rider, Semonia Harmon, Henry L., Lula & Betty Fontenot, Keith LeJeune

SUNDAY, April 3, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS – Dallas & Billy

Bertrand, Sr., Leonard Beaubouef, Stacey Beaubouef, Doughty, Margaret & Nancy Broussard, Robert “Robbie” Taylor, Tush Strother, James Sharp, Nelson Manuel

Last Week’s Collection

\$3,096.35

Good Friday Collection - Holy Land

Easter Sunday Collection - Seminary

PRAYER LIST FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Gerry Beaubouef, Enola Bellard, Jerome, John & Josie Bergeron, Joann Bertrand, Michael Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Renate Bourque, Virginia Bowles, Luke Burnham, Bertha Ceaser, Norris Chapman, Jr., Charles Chaumont, Jerry Chaumont, Florence Comeaux, Pam Dequant, Carol Deshotel, Marla Duplechain, Poochie Duplechain, David Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Elsie & Cotrell Foster, Roy Franks, Tim Germany, Rachel Granger, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Clifford Guillory, Terrence Guillory, Sybil Haas, Harrison Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Joseph Harmon, John, Perella & Shenita Jackson, Brayden Johnson, Essie Langley, Tina Morgan-Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joe, Adam and Mary LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Joy Mancil, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Marlin Manuel, Pat Manuel and Fly., Trista Marler, Charles Mancil, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Russell Meaux, Beau Montou, Kathy Montou, Gloria Morris, Carolyn Morgon, Glenn Morgan, Marvin Morgan, Odrey & Dorothy Montou, Charles Mosley, Nicholas Odum, 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, Hazel Slate, Donald Paul Sonnier, Kermit Sonnier, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Suzanne Stringer, Kelly Strother, Devin Swarouth, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweak, Ticky Family, Roselyn Victorian, Zachary Villereal, Gene Vizena, Robbie Willis, Kena Wilson, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Laura Zaidan

Please Call In Names for April, May, & June

Leading the Rosary before Mass this Weekend

6:00 P.M. – Haddie Goodly 7:30 A.M. – Lucy Brandon
10:00 A.M. – Deacon Norris Chapman

Vocations Candle – Octavia Reeves & Family
(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

Vocations Cross – Roy & Elsie Frank

Diocese of Lake Charles Youth Conference (DYC)

“Cast your Net” Diocesan Youth Conference will be held April 8 – 10 at the Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza for youth in grades 8 – 12. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they prepare to attend this faith filled conference.

Glad Tidings Program

Sunday, April 3, 2016 – **Sunday of Divine Mercy:** 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 John (20:19-31).

Ultreya

The Oberlin Ultreya meets every 2nd Sunday of the Month at 5:00 P.M. in the SJoA hall. Anyone who has made a Cursillo or would like to make a Cursillo is invited to attend.

Thank You

Our family would like to express our sincere appreciation to Father Conner and Deacon Deshotel for the beautiful service for Nelson “Tse Tse” Manuel. We would also like to thank Ms. Corinne and Ms. Lynn for the singing and the Ladies Altar Society for the food. Our family is very blessed to have the love, support and prayers from everyone during our time of need. May God bless you all.

The Nelson “Tse Tse” Manuel Family

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, March 27th – NO RCIA
- ❖ Monday, March 28th – Friday, April 1st – Office Closed
- ❖ Tuesday, March 29th – **No MASS**; Men’s Holy League: Men’s Prayer Group @ 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, 30th – NO Adoration, No CCD and No Youth Group**
- ❖ Saturday, April 2nd – **First Saturday Mass @ 8:00 A.M**
- ❖ Saturday, April 2nd – First Penance & Rehearsal for First Holy Communion at 10:30 A.M.
- ❖ Sunday, April 3rd – First Holy Communion Mass @ 10:00 A.M.; Divine Mercy Holy Hour @ 6:00 P.M.

SAVE THE DATES

Solemnity of the Annunciation Marian Procession

Monday, April 4th after @ 5:30 P.M. Mass.

High School Confirmation

Tuesday, April 19th @ 7:00 P.M. at SJoA.

Spiritual Pilgrimage for April

Saturday, April 23rd at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria, from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

EWTN Pilgrimage

Monday, May 23rd – Thursday, May 26th. Reserve your spot now by calling the Rectory.

External Observance of the Feast Day of SJoA

Sunday, June 5th @ 10:00 Mass. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

FROM FATHER CONNER

Easter Sacraments Received!

Everyone at SJoA shares the joy of those who received the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass. I list their names, and which Sacraments they received, here. Let's be sure to keep them in our prayers ... and don't forget to congratulate them!!!

1. Antonio Dre Cart Baptism
2. Charlie Claire Thigpen Baptism
3. Samuel Brux Thigpen Baptism
4. Taylor Alexis Thigpen Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion
5. Marvin Sharp Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion
6. Colby Thibodeaux Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion
7. Shannon Mancil Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion
8. Chasity Kittrell Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Holy Matrimony
9. Jake Seal Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion
10. Brittany Johnson First Penance, Confirmation, First Holy Communion
11. Joshua Kittrell Confirmation, Holy Matrimony
12. Marcus Ryder Confirmation, Holy Matrimony
13. Meredith Rogers Confirmation

Look at this evidence of how God's grace is powerfully at work in our midst! It's important for us to realize this, and for us to take stock of the awesome transformation that has taken place in the souls of those who received these sacraments. We have so very much to thank the good God for, so let us sincerely! *Deo gratias!!!*

First Holy Communion Mass

The First Holy Communion Mass is Sunday, April 3rd, at 10:00 am. This particular Sunday goes by a few names. Here are a some of them: the Second Sunday of Easter, the Octave Day of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, Whit Sunday, *Quasi Modo* Sunday. What a privilege it will be for our parish to have another class of young children who receive their first Holy Communion! After the day of Baptism, their First Holy Communion will be the most important day of these children's lives, for their Divine Lord will come to them with His Real Presence for the very first time ... and may it ***not*** be the last time they make a communion (or confession!) for a while!

I ask that you pray for the First Holy Communion class in the coming days. Offer a rosary (maybe even daily) for them, or some form of penance. We want Jesus to find their souls to be rich soil filled with love and anticipation, so that His grace can bring about a fruitful harvest leading them to Eternal Life!

After the Mass of First Holy Communion, we will have a lovely luncheon at the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited. Please come to the luncheon, even if you are not related to any of the First Communicants. Your presence would affirm them as they embark upon the new life they are beginning – where the Lord of Heaven Himself comes to meet them in the deepest recesses of their hearts and souls with His Sacred Body and Precious Blood.

Daily Mass Schedule Change

The daily Mass on Tuesdays, at 5:30 pm, will be shifting to Thursdays, at 5:30 pm. This change begins Thursday, April 7th. The reason for this change is that Tuesday will become my designated "day of rest." This means that I will be away from SJoA on some Tuesdays. Consequently, scheduling a Mass on that day at a regular time will become practically impossible. However, through Flock Note we will occasionally send alerts for unscheduled Masses on Tuesdays. *Yet another reason to sign up for our Flock Note account!*

The Holy League also moves to Thursdays

With Mass shifting from Tuesdays to Thursdays, so too does the Holy League. Beginning Thursday, April 7th, the Holy League will start meeting on Thursdays, at 6:30 pm. We invite all men to join Holy League!

Last, but not least: SJoA wishes everyone a very Happy Easter!!!

The Four Great Marian Antiphons

Catholics conclude each day by singing/chanting a “Marian Antiphon” to the Blessed Virgin. (These antiphons would be, properly speaking, employed at the Office of Compline.) Their use is governed by the liturgical season. Here’s a brief introduction to these beautiful hymns to Our Lady:

1. **Alma Redemptoris Mater**

- a. Sung from the first Sunday of Advent until the Feast of the Purification on February 2nd (the original ending date of the Christmas season), this prayer tells of the Archangel Gabriel’s announcement, and of Mary’s divine motherhood. The text is credited to Herimann the Lame, a monk of Reichenau (1013-1054). Herimann’s Latinized name was Hermanus Contractus and he is sometimes also credited with the chant melody.
- b. Here is the Latin text: *Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli, porta manes et stella maris, succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum genitorem, Virgo prius, ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud ave, peccatorum miserere. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.*
- c. An English Translation: Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

2. **Ave, Regina Caelorum**

- a. This antiphon is sung from after Purification (February 2nd or Candlemas) until Easter Vigil. Its earliest appearance was in the 12th century, although some also attribute this text to Herimann the Lame.
- b. Here is the Latin text: *Ave regina caelorum, ave domina angelorum: salve radix, salve porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta: Gaude Virgo, gloriosa, super omnes speciosa, vale o valde decora, et pro nobis Christum exora. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.*
- c. An English translation: Hail, O Queen of Heaven. Hail, O Lady of Angels Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate from whom unto the world, a light has arisen: Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, Lovely beyond all others. Farewell, most beautiful maiden, and pray for us to Christ. Allow me to praise thee, O sacred Virgin. Against thy enemies give me strength.

3. **Regina Caeli**

- a. The *Regina Caeli* is perhaps the second-most familiar of the four texts, having been set to music by so many composers over the centuries, and frequently heard at Easter Vigil Mass. It is sung from Easter Vigil through Pentecost Sunday. The text first appeared about the year 1200, and is often credited to Pope Gregory V (+998); the chant melody probably dates from the 14th century.
- b. Here is the Latin text: *Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia; quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia; resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia; ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.*
- c. An English translation: Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia. Has risen, as He said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

4. **Salve, Regina**

- a. The *Salve Regina* has also been credited to Herimann the Lame (Hermanus Contractus), monk of Reichenau, but it is also attributed to Adhemar de Monteil (+1098) and Saint Bernard (+1153). It has become a traditional Carmelite hymn, sung at Carmelite events throughout the world. It is sung as a seasonal antiphon from the day after Pentecost Sunday until the first Sunday of Advent. As a spoken prayer, it has also been added to the conclusion of the rosary, so it is perhaps the most familiar of these four texts to Catholics.
- b. Here is the Latin text: *Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte. Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.*
- c. An English translation: Hail holy queen, mother of mercy, hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, o loving, o sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Adapted from “Singing the Four Seasonal Marian Antiphems”, by Lucy Carroll.