

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Season of the Year

### MASSES & INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, November 18, 2017**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – George, Clara & George, Jr. Schneider, Jeremy Rider, Grace Granger, Jack Johnson, Sox Gordon, Dec. members of the Horton & Berlinger Fly., Fran Meaux, M/M Rodney Fontenot, LeRoy Fontenot, Keith LeJeune, Houston & Gladys Ardoin, Joseph Fontenot, John & Virginia Spears Fly., Errol Deshotels

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Angelle Durio, Linda LeJeune, Taylor & Remy Fly., Liv. & Dec., Douglas R. Daigle, Marvin Banks, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol Deshotel, Edward Maddox, M/M Clegg Chaumont, Richard Young, Lindsay & Aurlen Guillory, Arsan & Agnes Victorian, Roselyn Victorian, Dwight, Dallas & Gracie Gradney, Eve Smith Guilbeau, M/M Mac Fontenot, Joe Karam

**MONDAY, November 20, 2017**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – D.C. Reed, Jr.

**TUESDAY, November 21, 2017**

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Jason Skaggs

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017**

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017**

**8:00 A.M. MASS** – Phillip Courville

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017**

**NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Jeremy Rider, John C. Durio, Joseph, Mildred, Hosey, Florence & Francis Guillory, Andrus, Joseph & Ella May Fritel, Catherine Papillion, David Dugas, Fran Meaux, Bernard Aguilard, Keith LeJeune, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr., M/M Lindsay & Aurlene Guillory, Maxzele Simon, Richard Hance, Hubert Bertrand

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Jervy Vizena, Marvin Banks, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol Deshotel, M/M Clegg Chaumont, Gene & Velma Brakel, Richard Young, M/M Sidney Gradney, Paul Gradney, Autry Gradney, Enola Bellard, Errol Deshotels, Sidney & Helen Johnson & Fly., Liv. Dec., Daniel Goodley, Jr., Bernard Fontenot

**Last Week's Collection**

**\$5,061.00**

BSA (\$575.34 remains to be collected to reach quota)

### 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, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, Daniel Goodley & Fly., Mary Ann Goodley, Phielomone Goody, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Bruce Granger, Jr., Jennifer Granger, Linda Green, Victoria Guillory, Bob Haas, 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, Skylie, 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 Vizena, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Daryl & Kimberly Worthy, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

#### Divine Intimacy Reading Guide

Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> – Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Entry Number
Sunday	357
Monday	358
Tuesday	359 & 386
Wednesday	360
Thursday	361
Friday	362
Saturday	363
Sunday	364

**Vocations Candle and Cross** – Mrs. Clara Smith

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#### This Week @ SJoA

❖ **Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – NO ADORATION, CCD or Youth Group; Youth Excursion leaving SJoA at 9:30 A.M. for grades 6 – 12. Volunteers are needed to help drive.**

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#### FROM FATHER CONNER

**A “Sweet Year”**

The Ladies Altar Society has a cool and delicious fundraiser. After our weekend Masses, LAS members will sell \$1 chances to win 12 desserts (one dessert per month) in 2018. A list of the homemade desserts for each month is on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Additionally, tickets will be available at the rectory and from LAS members. The drawing will be held **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**Reflections on the Requiem Mass**

It is customary to offer Requiem Masses in November. (“Requiem” Mass refers either to a funeral Mass proper – that is, for someone who has recently died – or what is called a “daily Mass of the Dead” – that is, a Mass offered for those who have died sometime in the past. A “daily Mass of the Dead,” moreover, can be offered for an individual, for several people, or even for all the faithful departed collectively.) The reason for Requiems this month is that we Catholics (should) have particular devotion to the Poor Souls, especially as the liturgical year concludes. Having offered several of these Masses recently, I have reflected on their brevity. By “brevity” I am referring to how several prayers and ceremonies found in a typical Mass are omitted from a Requiem Mass. (Note: these omissions are more pronounced in the EF.) Considering this point, it struck me that the brevity of a Requiem can give us insight into an important reality: Our earthly life doesn’t last forever. God gives us this brief span of time to prepare for eternity. We can see this truth subtly woven into the fabric of a Requiem Mass. For just as a Requiem is by its very nature briefer than a regular Mass, so too is our temporal existence shorter than eternity. As we increase our devotion to the Poor Souls this month; as we perhaps assist at a Requiem Mass here and there, let us also take heed of our own soul. A Requiem reminds us that, among other things, our time of preparation is fleeting.

# **WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT**

## **THE LUSTS OF THEIR HEARTS**

As we continue our look at the sixth and ninth commandments, I'd like to dedicate this particular article to a topic that is very much in the news and national dialogue. I'm referring to homosexuality.

It amazes me that so many Catholics actually support so-called homosexual rights, including same sex "marriage". Let me first state that being a homosexual is not morally wrong. If homosexuality is morally wrong, then by necessity heterosexuality must also be wrong. What's morally wrong is homosexual acts, just like heterosexual acts outside of marriage is wrong. As long as the homosexual lives a chaste life, it is no more immoral to be a homosexual than it is to be a heterosexual.

"Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that 'homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered'. They are contrary to the natural law. They 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." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2357)

Since the Church herself declares a scriptural basis for her teaching that homosexual acts are disordered and immoral, let's take a look at a few of those passages. First we see that God destroyed Sodom because of the rampant homosexual behaviors taking place, hence the reason any unnatural sexual act is called sodomy. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2357)

Next is Leviticus: "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination." (Leviticus 18:22) "If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death, their blood is upon them." (Ibid. 20:13)

Then we see what St. Paul has to say in the New Testament. "Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

"For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error." (Romans 1:24-27)

"Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Corinthians 6:9b-10; cf. 1 Timothy 1:8-11)

The above scriptures demonstrate to us exactly how God views homosexual acts. However, the homosexual lobby has been very successful in its concerted public relations effort to make their destructive lifestyle acceptable to far too many Americans. What they have been telling us for decades is, homosexuals make up 10% of the American population. However, a study from the Williams Law Institute of UCLA tells us that it's actually 3.5% of adults in the United States who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual.

Among the many other lies they tell us is that they are homosexual by nature, not by choice. That claim is simply illogical. It is the Supernature (God) who creates nature. We've already seen what God says about homosexuality. It is an insult to Almighty God (blasphemy) to say that God made homosexuals homosexual. He certainly made every human being—with the help of our parents—but the homosexual made a choice to become homosexual. If it were natural to be homosexual, then homosexuals would be able to procreate and have families naturally. That is simply not the case.

The acceptance of homosexuality by Catholics is a blatant denial of the Church's teachings, and a denial of the Church's teachings is to place oneself outside the Catholic Church.

All this stated, it is still wrong to discriminate against anyone—homosexuals or otherwise. But we must define exactly what we mean by discrimination. Actually, let's define first what discrimination is *not*. Discrimination is not refusing to give someone something because of the way they choose to have sex. If homosexuals are given "rights" that are traditionally reserved to traditional marriage, then there is nothing to keep the flood gates from bursting into all sorts of new "rights". If we legalize same sex unions, then nothing stops legalized prostitution (both adult and minor), pedophilia (just ask the North American Man-Boy Love Association), polygamy, bigamy, bestiality (the current pet craze in America makes it not only likely, but a minor movement has begun) and a host of other perversions. So we don't discriminate on the basis of gender, color, race or creed, but nothing in that description affirms giving people special "rights" because of the way they choose to have sex.

Rights imply liberty. As we've stated in these articles in the past, liberty is doing as we ought; license is doing as we want. No one has a right to license, but liberty—doing as we ought—is every person's responsibility. That is what the Church teaches, and that is What We Believe... Why We Believe It.

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