

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Season of the Year

### **MASSES & INTENTIONS**

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – David Dugas, Richard Young, Bernice Vidrine, Bernard Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Deloise DeVille, Adelaide Keamey, Martin, Augustine & Dosey Goodly, Jack Johnson, Brittni Law & Fly., Rhonda Granger & Fly., Jeremy Rider, Sox Gordon, Fran Meaux, Keith LeJeune, LeRoy Fontenot, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot, Hunter Carmouche

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Sally Pitre, Richard Young, Errol Deshotels, Catherine Vick, Todd, Shawana & Landon Fontenot, Dorothy Briscoe Cloud, Joseph & Susana Beaubouef, Larry Cormier, Margaret Briscoe, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – D.C. Reed, Jr.

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018**

**NO MASS**

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Geraldine Garcile (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018**

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – John Manuel

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Bernice Vidrine, Donald Fontenot, Deloise DeVille, Souls in Purgatory, Jeremy Rider, Fran Meaux, Rose Mae Ardoin, Houston & Gladys Ardoin, Joseph Fontenot, Keith LeJeune, John, Willie & Edith Spears, Willie, Allie, Larry & Raymond Lanthier, Paul & Rose Frank

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Marvin Banks, Carol & Keith Deshotel, Errol Deshotels, Frank & Cindy Fontenot, Kristen & Shannon Manciel, Todd & Kellie Manuel Fly., Melca Manuel, Dean Manuel, Edward Maddox, Henry Heinen, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons

**Last Week's Collection**

**\$2,784.27**

**Next Week 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Church in Latin America**

**\*\*Contribution Statements** – If you would like a copy of your contribution statement for tax purposes please call Corinne at the office during regular business hours.

### **PRAYER LIST**

Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Jocie Bergeron, 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, Steve & Roxane Campbell, Kristin Carlton, Hunter Carmouche, David & Natalie Carrier, Rosabelle Carrier, Megan Cart, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Ailene Chapman, Paula Chaumont, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Larry Cormier, Virginia Cottongin, Jay Crittle, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Shaun Darbonne, Jackie Deville, Cindy Dowies, Jabe Doyle, Donna Dunnahoo, Amy Duplechain, Bryker Fontenot, David Fontenot, Mary O. Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Roy Frank, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, Daniel Goodley & Fly., Mary Ann Goodley, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Bruce Granger, Jr., Jennifer Granger, Linda Green, Victoria Guillory, Bob Haas, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Sunni Hurst, Charlene Ireland, John, Sherita & Perella Jackson, Grady Johnson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Colt Laborde, Paul LaFleur, Kristen Labauve, Charles Lacey, Rene Lambert, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Dwain LeBleu, Tina Lantier, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Doc Lowe, Benny 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, 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, Vera Ross, Fr. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Quentin Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Aerial Storer, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Dana Vidrine, Steve Vidrine, Joseph Vizona, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

**Vocations Candle and Cross** – Mr. & Mrs. Martel Goodly

### **Knights of Columbus Dues**

It's that time of year again. KC dues are \$25 and may be paid at the meetings or by mailing to Craig LeJeune at 9842 Hwy 165, Oberlin, LA.

### **Red EF Booklets/Hymnals**

It seems we're a little short on the number of red EF booklets here in the church. If by chance you have one in your possession, please make sure to drop it off next time you're at SJoA. These booklets, like the hymnals, need to remain in the church rather than go home with you so that we will always have enough copies for folks who attend Mass.

### **Blessed Palms**

If you are ready to return your blessed palms from last year, please notice the repository for that purpose. We use the old palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Do remember that, once blessed, the palm became a sacramental and cannot be thrown in the garbage.

### **Daily Missals**

If you ordered a Daily Missal through the office you may pick it up at the rectory during regular business hours.

### **Community Prayer for Life**

On Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 P.M. a Community Prayer for Life will take place on the Lawn of the Allen Parish Courthouse. All faiths will come together to unite in prayer to commit to respecting and protecting life at every stage. Please pray that this event glorifies God and focuses us as a community on this vital issue.

### **St. Pius X and St. Theodore Catholic Church Parish Mission**

St. Pius X joins St. Theodore to host the 2018 Parish Mission Monday, February 5 – Thursday, February 8, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at St. Pius X church in Ragley. Fr. Larry Richards will present the Mission. Please see the flyer in the church for more information.

### **Rachel's Vineyard**

Rachel's Vineyard, A retreat for healing after abortion takes place February 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> at Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff. Participation is strictly confidential. The cost is \$215.00. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. For more information or registration contact: Rachel's Vineyard of SWLA (337) 439-7400 ext. 317 or e-mail [rachels.vineyard@lodiocese.org](mailto:rachels.vineyard@lodiocese.org).

### **This Week @ SJoA**

- ❖ Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Bazaar Meeting at 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Holy Hour at 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Choir Practice at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – Adoration 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD and Youth Group

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### **Congratulations**

SJoA congratulates **Arya Abshire, Kaylee Berry, Pat Conner, & Eli Rozas**. These youngsters recently made their first penance and then received their First Holy Communion. Along these lines, SJoA also congratulates **Paul Mundell**, who soon will make his first penance and then will receive his First Holy Communion this Thursday evening. What a beautiful and unmerited grace it is to receive Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion. May none of us ever let this sublime encounter with the Lord of Heaven and Earth become habitual. But may it always remain a deep act of love.

### **RCIA**

I've been advertising our RCIA class each week in the bulletin and I take another opportunity to do so today. I invite all adults to increase their knowledge of the Catholic Church's teachings. While this class has the *specific purpose* of preparing non-Catholics to be received into the Catholic Church and for assisting current Catholics in preparation for some of the Sacraments of Initiation, it also serves the *general purpose* of an adult education class in the Catholic Faith. (Let no one at SJoA say: "If only there was a class where I could learn more." Here's yet again *another* opportunity for you.)

For our textbook, we are using a very fine work titled, ***This is the Faith***. It was written by, according to my limited knowledge of his life, an exemplary Priest named Father Francis Ripley. The book is published by TAN. It can be purchased through the rectory office for \$15.00. (Please note that this is about *half* of what the book retails for.) At the same time, I want you to know that it is *not* necessary to purchase the book in order to participate in these classes.

The RCIA classes take place **each Sunday at 4:00 pm** in the parish hall. Every so often we will take a Sunday off. When this occurs, it will be noted in the bulletin. But for your planning purposes, you can figure that the RCIA / Adult Education classes will be each Sunday at 4:00 pm and will continue until the beginning of June. As the teacher of these classes, I encourage you – indeed, you, anyone and everyone – to take advantage of this opportunity to grow closer to God by increasing your knowledge of the Church's faith. It's good to recall that in order to love and serve God, we must first **know** Him. In that regard, these classes will be beneficial.

### **Day of Prayer and Penance**

This Monday is a day of prayer and penance in the United States. The purpose is to make **reparation for the sin of abortion**. Life begins at conception. Abortion, since it destroys the child in the womb and ends his life, is murder: indeed, it is infanticide. One abortion is too many. It must end. The longer abortion continues, the greater can we expect our chastisement from God to be. (Anyone doubting this has not spent near enough time with the Bible ... and No! this is not "Old Testament" theology. There's only one God, and He is Lord of **both** testaments.) I urge you in the strongest terms possible to mark the day appropriately, that is, with prayer and penance. We act foolishly in failing to recognize (1) that abortion, since it is a direct offense against *innocent* human life, greatly offends and angers God, and (2) that **we** should feel an urgency to make reparation for this abominable crime, even if we ourselves have no direct involvement with it. As St. Robert Southwell has written: "Where sin was hatched, let tears now wash the nest." Or again, taking our cue from Holy Writ: "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning" (Joel 2:17).

With this in mind, we will have a **holy hour** Monday evening, beginning at **6:30 pm** to make reparation for abortion and to pray that it soon be abolished forever. I hope you will make time for it. And, over and above this one day of prayer and penance, let each of us seek to become (if we're not already) an eloquent witness for the dignity of human life.

### **More on the Virtue of Chastity**

Last Sunday I spoke of chastity, a virtue without which a person can neither find happiness nor freedom. I wish to continue our reflection chastity. Below you will find teachings from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Please give them due consideration.

### **THE CATECHISM ON THE VIRTUE OF CHASTITY**

*The integrity of the person*

**2338** The chaste person ***maintains the integrity*** of the powers of life and love placed in him. This integrity ensures the unity of the person; it is opposed to any behavior that would impair it. ***It tolerates neither a double life nor duplicity in speech.***<sup>125</sup>

**2339** Chastity includes an *apprenticeship in self-mastery* which is a training in human freedom. The alternative is clear: ***either man governs his passions and finds peace, or he lets himself be dominated***

**2340** ***Whoever wants to remain faithful to his baptismal promises and resist temptations will want to adopt the means for doing so:*** self-knowledge, practice of an *asceticism* [penance] adapted to the situations that confront him, obedience to God's commandments, exercise of the moral virtues, and fidelity to prayer. "Indeed it is through chastity that we are gathered together and led back to the unity from which we were fragmented into multiplicity."<sup>128</sup>

**2341** The virtue of chastity comes under the cardinal virtue of ***temperance***, which seeks to permeate the passions and appetites of the senses with reason.

**2342** Self-mastery is a ***long and exacting work***. One can never consider it acquired once and for all. It presupposes renewed effort at all stages of life.<sup>129</sup> The effort required can be more intense in certain periods, such as when the personality is being formed during childhood and adolescence.

**2343** Chastity has *laws of growth* which progress through stages marked by imperfection and too often by sin. "Man . . . day by day builds himself up through his many free decisions; and so he knows, loves, and accomplishes moral good by stages of growth."<sup>130</sup>

**2344** Chastity represents an eminently personal task; it also involves a *cultural effort*, for there is "an interdependence between personal betterment and the improvement of society."<sup>131</sup> Chastity presupposes respect for the rights of the person, in particular the right to receive information and an education that respect the moral and spiritual dimensions of human life.

**2345** Chastity is a moral virtue. It is also a gift from God, a *grace*, a fruit of spiritual effort.<sup>132</sup> ***The Holy Spirit enables one whom the water of Baptism has regenerated to imitate the purity of Christ.***<sup>133</sup>