

31st Sunday – Season of the Year

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, November 4, 2017

7:00 A.M. MASS – Deceased Parishioners of SJoA and St. Joseph
4:30 P.M. MASS – Sr. Zélie Thérèse of the Redeemer, Jeremy Rider, Preston Bertrand, Francis & Beula Davis, Elby & Aza Deshotel, Vernon Dugas, David Dugas, Brent Meaux, Fran Meaux, Bernard Aguiard, Keith LeJeune, Estelle Pellerin, Thomas & Eda Harmon Fly., Liv. & Dec. Sonny Berlinger, Ellen Johnson Fly. Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

7:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)
10:00 A.M. MASS – Members of St. Martha's Guild, Jeanette Hornsby, Marvin Banks, Doughty, Margaret, Nancy & Peter Broussard, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol Deshotel, Edward Maddox, M/M Clegg Chaumont, Juan H. Castellano, Juan H. Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guihermo Consuegra Garcia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez

MONDAY, November 6, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

TUESDAY, November 7, 2017

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Mr. & Mrs. Harris Ceaser

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Armora Victorian

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Bernard Aguiard

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

4:30 P.M. MASS – Jeremy Rider, John C. Durio, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Fran Meagux, Liv. & Dec. members of Helin McCauley Fly., Keith LeJeune, Collin Guillory, Eda Harmon, Aurlene Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Wyne Ceaser, Liv. & Dec. members of the Ladies Altar Society

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Dreau Granger, Weston Monceaux, Sr., Jennifer Sonnier, Marvin Banks, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol Deshotel, Edward Maddox, M/M Clegg Chaumont, Sally Pitre, Richard Young

Last Week's Collection	\$2,578.42
BSA (SJoA Quota \$9,953.00)	\$7,816.66
2nd Collection – BSA	

PRAYER LIST

M/M Robert Andrews, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Joan Bertrand, Shorty Beverly, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Pauline Boudreaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Brandon Bridgwel, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Steve & Roxane Campbell, Kristin Carlton, David & Natalie Carrier, Rosabelle Carrier, Megan Cart, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottongin, 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, 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, Skyline, 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, Helen Shreeman, Lois Singleton, Max Smith, C. Sonnier, Remy Spring, Kolton & Leah Squier, Barbara Strickland, Aerial Storer, Kelly Strother, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Katelyn Tunks, Dollyanna Victorian, Dana Vidrine, Steve Vidrine, Joseph Vizen, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Daryl & Kimberly Worthy, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Divine Intimacy Reading Guide

Nov. 5 th – Nov. 12 th	Entry Number
Sunday	343
Monday	344
Tuesday	345
Wednesday	346
Thursday	347
Friday	348
Saturday	349
Sunday	350

Vocations Candle and Cross – Mr. & Mrs. Bobbie Brandon

Thank You

The Family of Keith LeJeune would like to thank Fr. Conner and the Rosary Groups for their prayers and support during the loss of our loved one.

John & Virginia Spears Family

Ladies Altar Society Fundraiser "2018 A Sweet Year!"

The LAS will begin selling raffle tickets Tuesday, November 7th for \$1.00 per chance. One winner will be chosen to receive 12 homemade Desserts – one per month during the 2018 year. The drawing will be held Sunday, December 10th. Tickets will be available at the rectory

***** This Week @ SJoA *****

- ❖ Sunday, November 5th – Solemn Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, November 7th – Ladies Altar Society at 5:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, November 8th – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD and Youth Group**
- ❖ Sat. Nov. 11 & Sun. Nov. 12 – Bethlehem Group selling articles

FROM FATHER CONNER

Reporting Back on our Parish Bazaar

I wish to report back on the final tally regarding the profits from our most recent parish bazaar. The total profit was \$24,022.29. This is a fine amount. I thank each and everyone who supported the bazaar. Regardless of the form of your support (e.g., time, talent, treasure), I thank you sincerely. The profits will be used to continue our efforts of holding, teaching, and defending the Catholic faith, providing the sacraments to the Christian faithful, and the maintenance and beautification of our parish and mission facilities. Should you be interested in a comprehensive breakdown of bazaar profits and expenses, you can find spreadsheets at the main entrance of the church or on the bulletin board.

BSA Collection Today

Today's second collection is for the BSA. We are so close to finishing up this year's efforts. I think we might just be able to put a bow on it this weekend. According to my reckoning, that would be the quickest we've completed the BSA in the past 4 years.

RCIA

I continue to put out invitations for anyone interested in becoming Catholic, receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, or simply learning more about the Catholic Faith. We'll begin RCIA soon and I am asking all interested parties to contact me so that I can arrange dates and times for our instruction periods. Maybe you know someone who *might* be interested. Go "fishing," that is, offer an invitation. (God wants you to bring souls to Him!) Perhaps your invitation might be what convinces them that the questions they've experienced within should be acted upon.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT **A FAMILIAR SITUATION**

A woman went to her priest to complain that her husband mistreated her. The priest knew the woman became angry at every little thing her husband did, and that she caused him to become angry with her nagging tongue. So Father concocted a little remedy for the situation.

The priest handed the woman a bottle and said, "Here you are. Take this medicine, and it will cure your anger and quarreling."

"But what kind of medicine is it?" asked the woman.

"It's miraculous water."

"Miraculous water? What do I do? Sprinkle it on my husband?"

"No, not at all. All you have to do is keep some in your mouth. As long as you do that, he'll never feel any desire to fight with you."

The woman understood what Father meant. From that time on she never gave her husband anything to argue about.

I didn't write this story to start any trouble between some of you married folks, although I realize the story describes an all-too-often occurrence in the relationships of some couples. My intent was to use a story to demonstrate the silliness of anger and its provocations. As we continue our discussion of the fifth commandment, looking at this lady's angry husband and her provocations is a great place to start.

Genuine anger is usually a venial sin, unless the angered person goes into such a rage that he appears to have lost his senses. The reason I wrote "genuine anger" is, we must always distinguish between anger and righteous indignation. Anger is a sin against charity, and we should do all we can to avoid it. Righteous indignation is a just anger over sin, and it motivates an orderly desire for punishment.

Another important sin against the fifth commandment we should discuss is one that is topical and in the news fairly often these days: euthanasia. Euthanasia is immoral because life is taken with the excuse of avoiding pain, shortening suffering, or eliminating someone who is supposedly useless to society because of old age, defect, or illness. Only God can decide when life can end.

Christ sanctified suffering on the cross. For those who suffer and are not Catholic, the Holy Spirit can use that suffering in the process of the person's conversion. The person who is already a Catholic can unite his suffering with the crucified Christ, thereby making his prayers very powerful and honorable in the sight of God. St. John Paul II made the suffering of his final years very evident to the world, as he was trying to show us the importance of offering up our suffering. He did just as we all should do; he offered his suffering in reparation for his sins, as well as the sins of the whole world.

Direct sterilization is always mortally sinful, if done with the intention of preventing conception. Direct sterilization removes for selfish reasons the procreative power given for the generation of human life. This includes tubal ligation and vasectomy. *Indirect* sterilization isn't sinful at all, as it's done to correct a serious pathological condition. An example would be a hysterectomy when a woman has cancer.

Gluttony is defined as any excess, not just eating too much, and it is always sinful. The abuse of drugs or alcohol (drunkenness) is always excessive and therefore always sinful. Intoxication is mortally sinful when the person is so drunk that he can't distinguish between right and wrong, or if he can't remember his actions when he sobers up.

Scandal is yet another sin against the fifth commandment, but most people don't understand the proper meaning of the word. Scandal is defined as "[a]ny action or its omission, not necessarily sinful in itself, that is likely to induce another to do something morally wrong. Direct scandal, also called diabolical scandal, has the deliberate intention to induce another to sin. In indirect scandal a person does something that he or she foresees will at least likely lead another to commit sin, but this is rather tolerated than positively desired." (John H. Hardon, *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, p 491)

The fifth commandment obliges us to take the *ordinary* means to preserve our life and health, as well as that of our neighbor so far as we are able. We're not, however, obliged to take *extraordinary* means which involve extreme difficulty in order to preserve our life. Extraordinary means are to be taken, though, when the person is very necessary to his family, the Church, or society.

Extraordinary means of preserving life is a constantly evolving situation, due to the technological advances in medicine. For example, back in the '60s, when they first started doing open heart surgery it was considered extraordinary means to have, say, bypass. It has become so common today, with significantly fewer risks, that it is now considered ordinary means.

Despite the commandment's admonition that we must protect and preserve our life, a person may risk his life or health if there is a proportionately serious reason. A good example would be for a soldier to throw himself on a hand grenade to save his fellow soldiers. This is, after all, what Jesus did for us all on the cross.

Direct or culpable suicide is a mortal sin because God alone has the right over life and death. When a person commits suicide he attempts to displace God and His rightful authority. Of course, the victim of suicide who suffers from elements that restrict his free will may not be responsible for his act in God's sight. (cf *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2280-2283)

Finally, there is the question of organ transplantation. Anyone who begins to study the fifth commandment begins to scratch his head and wonder if this common medical practice is actually permitted. The Church does permit the transplantation of vital organs, provided the donor is truly dead, or if he can lead a normal life without the organ. Donating a kidney is an example.

Next week, we'll begin looking at two commandments together—the sixth and the ninth. Look them up to see if you can figure out why this is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

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