

First Sunday of Advent

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, November 26, 2016

4:30 P.M. MASS – Cecilia Sonnier, Andrus Joseph Frilot, Ella Mae Frilot, Joseph Guillory & Mildred P. Guillory, Florence S. Guillory, Francis S. Guillory, Hosey Joseph Guillory, Gene & Velma Brakel, LeRoy Fontenot, Pereda Fontenot, Savannah & Curley Gradney, Sr, Charles S. Smith, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr.

SUNDAY, November 27, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS D.C. Reed, Jr., Edward Maddox, Stacey & Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, Alee & Colonial Gobert, Joseph Gobert

MONDAY, November 28, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Elmo Smith

TUESDAY, November 29, 2016

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, November 30, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Katherine & Charles Ray Karam

THURSDAY, December 1, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Roland & Verlie Chaumont

FRIDAY, December 2, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Claiborne Durio

SATURDAY, December 3, 2016

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

4:30 P.M. MASS – Jack Johnson, Evelyn Manuel, Henry L., Lula & Betty Fontenot, Dorothy Montou, Hubert Bertrand

SUNDAY, December 4, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Dallas & Billy Bertrand, Sr., James Yeagley, Douglas R. Daigle, Gene & Velma Brakel, D.C. Reed, Jr., Edward Maddox, Douglas Chauvin, Lucille Daigle, Members of St. Martha's Guild, Stacey & Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, Alee & Colonial Gobert, Joseph Gobert

Last Week's Collection

\$3,438.20

PRAYER LIST FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

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, Dwain LeBleu, 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 McMahan, Christina McNutt, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Kara Montou, 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, Michael Roger, 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, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Conrad Trombatore, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Zachary Villereal, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Robbie Willis, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young

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 – Mrs. Francis Gueringer

Vocations Cross – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Beaubouef

Sponsors are needed for the Vocations Candle - \$5 per candle

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Divine Intimacy Reading Guide

Nov. 27 th – Dec. 04 th	Entry Number
Sunday	1
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Wednesday	4
Thursday	5
Friday	6
Saturday	7
Sunday	8

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, November 27th – RCIA at 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, Nov. 30th ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD and Youth Group beginning at 4:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, December 1st – Rosary for Vocations at 5:00 P.M.; MASS AT 5:30 P.M.; Holy League: Men's Prayer Group at 6:30 P.M.

RESULTS FROM THE BAZAAR

The total profit for this year's bazaar is \$20,714.94.

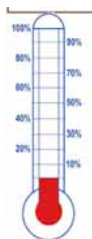
- Thousand Dollar Raffles: \$4,000.00
- Generator Raffle: \$1,352.00
- BBQ Dinners: \$6,383.00
- Cash/Meat Donations: \$2,135.00
- Bazaar T-shirts: \$420.00
- Live Auction: \$8,460.00
- Silent Auction: \$594.00
- Bag Raffle: \$157.00
- BINGO: \$790.00
- Sweet Shop: \$1,458.30
- Gumbo Sales: \$485.00
- Country Store: \$186.65

Gumbo Cook Off Winners

- 1st Place Gumbo – “Maw Roux & Paw Boo” (Jenny & Boobie Manuel Team)
- Best Team Spirit – “Roux Dat” (Daryl & Renee Granger Team)
- Best Booth – “Maw Roux & Paw Boo” (Jenny & Boobie Manuel Team)

\$1000 Winners – Mr. Steve Durio & Dr. Tommy Davis

Generator Raffle Winner – Mrs. Clarice Papillion (Clarice donated the generator back and it was raffled off)



RETURN TO THE LORD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

To date, we have 93 families who have supported our campaign through generous and sacrificial gifts. Thank you to everyone who has made their sacrifice. To date our parish has raised **\$203,958** or **83%** of our goal of **\$246,444**.

FROM FATHER CONNER

Turning toward the Lord at Holy Mass

As announced at the Masses this Sunday past, beginning this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, we are implementing *ad orientem* at all Masses at SJoA. This “turning toward the Lord” at holy Mass is in accordance with the rubrics of the Third Edition of the *Roman Missal*, the directives found in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, the intentions of the Second Vatican Council, the historical observance of the Roman Catholic Church, the teachings of Jesus Christ, His Apostles, the Fathers and Saints of the Church, and has the expressed blessing of His Excellency, Bishop Provost. The most important reasons for implementing *ad orientem* at SJoA are these: **1)** for the greater glory of God, **2)** the sanctification of our souls, and **3)** the strengthening of our Catholic identity.

We are to be reminded, moreover, that it is an error – that is, it is false, incorrect, and wrong – to hold that Vatican II rejected *ad orientem* or instructed Priests to face toward the people at holy Mass. The Council gave no such directives. The teachings of Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, furthermore, clearly indicate that praying toward the east – especially at holy Mass – is a foundational element of Christian prayer and, therefore, most appropriate for the holy sacrifice of the Mass. As such, we make this transition with a tremendous sense of joy. Our outward turning toward the Lord at holy Mass will be a sign of our interior desire to belong completely to God. The reasonableness of facing toward the east (and toward the tabernacle) is apparent when we stop to consider that *ad orientem* permits all of us to face toward the very Object of our prayers. In other words, when we pray to God we will be facing Him, and isn't it polite, if nothing else, to look at another when speaking to him? Why, then, would we ever want to exclude God from the basic rules of respect?

For more than three years, I have provided an abundance of catechesis about *ad orientem*. Why we are making this transition should not be a mystery to anyone who attends holy Mass at SJoA. Each of us has received more than enough information **1)** to understand the importance of *ad orientem* and **2)** to explain its meaning to others. It falls to every one of us, indeed **it is our duty**, to help visitors and guests (e.g., at weddings, funerals, or even at a Sunday Mass) understand the meaning of a common turning toward the Lord in our prayers. So then, **are you able to explain this teaching?** We can be certain that, on some occasion, someone will ask us about *ad orientem*. Are **you** able to give a **correct** answer? We must not be found wanting in this respect, otherwise we will actually be lacking in the virtues of charity and justice.

Along these lines, since we are now making this a parish practice at all Masses, I will continue to provide you with **proper** instruction about *ad orientem*. When space allows, I will put information in the bulletin to assist with your continued formation. Today I am including **two scriptural references** in favor of *ad orientem* and an **excerpt from a talk by Robert Cardinal Sarah**, wherein His Eminence exhorted all Bishops and Priests to implement *ad orientem* on the First Sunday of Advent. Cardinal Sarah is, of course, the Prefect of the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Bear in mind that he was appointed to this position by Pope Francis himself.

Why do Catholics face *ad orientem* in their prayers?

1. We face toward the east in prayer, especially at holy Mass, because the Lord will come in glory at the end of time from the east. **Matthew 24:27** reads: “For as lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the

Son of man.” Looking toward the east in prayer, then, signifies vigilance and hope. We look for, or “anticipate,” the Lord’s coming, hoping that it will not be delayed. This waiting on the Lord is, of course, one of the primary purposes of the Season of Advent. How appropriate that we implement *ad orientem* during this liturgical season.

2. We face toward the east in prayer, especially at holy Mass, because the Lord ascended into Heaven toward the east. **Acts 1:9-12** reads: “This Jesus, Who was taken up from you into Heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into Heaven.” Looking toward the east, in light of the mystery of the Lord’s Ascension, reminds us to fix our eyes on Heaven, to live for Eternal Life. It reminds us that we are pilgrims, that life here on earth is temporary and that we must prioritize correctly. Remember: the first and greatest commandment is to love God above all people and things. In commanding us to look toward the east in our prayers, God reminds us of this truth in our physical, bodily posture. (See how reasonable *ad orientem* is!!!)

“TOWARDS AN AUTHENTIC IMPLEMENTATION OF *SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM*”

Robert Cardinal Sarah, London – July 5, 2016

I want to make an appeal to all Priests. You may have read my article in *L'Osservatore Romano* one year ago (12 June 2015) or my interview with the journal *Famille Chrétienne* in May of this year. On both occasions I said that I believe that **it is very important that we return as soon as possible to a common orientation, of Priests and the faithful turned together in the same direction**—Eastwards or at least towards the apse—to the Lord who comes, in those parts of the liturgical rites when we are addressing God. **This practice is permitted by current liturgical legislation. It is perfectly legitimate in the modern rite.** Indeed, I think it is a very important step in ensuring that in our celebrations the Lord is truly at the centre.

And so, dear Fathers, I humbly and fraternally ask you to implement this practice wherever possible, with prudence and with the necessary catechesis, certainly, but also with a pastor’s confidence that this is something good for the Church, something good for our people. Your own pastoral judgment will determine how and when this is possible, but perhaps **beginning this on the first Sunday of Advent this year**, when we attend ‘the Lord who will come’ and ‘who will not delay’ (see: Introit, Mass of Wednesday of the first week of Advent) may be a very good time to do this. **Dear Fathers, we should listen again to the lament of God proclaimed by the prophet Jeremiah: “they have turned their backs to me and not their faces” (2:27). Let us turn again towards the Lord!** Since the day of his Baptism, the Christian knows only one direction: the Orient. “You entered to confront your enemy, for you intended to renounce him to his face. You turned toward the East (*ad Orientem*), for one who renounces the devil turns towards Christ and fixes his gaze directly on Him” (From the beginning of the *Treatise on the Mysteries* by Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan).

I very humbly and fraternally would like to appeal also to my brother Bishops: please lead your Priests and people towards the Lord in this way, particularly at large celebrations in your dioceses and in your cathedral. Please form your seminarians in the reality that we are not called to the priesthood to be at the centre of liturgical worship ourselves, but to lead Christ’s faithful to him as fellow worshippers united in the one same act of adoration. Please facilitate this simple but profound reform in your dioceses, your cathedrals, your parishes and your seminaries.