

Twenty-ninth Sunday in the Season of the Year

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 15, 2016

6:00 P.M. MASS – Hubert Bertrand, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Emily Adams, Sox Gordon, Enola Bellard, Stephun Charles Smith, Joseph Gobert, Aurdlene Guillory, Juliana Ross & Fly., Sonny Berlinger, Savannah & Curley Gradney, Sr.

SUNDAY, October 16, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Margaret Karam, Linda LeJeune, Stacey Beaubouef, Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, Paul Thomas, Sr. & Deceased Fly., Edward Maddox, Dorothy Cloud, Health of Quinten Savoie, Taylor McMahon, Nicholas Cezar

MONDAY, October 17, 2016

6:30 A.M. Mass – Kermit Sonnier, Sr.

TUESDAY, October 18, 2016

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, October 19, 2016

6:30 A.M. – Elmo Smith

THURSDAY, October 20, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

FRIDAY, October 21, 2016

6:30 A.M. – Claiborne Durio

SATURDAY, October 22, 2016

6:00 P.M. MASS – Cecile Sonnier, Hubert & Doris Ryder, LeRoy Fontenot, Pereda Fontenot, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr., Togeal & Elizabeth Goodly

SUNDAY, October 23, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Angelle L. Durio, Gene & Velma Brakel, D.C. Reed, Jr., Edward Maddox, Stacey & Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, Quinten Savoie's health, Savannah & Curley Gradney, Sr.

Last Week's Collection **\$3,540.50**

2nd Collection – Bishop's Service Appeal **\$1,520.00**

2nd Collection – World Mission Sunday **\$325.40**

PRAYER LIST FOR JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER

Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Gerry Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Corey Briscoe, Douglas Briscoe, Luke Burnham, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Kristin Carlton, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, David & Natalie Carrier, Beatrice Cezar Family, Vivian Cole Family, Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottongin, Aiden Darbonne, Carol Deshotel, Jackie Deville, David Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Justin Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Jeri Garcille, Tim Germany, Rita Gordon, Freddy & Becky Gorman, 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, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Rudolph & Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Tina Morgan Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Shirley Manuel, Trista Marler, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Charles Mancil, Joy Mancil, Ray Marcantel, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Sam & Rochelle McMahon, Christina McNutt, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Janice Moreau, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Nicholas Odum, Gabriella & Martel Papillion, 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, Don Rider, Ann Rooney, Vera Ross, Rev. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Quentin Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Margie Smith, Donald Paul Sonnier, Carl Tarver, Coleman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Zachary Villereal, JoAnn Welch, Robbie Willis, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, 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 – Mrs. Gerry Beaubouef

Vocations Cross – Joseph & Susana Beaubouef

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BSA Collection

Our BSA donations are at \$6,382.18. Our quota is \$9,671.00. BSA donations may also be made any time. Simply put BSA on your check or envelope and place these in the collection basket or bring them to the rectory. Collections will be taken on the first weekend of the month until our quota has been met.

SJoA Trunk or Treat

SJoA youth group will sponsor a "Trunk or Treat" Monday, October 31st from 5 – 7 P.M. Children ages 12 and under are invited. Parishioners are encouraged to bring your decorated vehicle to the church parking lot between 4:30 – 4:45 P.M. to hand out candy and trinkets to the children. Candy donations can be dropped off at the church office if you choose not to bring your vehicle.

Fifth Annual Bishop's Gala

Bishop Glen John Provost invites you to the 5th Annual Bishop's Gala Saturday, December 10, 2016, in the Lake Charles Civic Center. Tickets are \$125 each and may be purchased in the church office. Doors open with general admittance at 6:30 p.m.

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This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Tuesday, October 18th – Bazaar Meeting at 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 19th – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD and Youth Group beginning at 4:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, October 20th – Holy League: Men's Prayer Group at 6:30 P.M.

RETURN TO THE LORD

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

How will the *Return to the Lord* Campaign invest in our parish?

Our parishes are the cornerstones and gathering places for our faith community. As part of this campaign, 20% of the funds raised by the parish will be returned for specific needs such as reducing parish debt, completing capital improvement projects or growing parish endowments. In our parish, campaign funds will specifically fund:

- St. Joseph Mission Repairs
- St. Joan of Arc Improvements

Bishop Provost is calling on the entire diocese to make the *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign. Your support to this capital campaign will impact the future of the Diocese of Lake Charles for years to come. Everyone should have received an invitation from the Bishop to participate in this landmark effort in last week's mail. You can also make your gift online at campaign.lcdioocese.org or by contacting the parish office. To date, our parish has raised \$142,766 or 58% of our goal of \$246,444. Please continue your prayers to help us in this important campaign.

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Confirmation – Sacred Heart of Jesus in Oakdale at 7:00 P.M.

FROM FATHER CONNER

BIG COMMUNION MASS FOLLOW UP

- A special *Thanks* goes to the *Ladies Altar Society* for handling the details (set up, baking goods, bringing punch, cleaning up, etc.) of the Big Communion Mass. Thank you, ladies, all so very much.
- We congratulate the fifth graders who made their Big Communion:

Bryce Landry	Bryce Gomes	Kristoff Brandon
Braelon McCleon	Jillian Meaux	Keegan Rozas
Raven Willis	Ethan Victorian	Alacia Berry
Angelic Botley (will receive Sacraments at Easter Vigil)		

2016 SJoA 28TH ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR

- It's time to enter the *Gumbo Cook Off!*
- The Entry fee is \$20.00 per team.
- The categories are:
 - Seafood
 - Chicken and Sausage
 - Game (duck, goose, squirrel, etc...)
- *Anyone may enter the Gumbo Cook Off.*
- Deadline to enter is Friday, November 4th.
- A complete set of official rules is at the entrance of the church.
- Raffle tickets are now on sale...win a *portable generator for \$1.00!*
- BBQ dinner tickets are on sale! Buy a ticket or two for family and invite them to join us!
- Saturday Night Entertainment – Holy Mountain Blue Grass with Father Edward Richard from 5:45 P.M. – until.
- Check out the parish webpage (www.sjoaoberlin.com) for items in the auction.

2016 BLESSING OF THE CEMETERIES

Saturday, November 5th

8:00 am	First Saturday Mass (at SJoA)
10:00 am	Bless Soileau Cemetery
10:35 am	Bless Manuel Cemetery
11:00 am	Bless Duplechain Cemetery
11:30 am	Bless Sonnier Cemetery
11:45 am	Bless Goodly Cemetery
3:00 pm	Bless Oberlin Cemetery

*These times are approximate. Please be ready for the prayers a little before or a little after the advertised times.

2016 BLESSING OF THE CEMETERIES

Sunday, November 6th

2:30 pm	Bless Oaklin Springs Cemetery
3:30 pm	Bless Reed Cemetery
3:40 pm	Bless Durio Cemetery
4:00 pm	Bless Hammie Duplechain Cemetery
6:00 pm	Solemn Holy Hour for the Poor Souls (at SJoA)

*These times are approximate. Please be ready for the prayers a little before or a little after the advertised times.

“FROM THE BEGINNING IT WAS NOT SO.” (Matthew 19:8)

Basic Teachings on Marriage and Attempts to Redefine It

Compiled by Father Conner

Marriage is a divine institution, not a human construction.

1. “God Himself is the Author of marriage.” (Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes*, 48.1).
2. “Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of ‘the wedding-feast of the Lamb.’ [Rev. 19:7; Gen. 1:26-27] Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its ‘mystery,’ its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal ‘in the Lord’ in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1602. Hereafter “CCC”.)

God created marriage as a union between one man and one woman, and only such (a union) constitutes a true marriage.

1. “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’” (Genesis 1:26-28)
2. “Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.’ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; and the rib which the LORD God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.” (Gen. 2:18-24)
3. “The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by Him with its own proper laws.” (Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes*, 48.1)
4. “There are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family. Marriage is holy, while homosexual acts go against the natural moral law. Homosexual acts close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.” (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons*, 4. Hereafter, “*Considerations*” ...)

The family is the fundamental cell of society.

1. “Since the Creator of all things has established conjugal society [*“conjugal society” = marriage*] as the beginning and basis of human society and, by His grace, has made it a great mystery in Christ and the Church (cf. Eph. 5:32), the apostolate of married persons and families is of unique importance for the Church and civil society.” (Second Vatican Council, *Apostolicam Actuositatem*, 11)
2. “The family has vital and organic links with society, since it is its foundation and nourishes it continually through its role of service to life: it is from the family that citizens come to birth and it is within the family that they find the first school of the social virtues that are the animating principle of the existence and development of society itself. Thus, far from being closed in on itself, the family is by nature and vocation open to other families and to society, and undertakes its social role.” (St. John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*, 42)
3. “The family is the fundamental cell of society.” (Pope Francis, *Evangelium Gaudium*, 66)

Marriage cannot be redefined anymore than God Himself could be redefined.

1. “God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God Who is Himself love. [Gen. 1:27; 1 John 4:8, 16] Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man.” (CCC 1604)

2. "Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: 'It is not good that the man should be alone.' [Gen. 2:18] The woman, 'flesh of his flesh,' his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a 'helpmate'; she thus represents God from whom comes our help. [Gen. 2:18-25] 'Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.' [Gen. 2:24] The Lord Himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been 'in the beginning'." (CCC 1605)

The redefinition of marriage [family] harms society.

1. "The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life." (*Gaudium et Spes*, 47.1)
2. "Society owes its continued survival to the family, founded on marriage. The inevitable consequence of legal recognition of homosexual unions would be the redefinition of marriage, which would become, in its legal status, an institution devoid of essential reference to factors linked to heterosexuality; for example, procreation and raising children. If, from the legal standpoint, marriage between a man and a woman were to be considered just one possible form of marriage, the concept of marriage would undergo a radical transformation, with grave detriment to the common good. By putting homosexual unions on a legal plane analogous to that of marriage and the family, the State acts arbitrarily and in contradiction with its duties." (*Considerations*, 8)
3. "Every threat to the family is a threat to society itself. The future of humanity, as Saint John Paul II often said, passes through the family. The future passes through the family. So protect your families! Protect your families!" (Pope Francis, Address to Families, Manila 1/16/15)

Christians must oppose laws which redefine marriage.

1. "In those situations where homosexual unions have been legally recognized or have been given the legal status and rights belonging to marriage, clear and emphatic opposition is a duty. One must refrain from any kind of formal cooperation in the enactment or application of such gravely unjust laws and, as far as possible, from material cooperation on the level of their application. In this area, everyone can exercise the right to conscientious objection." (*Considerations*, 5)

Opposing the redefinition of marriage is not an unjust act of discrimination.

1. "The principles of respect and non-discrimination cannot be invoked to support legal recognition of homosexual unions. Differentiating between persons or refusing social recognition or benefits is unacceptable only when it is contrary to justice. The denial of the social and legal status of marriage to forms of cohabitation that are not and cannot be marital is not opposed to justice; on the contrary, justice requires it." (*Considerations*, 8)

HIERARCHY OF GOODS:

The Foundation of a Just Society

Non-negotiable Goods

("Non-negotiable" means that there are **never** any circumstances which would permit the following to be morally permissible.)

1. Abortion
2. Euthanasia
3. Embryonic Stem Cell Research
4. Human Cloning
5. Redefinition of Marriage
6. Erosion of Religious Liberty or Compulsion to Act Against One's Conscience

Negotiable Goods

("Negotiable" means that the following could either **1.)** be morally permissible under certain circumstances [e.g., war, capital punishment] or **2.)** that there is room for legitimate discussion on how best to arrive at a just solution [e.g., economic theory, health care, immigration].)

1. War
2. Capital Punishment
3. Economy
4. Health Care
5. Education
6. Job Opportunities
7. Immigration
8. Environment

"Not all moral issues have the same moral weight." These are the words of a document of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith (*Worthiness to receive Holy Communion*, 3). They teach us that we must give proper weight to moral issues when making a choice. Without giving correct priority to the "hierarchy of goods," the hope of building a more just society will **never** be realized. As such, if we truly desire justice in the world, we must conform our choices to the order of reality as established by God rather than by what we ourselves believe to be most important. This is especially the case when it comes to how we vote in a democratic society. For as the Church has taught: "Democracy must be based on the true and solid foundation of **non-negotiable** ethical principles, which are the underpinning of life in society" (Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, *Doctrinal Notes on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life*.) Only then will *justice flourish in our days*. (cf. Ps. 72:7)