

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Season of the Year

### MASSES & INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Jeremy Manuel, Fran Meaux, Bernard Aguiard, John C. Durio, M/M Arlington Manuel & Fly., Bish LeJeune, Keith LeJeune, Errol Deshotels

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Juan H. Lucero Castellano, Juan H. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guihermo Consuegra Garcia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez, Members of St. Martha Guild, Martin Goodly, Roland & Verlie Chaumont, Jeanette Hornsby, Marvin Banks, Angelle LeJeune Durio, Doughty, Margaret, Nancy & Peter Broussard, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol Deshotel Edward Maddox

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Gene & Velma Brakel

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017

**NO MASS**

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Ken Taylor

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – D.C. Reed, Jr.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – John C. Durio

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017

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

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Elmo, Eli & Theolite Smith, Jeremy Rider, Preston Bertrand, Fran Meaux, M/M Rodney Fontenot, LeRoy Fontenot, Bernard Aguiard, M/M Arlington Manuel & Fly., Nakia Ware, Darrell, Eloise & Greg Reed, Laura Foret, Keith LeJeune, Liv. & Dec. LAS

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Roland & Verlie Chaumont, Liv. & Dec. Taylor & Remy Fly., Geri Garcille & Fly., Jennifer Sonnier, Marvin Banks, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol Deshotel, Deacon Norris & Sandra Chapman, Edward Maddox, Clegg & Tootie Chaumont

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	<b>\$2,379.35</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Hurricane Irma Relief</b>	<b>\$1,005.00</b>

### PRAYER LIST

M/M Robert Andrews, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Jack Berlinger, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Pauline Boudreaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Brandon Bridgwell, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Roxane Campbell, Kristin Carlton, David & Natalie Carrier, Rosabelle Carrier, Megan Cart, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottogin, Jay Crittle, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Shaun Darbonne, Jackie Deville, Cindy Dowies, Jabe Doyle, Amy Duplechain, Bryker Fontenot, David Fontenot, Don Fontenot, Mary O. Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Tim Germany, Daniel Goodley & Fly., Mary Ann Goodley, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Bruce Granger, Jr., Jennifer Granger, Linda Green, Victoria Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Shai Hebert, Sunni Hurst, Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Grady Johnson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Kristen Labauve, Charles Lacey, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Deanne LeBlanc, Dwain LeBleu, Tina Lantier, Craig LeJeune, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Doc Lowe, Benny Manuel, Brian Manuel, Jennifer Manuel, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Pat Manuel & Fly., Reed McIver, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Ray Marcantel, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Ronald Meaux. Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Frank Mougeot, Andrew Norwood, Nicholas Odum, Debbie & Phil Owen & Fly., Joey Owen, Martel & Gabriella Papillion, Howard Patin, Devin Pelt, 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, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylië, Jackson, Martha, Rusty, and Patsy Rider, Janice Rider, Salis Rider, Michael Roger, Ann Rooney, Vera Ross, Fr. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Quentin Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Jona Sharp, Helen Shreeman, Lois Singleton, Max Smith, C. Sonnier, Remy Spring, Kolton & Leah Squier, Barbara Strickland, Kelly Strother, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Katelyn Tunks, Dollyanna Victorian, Dana Vidrine, Steve Vidrine, Joseph

Vizena, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Daryl & Kimberly Worthy, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

### Divine Intimacy Reading Guide

Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Entry Number
Sunday	308
Monday	309
Tuesday	310
Wednesday	311
Thursday	312
Friday	313
Saturday	314 & 381
Sunday	315

**Vocations Candle and Cross – Bobby & Lucy Brandon**

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### This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – **BAZAAR MEETING** at 5:00 P.M
- ❖ Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ladies Altar Society at 5:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.;**  
**CCD and Youth Group**

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### FROM FATHER CONNER

#### **BSA Kick Off**

We “kick off” the BSA this weekend! The BSA is an essential means of financial support for the diocese’s annual budget. Whether we know it or not, the BSA affects our lives in some very practical ways. A few of these include: the “annulment” process, Catholic charities, education of seminarians, religious education, youth ministry, St. Charles Center, Office of Communication, the diocese’s counseling services. In other words, all of us benefit from the BSA. I hope you can find it within yourself to support this crucial endeavor. Next weekend’s second collection will be for the BSA. If we give generously, we’ll have no difficulty reaching our quota, which is \$9,953.00. As noted, we tend to reach our quota in 6 weeks. Let’s aim for one month this year!

#### **Bazaar Update**

We’re less than one month away from the bazaar now – Oct. 21-22<sup>nd</sup>. The committee has been hard at work and things are coming together rather nicely. I thank them for their wonderful efforts. I would ask that you consider making a donation to the bazaar. An item for the auction or cash donation for the food (e.g. so that we can purchase the meat and other things for the dinners) would be useful and appreciated. Tickets are on sale after each Mass for dinners and the raffle. I also ask that you invite your family and friends to attend our bazaar. (Better attendance usually bodes well for financial success.) Please make the small effort of inviting folks to join you at our bazaar.

#### **Big Communion Mass**

The Big Communion Mass is right around the corner – Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am Mass. I hope you will consider attending this special Mass for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade CCD class. A “Big Communion,” some will remember from their childhood, is a way of giving special thanks to God for the supreme gift of His real presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. As I mentioned a couple weeks earlier, we’d like the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to wear special attire for the occasion. Ideally, they would dress similarly to how they did when receiving their First Holy Communion. For young ladies, this means: white dress, gloves, and veil. For young men, button down shirt, tie, and (if possible) coat. Of course, if there is some difficulty in obtaining the attire, SJoA can be of assistance. This should be a joyful, not a stressful, time. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in any way.

#### **Blessing of Cemeteries**

Mark your calendars for the Blessing of the Cemeteries 2017. The dates for the blessings are Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. A schedule of the blessings will appear in the bulletin and on the website very soon.

## **WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT** **GOD'S MARINE**

On one particular occasion a Marine used some very bad language and mentioned the name of Our Lord very disrespectfully. The chaplain happened to be nearby and overheard the Marine. He jerked the young man to his feet and forcefully repeated the same words he'd just heard. The rest of the Marines in the group were astounded.

"Now," said the chaplain sternly, "you've heard me say it, Marine! And I'm a priest. How does it sound to you?"

The Marine was shamefaced and silent.

"*It ought to turn your stomach,*" the chaplain said, and left. It probably did, as there was a marked decrease in profanity in the unit from that time on.

The second commandment is: "You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain." This commandment obliges us to always speak of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the saints, and sacred persons, places and things with reverence. To the surprise of many, it also obliges us to take oaths truthfully, and to be faithful in fulfilling promissory oaths and vows. Like all the commandments, much more is implied than what is mentioned in the face of the commandment, and what is implied here is what is forbidden: profanity, blasphemy, cursing, and carelessness or deceit in taking oaths and vows.

The Protestant misinterpretation of this commandment is yet another anomaly that has crept into Catholic thought. Most modern Catholics think that profanity and cursing are both one and the same, but they are what is actually vulgar language.

Vulgar language, in and of itself, is not sinful. Actually, vulgar language is simply a cultural thing. What is considered vulgar in one culture or society isn't even noticed in another. Vulgar language is determined by so-called polite society. Although vulgar language should be avoided, it isn't necessarily sinful. It *is* sinful when done in the presence of the opposite sex or children, which is the best reason to avoid it altogether. This begs the question, then, of what is really profanity and cursing.

Profanity is "the abuse of God's name, i.e., every improper use of the names of God, Jesus Christ, but also of the Virgin Mary and all the saints." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2146) We violate this—usually in a venial way—when, for example, we abuse these holy names when expressing anger or surprise.

Cursing, on the other hand, is actually what the name implies: the invoking of evil upon a person, place, or thing. It's sinful to curse animals or things chiefly because of the uncontrolled anger or impatience involved. It's sinful to curse a human being because that person is made in the image and likeness of God.

Blasphemy, another of the forbidden actions of this commandment, "consists in uttering against God—inwardly or outwardly—words of hatred, reproach, or defiance; in speaking ill of God, in failing in respect toward him in one's speech; in misusing God's name...The prohibition of blasphemy extends to language against Christ's Church, the saints and sacred things... Blasphemy is contrary to the respect due God and his holy name. It is itself a grave sin." (Ibid, 2148)

People also confuse oaths and vows. An oath is calling upon God to witness the truthfulness of what we say. We must be very careful about using an oath, and it may be used only under strict conditions: when we have a good reason for taking it, we're sure we're speaking the truth, and we don't have a sinful intention. The glory of God, the good of our neighbor, or our own personal good are valid reasons for taking an oath.

Perjury is thought to be strictly a legal term, but it is theological as well. In law, perjury is simply telling a lie under oath. In theology, there is the added evil of asking God to be witness to a lie, even if we don't use God's name as part of the oath. The abuse of an oath is *always* a mortal sin. People who like to tell stories and frequently throw the phrase, "I swear to God!" are committing mortal sin each time they do this.

A promissory oath is a promise "made to others in God's name [to] engage the divine honor, fidelity, truthfulness, and authority. They must be respected in justice. To be unfaithful to them is to misuse God's name and in a way make God out to be a liar." (Ibid, 2147)

A vow is a free and deliberate promise made to God, by which a person binds himself under pain of sin to do something especially pleasing to God. The most common vows are the marriage vows, and those of poverty, chastity and obedience taken by members of religious orders. In light of this, it is suggested you revisit the vows you've taken; marriage vows for those in the marital vocation, and religious vows for those in the religious state. You might be surprised at what results when you make your examination of conscience.

Now let me change the subject for just a paragraph or two. Those of you who have been reading this column weekly and finding it nutritious for the soul may want to do some solid studying on your own. Well, I'd like to make a suggestion.

The late Servant of God, Fr. John A. Hardon, SJ, was a personal friend of Pope St. John Paul II. The Holy Father asked Fr. Hardon to come up with a course to help the Catholic faithful learn more about the faith. That singular course, originally written for Mother Teresa and her spiritual daughters, evolved into two courses: Basic Catechism and Advanced Catechism. They are required courses for members of the Marian Catechist Apostolate, of which I am a proud member, but you don't have to be a member to take them. If you're interested, check out <http://mariancatechist.com/index.html> when you get home today. Or you can call (608) 782-0011 to talk to the folks at the Marian Catechist Apostolate during regular business hours.

Next week we'll take a look at the third commandment: "Remember to keep holy the Lord's day."

This is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.