

15th Sunday – Season of the Year

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017

5:30 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, Keith LeJeune, Fran Meaux, Benton & Yvonne Smith Fly., Elmo & Clara Smith Fly., Martin Goodly, Lynn Chaumont, Gene & Velma Brakel, Roland & Verlie Chaumont, John C. Durio, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Savannah & Curley Gradney, Sr., Melca Manuel, Dean Manuel, Wilda Manuel

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Edward Maddox, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Arsan & Agnes Victorian, Steven, William & Fabian Cezar, Phillip Courville, Roselyn Victorian, Dwight Gradney, Dalbus & Gracie Gradney

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017

NO MASS

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

NO MASS

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017

NO MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

5:30 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, Keith LeJeune, Fran Meaux, Benton & Yvonne Smith Fly., Elmo & Clara Smith Fly., LeRoy Fontenot, Pereda Fontenot, Sox Gordon, Jerome, Joseph Bergerone, Annette Landry, John C. Durio, Rayford Manuel

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Edward Maddox, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol Deshotel, Marvin Banks, Helen & Glenn Sonnier, Shannon & Kristen Mancil in Thanksgiving, Charles Mancil

Last Week's Collection

\$3,942.32

2nd Collection: Solidarity – Church in Africa

PRAYER LIST

Mr./Mrs. Robert Andrews, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Jack Berlinger, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Brandon Bridgwe, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Roxane Campbell, Kristin Carlton, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, David & Natalie Carrier, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottogin, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Jackie Deville, Cindy Dowies, Jabe Doyle, David Fontenot, Don Fontenot, Mary O. Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Tim Germany, Daniel Goodly & Fly., Freddy & Becky Gorman, Bruce Granger, Jr., Jennifer Granger, Vergie Granger, Linda Green, Todd Guillory, Victoria Lynn Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Sunni Hurst, Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Grady Johnson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Rudolph & Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Kristen Labauve, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Deanne LeBlanc, Dwain LeBleu, Tina Morgan Lantier, Craig LeJune, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Doc Lowe, Arlington Manuel, Benny Manuel, Brian Manuel, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Nolton Manuel, Reed McIver, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Ray Marcantel, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Frank Mougeot, Andrew Norwood, Nicholas Odum, Debbie & Phil Owen & Fly., Joey Owen, Katherine Papillion, Howard Patin, Devin Pelt, Sally Pitre, Hannah Popillion, Linda & Don Potier, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Renaldo & Kathy Ramos, Ashton Read, Reid Redlich, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Dora Reed, Gary Reed, Lynda Reed, Irving Reed, Sandra Reed, Octavia Reeves & Fly., Will Reid, Leonard Richard, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylie, Jackson, Martha, Rusty, and Patsy Rider, Salis Rider, Michael Roger, Ann Rooney, Vera Ross, Fr. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Quentin Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, Lois Singleton, C. Sonnier, Remy Spring, Kolton & Leah Squier, Barbara Strickland, Kelly Strother, Carl Tarver, Donald Taylor, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Katelyn Tunks, Dollyanna

Victorian, Steve Vidrine, Joseph K. Vizena, Linda Voeller, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Kimberly Worthy, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

<u>Divine Intimacy Reading Guide</u>	
July 16th – July 23rd	Entry Number
Sunday	231 & 378
Monday	232
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Vocations Candle and Cross – Mrs. Marita Cezar

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting & Setup

On Sunday, July 23rd beginning at 4:00 P.M. volunteers for VBS will meet and begin setting up / decorating the hall. "Cool Kingdom Party: Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus" Vacation Bible School is from Monday, July 24 – Friday, July 28 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

If you are able to donate any of these items for VBS please bring them to the hall by 9:00 A.M. on the day they are needed.

Monday - Juice Boxes, cupcakes w/o icing, canned icing, mini chocolate chips

Tuesday – Juice Boxes, Mini marshmallows, frosted mini wheats, white mini donuts

Wednesday – Juice Boxes, Pretzels (not sticks)

Thursday – Juice Boxes, sugar cookies w/o icing, canned icing, candy sprinkles

Friday – Juice Boxes, cubed melon, strawberries, red & green grapes, cubed cheese

Safe Environment

All diocesan and parish personnel, including volunteers, CCD teachers, VBS volunteers who have on-going, unsupervised contact with minors, will need to update their Safe Environment Training. It is now available on the diocesan safe environment website at safeandsacred-ldioocese.org. If you have any questions please call the rectory.

Summer Short Course in Religion Books are available in the office for \$8.00 each.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Friday, July 21st – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**
- ❖ **Saturday, July 22nd – Work Day at St. Joseph 8:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.**

SAVE THE DATE

Next Bazaar Meeting

Monday, July 24th @ 4:30 P.M. in St. Joseph's Room in the hall.

CCD Start Date

Wednesday, August 23rd

FROM FATHER CONNER

Deepening Our Participation at Holy Mass

As noted in last Sunday's bulletin, I would like to reflect somewhat on the document *Christus Dominus* (= Christ the Lord) from Pope Pius XII. This letter from the Holy Father focused on the importance of making a good fast before receiving Holy Communion. Today I am including one paragraph from the document and a few comments just after it. I plan on doing the same next Sunday. Here are the thoughts of Pope Pius XII on the Eucharistic fast:

“Abstinence from food and drink is in accord with that supreme reverence we owe to the supreme majesty of Jesus Christ when we are going to receive Him hidden under the veils of the Eucharist. And moreover, when we receive His precious Body and Blood before we take any food, we show clearly that this is the first and loftiest nourishment by which our soul is fed and its holiness increased. Hence the same St. Augustine gives this warning: ‘It has pleased the Holy Ghost that, to honor so great a Sacrament, the Lord's Body should enter the mouth of the Christian before other food.’”

We see in these words the *fittingness* of abstaining from eating earthly food before receiving Holy Communion. By doing so, the recipient of Holy Communion is paying “supreme reverence” to the Lord's Body. By maintaining such a fast, a communicant expresses genuine faith that the truest nourishment of the soul is heavenly grace, not earthly food. Since we tend toward physical sustenance more readily than God's grace, a rigorous fast helps keep our passions (for food) in check and exercises the virtue of faith (in the Lord's Real Presence). Let me conclude by once again restating that an absolute fast from food or drink is not presently required by ecclesial law. The minimum fasting time is one hour before the reception of Holy Communion. I present these teachings from the Magisterium of Pope Pius XII for your consideration, so that we can know why Catholics have maintained a serious Eucharistic fast for these 2,000 years. My hope is that by reflecting on the “supreme majesty of Jesus Christ” present in the Eucharist, we will deepen our participation in Mass by making a serious (and sacrificial) preparation for those times when we receive Our Divine Redeemer and Eucharistic Lord. We must never forget that the Mass is a *sacrifice*, the sacrifice of Christ at Calvary. The more sacrificial we become in our lives, including our Eucharistic fasts, the more we will resemble Our Crucified Lord, and the more Our Lord finds the imprint of His Passion within us, the greater will be the fruits of the Holy Communion we receive.

Away From SJoA This Week

I will be away from SJoA this week, taking a little summertime break. There will be no scheduled Masses during the week but I will return for the weekend Masses. Any emergencies should be directed to Deacon Deshotel. His emergency number is on the parish voicemail. If a Priest is needed, he will contact either Father Jenesh or Father Pellerin. I will remember you all in my daily private Mass while away. Kindly, I ask you remember me in your good prayers.

Work At St. Joseph Continues

We are still working each Saturday (except the First Saturday of the month) at St. Joseph. The work is not difficult but it is time consuming. There was much enthusiasm upon announcing the reopening of St. Joseph. This enthusiasm, however, has not translated into sustained volunteer help as we do our own part to repair the mission church and lower reopening costs. To be sure, we have a small and very dedicated group of men and women who assist each Saturday. I thank them most sincerely. At the same time, I ask that **you** consider helping us, if not each Saturday, from time to time.

Recent Maintenance Expenditures

I want to make sure you are informed about some recent maintenance costs SJoA has incurred. Two of the four 10 ton AC units for the church are beyond repair. We hope to replace them later this week. The estimated cost for the new ACs will likely be north of **\$10,000**. Additionally, we are in the process of updating the lights in the Parish Hall. Many of the lights in the Hall do not work. Dark hallways and classrooms do not provide a safe environment, neither are they a setting conducive to learning. The cost for this project will be **\$4,054.25**. As you can see, the parish's bills and expenses do not take a “vacation.” Please avoid putting your tithes on a summer break. Our campus is old and we're continually trying to rehab it back into good shape.

Summer Short Course in Religion – Brief Syllabus

- Monday, July 24th
 - Section One, Chapters 1-3
- Tuesday, July 25th
 - Section One, Chapters 4-8
- Wednesday, July 26th
 - Section Two, Chapters 1-6
- Monday, July 31st
 - Section Two, Chapters 7-12
- Tuesday, August 1st
 - Section Two, Chapters 13-18
- Wednesday, August 2nd
 - Section Two, Chapters 19-24

FATIMA - THE JULY APPARITION

Today we consider the contents and some of the meaning of the July apparition of Our Lady at Fatima to the three children – Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. At the conclusion of the July apparition, Our Lady of Fatima showed the three children a vision of Hell. What follows is Lucia's description of it:

LUCIA'S DESCRIPTION OF HELL ...

"She opened Her hands once more, as She had done the two previous months. The rays [of light] appeared to penetrate the earth, and we saw, as it were, a vast sea of fire. Plunged in this fire, we saw the demons and the souls [of the damned]. The latter were like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, having human forms. They were floating about in that conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames which issued from within themselves, together with great clouds of smoke. Now they fell back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fright (it must have been this sight which caused me to cry out, as people say they heard me). The demons were distinguished [from the souls of the damned] by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals. That vision only lasted for a moment, thanks to our good Heavenly Mother, Who at the first apparition had promised to take us to Heaven. Without that, I think that we would have died of terror and fear."

OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S WARNING AFTER REVEALING THE VISION OF HELL TO THE CHILDREN ...

"You have seen hell, where the souls of sinners go. It is to save them that God wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If you do what I tell you, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace. This war will end, but if men do not refrain from offending God, another and more terrible war will begin. And when you see a night that is lit by a strange and unknown light, you will know it is the sign God gives you that He is about to punish the world with war and with hunger, and by the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father. To prevent this, I shall come to the world to ask that Russia be consecrated to my Immaculate Heart, and I shall ask that on the First Saturday of every month Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world."

Our Lady continued ...

"If my wishes are fulfilled, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, then Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, bringing new wars and persecution of the Church; the good will be martyred and the Holy Father will have much to suffer; certain nations will be annihilated. But in the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and the world will enjoy a period of peace. In Portugal the faith will always be preserved. Remember, you must not tell this to anyone except Francisco."

SAINT JACINTA'S WORDS TO MOTHER MARIA DA PURIFICACAO ...

- "More souls go to Hell for sins of the flesh than for any other reason."
- "Many fashions will be introduced that will offend Our Lord very much. People should not follow the fashions. What is it all for? If they only knew what eternity is!"

SACRIFICING FOR SINNERS ...

During the July apparition, Our Lady told the three children that God was very displeased with the sinfulness of the world and she instructed them to make reparation for sinners:

"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners ... and say often, especially while making a sacrifice: 'O Jesus, this is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary'."

THE CATECHISM'S TEACHINGS ON "HELL" ...

CCC 1033 Hell is the eternal and definitive separation from God.

"To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from Him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called *Hell*."

CCC 1034 Jesus frequently taught about Hell. It was not made up later.

"Jesus often speaks of *Gehenna of the unquenchable fire* reserved for those who to the end of their lives refuse to believe and be converted, where both soul and body can be lost. Jesus solemnly proclaims that He *will send his angels, and they will gather . . . all evil doers, and throw them into the furnace of fire*, and that He will pronounce the condemnation: *Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire!*" (cf. Cf. Mt 5:22,29; 10:28; 13:42,50; Mk 9:43-48.)

CCC 1035 The Catholic Church teaches what Jesus taught about Hell.

"The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of Hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into Hell, where they suffer the punishments of Hell, eternal fire. The chief punishment of Hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs."

CCC 1036 The reality of Hell summons us to the proper use of freedom.

"The affirmations of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church on the subject of Hell are a call to the responsibility incumbent upon man to make use of his freedom in view of his eternal destiny. They are at the same time an urgent call to conversion: *Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few* (Mt. 7:13-14)."

CCC 1037 God respects our use of free will ... He will not force us into Heaven.

"God predestines no one to go to Hell; for this, a willful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end."