

# Nineteenth Sunday in the Season of the Year

## **MASSES & INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, August 6, 2016**

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

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Simon, Leora & Freddie Sonnier, Evelyn Manuel, Henry L., Lula & Betty Fontenot, Clanton Frank, Sr., Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr.

**SUNDAY, August 7, 2016**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Dallas & Billy Bertrand Sr., Stacey Beaubouef, Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, Doughty, Margaret & Nancy Broussard, John Essie Victorian, Roland & Verlie Chaumont, Dwight, Dalbus & Gracie Gradney, D.C. Reed, Jr., Glenn Sonnier, Helen Sonnier, Teovic & Joyce Fontenot, Edward Maddox, Jennifer Sonnier, Abe Seal

**MONDAY, August 8, 2016**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – E.J. & Mary Hance

**TUESDAY, August 9, 2016**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2016**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – D.C. Reed, Jr.

**THURSDAY, August 11, 2016**

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Msgr. Joseph Bourque

**FRIDAY, August 12, 2016**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Jack Johnson

**SATURDAY, August 13, 2016**

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Cecile Sonnier, Hubert & Doris Ryder, Sox Gordon, Jeanette Hornsby, Police Officers & Firemen

**SUNDAY, August 14, 2016**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Margaret Karam, Stacey Beaubouef, Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, Paul Thomas, Sr. & Deceased Fly. members, John Essie Victorian, Jolyn Tatum Slate, Edward Maddox, Jennifer Sonnier, Deacon Norris & Sandra Chapman, Dallas Courville, Kermit Sonnier, Sr., Arsan & Agnes Victorian, Gracie, Dalmus & Dwight Gradney, Jr.

**Last Week's Collection**

**\$3,892.61**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend: Aid to Church in Central & Eastern Europe**

## **PRAYER LIST FOR JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER**

Enola Ballard, Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Dianne Beaubouef, Charles Beaubouef, Gerry Beaubouef, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Douglas Briscoe, Helen Bushnell, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, David & Natalie Carrier, Vivian Cole Family, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottongin, Aiden Darbonne, Carol Deshotel, Jackie Deville, Susan Duplantis, David Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Tim Germany, Rita Gordon, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Rachael Granger, Daniel Goodly & Fly., Keith Granger, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Victoria Lynn Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Shirley Hebert, Jan Horton, Charlene Ireland, John, Sheenita & Perella Jackson. Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Rudolph & Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Essie Langley, Kevin Manuel, Shirley Manuel, Trista Marler, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Dorothy Montou, Grace LaRacca, Tina Morgan Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, and Adam LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Charles Mancil, Joy Mancil, Ray Marcantel, Christina McNutt, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Russell Meaux, Janice Moreau, Nicholas Odum, Howard Patin, Devin Pelt, Sally Pitre, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Ashton Read, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Sara Reed & Fly., Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Leonard Richard, Rev. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Margie Smith, Donald Paul Sonnier, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Zachary Villereal, JoAnn Welch, Robbie Willis, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Robert Yeagley, Sr., Nicole Young

## **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** – Clara Smith

**Vocations Cross** – Mrs. Francis Gueringer

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## **Bazaar Meeting**

There will be a bazaar meeting Monday, August 22, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the St. Joseph's room in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to begin the planning for the bazaar that takes place November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **St. Vincent de Paul Donations Needed**

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of donations of school supplies and school uniforms. They may be dropped off at the rectory.

## **Glad Tidings Program**

Sunday, August 14, 2016 – **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Reverend Edward Richard, M.S., Pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur, reads the Gospel of the day from St. Luke (12:49-53) and preaches on that scripture.

## **"Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

### **A Pastoral Response to Pornography**

On Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 P.M., Fr. Whitney Miller will present an overview of a Pastoral Statement on pornography entitled, "Create in Me a Clean Heart", that was issued in November of 2015 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. To register please call the St. Charles Center in Moss Bluff at 337-855-1232 or go to the website at stcharlescenter.com. Suggested donation is \$20.00 per person. Please register by Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> so that adequate arrangements can be made for supper.

## **Veritas**

Join us at *Veritas* September 10<sup>th</sup> to learn how to communicate your Catholic Faith. Please register by August 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church.

## **This Week @ SJoA**

- ❖ Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> – **KC Meeting at 6:30 P.M. (it was wrong on the August calendar)**
- ❖ Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – **Altar Society Meeting at 6:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – Holy League: Holy Hour
- ❖ **Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

## **RETURN TO THE LORD**

### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION**

A 10 Minute Capital Campaign Video will be shown in the Parish Hall after all Masses this weekend to learn more about the campaign. Campaign packets are being mailed out this week from the Diocese office. **How can I Return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?** I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Dear in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his devoted. LORD, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your maidservant; you have loosed my bonds. I will offer a sacrifice of praise and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. In the courts of the house of the LORD in your midst, O Jerusalem. Alleluia!  
PSALM 116, VERSES 12 - 19

## **Trey Ange Diaconate Ordination**

Bishop Glen John Provost will ordain Trey Ange, a native of Lake Charles and soon a fourth-year theology seminarian at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, to the transitional diaconate, at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 10 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Lake Charles. **All are invited to attend the ordination.**

# WHAT WE BELIEVE, WHY WE BELIEVE IT

## *The One True Church, Part III*

Queen Elizabeth of England, whom the British called Good Queen Bess because she regularly oppressed Catholics, was out in the English countryside with her hunting party when she came upon a venerable old farmer working his field. She soon discovered that the old man was a fervent Catholic, faithful to the old religion. The Queen tactfully tried to win the old man over to the religion of her father, King Henry VIII.

The old farmer listened attentively and respectfully as she spoke, even nodding his head and smiling occasionally. And as she continued to speak he thoughtfully stroked his rather full and impressive beard. The Queen concluded by asking him, "Well, will you convert and join us?"

The old man slowly shook his head from side to side, grasped his beard firmly in his right hand, and asked, "How can I join a religion that is younger than my own gray beard?"

The old farmer's answer to the Queen was very wise. The question of the age of non-Catholic Christian religions is a good point, but our separated brethren never seem to grasp that. King Henry VIII broke with the Catholic Church in 1534, when he declared himself head of the Church in England, but it was Martin Luther who started it all with his break from the Church in 1517. Until 1517, there was no other Christian religion in the world but the Catholic Church. If I were a Protestant (and I was), I would have to reasonably ask myself (and I did), "Are we to believe that we had to wait fifteen-hundred years after Christ ascended into heaven to get the fullness of divine revelation?" That seems to be what Protestants truly do believe, yet that makes no sense at all.

We can prove the divine establishment of the Church on the basis of history alone, but an unfortunate reality is that most people neither know nor care about history. Okay, history aside, is there a means by which we can look at the 40,000 Christian religions in North America alone and determine which is the one true Church founded by Christ? The answer is most certainly "YES"!

In order to identify the Church founded by Jesus Christ we must find the marks that only He alone could and would leave as identifying characteristics of His Church. We call those characteristics the Marks of the Church. There are four primary marks, and they are easily identifiable. It is true that some other churches may have one of those marks, and a few may even possess two of the marks, but there is only one—the one founded by Our Lord—that has all four marks. Those marks are that He gave His Church are One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. This week and next week we will examine these four marks and show that only the Catholic Church possesses them. First the mark we call "one".

We say the Catholic Church is *one* because all her members profess the same Faith, participate in the same sacraments, and obey the Roman Pontiff, the Vicar of Christ (Eph. 4:4-5).

Jesus never spoke of a plurality of churches, but of "my church", when He promised Peter that He would make him the rock foundation of the Church He was about to establish (Mt. 16:18-19). The Church is always pictured in the New Testament as visibly one, presided over by Peter, who represents Christ, telling all men until the end of time to *believe* only what He and his apostles taught, to *obey* His and their commands, and to worship as He had ordered (cf. Jn. 10:16).

Christ plainly foretold that the gates of hell would never prevail against His Church, and that He would provide for its unity by His own presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is granted that the private judgment of the individual *naturally* brings about disunion in the Church, but Christ ensured its unity by a special *supernatural* grace, which He asked of His Father the night before He died: "That they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may also be in us... The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as we are one, I in them and thou in me, that they may become *perfectly* one" (Jn. 17:21-23).

St. Paul insists on the unity of the Church in all his epistles. Although he mentions individual local churches in certain cities, he teaches clearly that they are parts of the one Church in every place (1Thes. 1:8; 1Cor. 1:2; 2Cor. 2:14). The Church is not a mere organization that may be divided and subdivided like a nation or a club, but a divine organism with its own inherent principle of life. It is Christ's Mystical Body, of which He is the head and all Christians are members. It is founded by *one* Lord, given life by *one* Spirit, entered into by *one* baptism, ruled by a *united* body of bishops, and having *one* aim—the glory of God and the salvation of men's souls (Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 4:3-16).

Being one is to be united, as Christ demands. We must remember that He isn't Jesus the Warm Fuzzy, but rather Jesus the Incarnate Word of God! That means we are obligated to be obedient to His Church in all matters of faith and morals. We must obey Christ through His Church on everything in the Ten Commandments and all that they imply.

Many Catholics seem to think they can pick and choose what to believe and not believe what to obey and not obey. If what Christ through His church demands isn't comfortable, is difficult, or doesn't feel good, they simply choose not to obey. These Catholics are typically referred to as "Cafeteria Catholics". The fact is, they aren't really Catholics at all. They have voluntarily separated themselves from the Catholic Church and their eternal souls are in grave danger.

I can actually empathize with many modern Catholics and their cafeteria attitude. Indeed, they cannot be fully blamed. After all, there was a gross rebellion of many leaders in the '70s that led to a truly dumbed down catechesis in our country. Hence the reason we see virtually no one going to confession week after week, month after month, year after year, but EVERYBODY seems to go to Communion every single Sunday. Even that is understandable, since surveys clearly show that 70% of Catholics in the pew no longer believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. And the reason for the lack of belief is the dumbed down catechesis.

Of course, times they are a changin'. Thanks be to God, we are seeing a major swing back toward both good catechesis and evangelization. That means we are re-educating our Catholic faithful and healing the wounds brought on by our ever-changing culture...one St. John Paul II called the culture of death.

Next week we will continue our examination of the marks of the Church, so you can Know What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

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