

2nd Sunday of Lent

MASSSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

4:30 P.M. MASS – Don Fontenot, Bruce & Mary Esther Courville, Jeremy Rider, Fran Meaux, Eldridge Hance Fly., Liv. & Dec., Hunter Carmouche, Helen & Glenn Sonnier, Cecilia Sonnier

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Henry Heinen, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – D.C. Reed., Jr.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Susana Beaubouef

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Phillip Courville

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Helen Lofton (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Sr. Zélie Thérèse of the Redeemer

4:30 P.M. MASS – Don Fontenot, Jeremy Rider, Fran Meaux, Sox Gordon, Keith LeJeune, LeRoy Fontenot, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot, Anne Hance Guidry, M/M Willard Pickard, Barbara Murray Fly., Liv. & Dec., M/M J.C. Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Evelyn Sandell, Ursin & Lillie Carrier, Alice Manuel

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, James Yeagley, St. Martha's Guild, Juan H. Lucero Castellano, Juan H. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guihermo Consuegra Garcia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez

Last Week's Collection

\$4,006.20

2nd Collection Next Weekend – Black & Indian Missions

PRAYER LIST

Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Jocie Bergeron, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Brandon Bridgwel, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice 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, Brittany Courville, Jay Crittle, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Shaun Darbonne, Jackie Deville, Cindy Dowies, Jabe Doyle, Donna Dunnahoo, Amy Duplechain, Ken Durio, 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, Rachael Granger, Vergie Granger, Linda Green, Victoria Guillory, Bob Haas, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Sunni Hurst, Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & 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., Louana McGee, Reed McIver, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, 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, Sonya Pickett, 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, Benton & Yvonne Smith, Lonnie Stocy, Aerial Storer, Donald Taylor, Erin Taylor, Lory Taylor, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Joseph Vizena, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Vocations Candle and Cross – Mr. & Mrs. Todd Manuel & Fly.

Ladies Altar Society News & Dues

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the next Ladies Altar Society meeting March 6th at 5:30 P.M. in the parish hall. St. Joseph's Altar is scheduled for March 18th and preparations will be discussed. All ladies are invited to attend. If you have not yet paid your \$20 dues for this year you may pay at the meeting or at the church office.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, Feb. 25th – RCIA 4:30 P.M.; Solemn Holy Hour 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, Feb. 27th – KC Rosary/Reflection 5:30 P.M. in church
- ❖ *Wednesday, Feb. 28th – NO ADORATION; CCD and Youth Group beginning at 4:00 P.M.*
- ❖ Thursday, March 1st – 40 Hours Devotions 3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
- ❖ Friday, March 2nd – Mass at 6:30 A.M.; 40 Hours Devotions 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. (Stations will be prayed privately)
- ❖ Saturday, March 3rd – First Saturday Mass at **6:30 A.M.**; 40 Hours Devotions 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
- ❖ Sunday, March 4th – 40 Hours Devotions 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

FROM FATHER CONNER

Some Information about “Compline”

We had a great beginning to our chanting of Compline last Sunday. Circumstance didn't permit me to say too much about Compline last week. Today, however, I'd like to provide a few basic details about what Compline and the Breviary (of which Compline forms a part) are.

Let's begin with the Breviary. The Breviary is the liturgical book of the Latin liturgical rites of the Catholic Church containing the public or “canonical prayers”, hymns, Psalms, readings, and notations for everyday use by Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and consecrated religious. (Note: the laity may also pray the Breviary, either in whole or in part.) There are up to eight “offices” (= times of prayer or “canonical hours”) prayed each and every day. As it is with the Mass and the Sacraments, so also with the Breviary. It has two forms: the **EF** of the Breviary is called the *Breviarium Romanum*, or “Roman Breviary”. The **OF** version of the Breviary is known as the *Liturgia Horarum*, or “Liturgy of Hours”. The normative language for each is Latin, but, with the permission of one's Bishop, a cleric or religious can fulfill his obligation (to pray the breviary) in the vernacular.

Now let's turn our attention to “Compline”. The term Compline is derived from the Latin word *completorium*, or “complement”. Compline is the eighth or final “hour” of prayer of the day. (In reality, it only takes 15-20 minutes of actual time to pray.) Compline has been given to this particular “hour” because it is, as it were, the *completion* of all the “hours” of the day. Thus, Compline brings the prayers and works of the day to a close. It's generally accepted that St. Benedict of Norcia (6th century) was the first person to use the word “compline” in this respect (cf. the *Rule of St. Benedict*, chapters xvi, xvii, xviii, and xlii). In the Roman Breviary's present form, Compline may be divided into several parts, namely: the beginning or introduction, the psalmody, with its usual accompaniment of anthems, the hymn, the *capitulum* (brief chapter reading), the response, the evangelical cantic, the prayer, and the benediction.

Perhaps you might think of joining us on Sunday evenings of Lent for Eucharistic adoration and Compline. The former begins at 6:00 pm. Compline is prayed right at 7:00 pm. Each are beautiful occasions of grace!

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

A BUNDLE OF ROSES

Queen St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231) was one of the most benevolent monarchs in the history of the world. Not content with receiving numbers of the poor in her palace on a daily basis, and relieving the distress of all who she could find, she built several hospitals, where she served the sick and dressed the most horrible sores and infections with her own hands.

Once she was carrying in the folds of her mantle some provisions for the poor when she met her husband returning from hunting with his friends. Amazed to see her struggling under such a heavy burden, he opened the mantle to see what she was carrying. He was even more amazed to find nothing in it but red and white roses, despite it wasn't the season for any sort of flower. He took one of the miraculous roses and kept it the rest of his life...which was to be short lived.

Her charity to the poor was so great that people used to call her "Dear St. Elizabeth". Her ladies in waiting tried to persuade her not to do many of the services to the poor and sick she did, telling her it was beneath her royal dignity. Elizabeth answered, "I'm preparing for the day of judgment. On that day Jesus will ask me for an account of all the good works I've done for Him, and I want to be able to say: 'You see, my Lord Jesus, when You were hungry, I fed You; when You were thirsty, I gave You drink; when You had nothing to wear, I clothed You; when You were sick or in prison, I visited You; because You said that in doing these things to the poor, I did them to You. So I beg You to be kind to me in the sentence You're about to pass on me.'"

After her husband's death when St. Elizabeth was but twenty years old, she was cruelly driven from her palace and forced to wander penniless, hungry and cold in the streets with her little children. Despite her sufferings, which she welcomed and offered up to Jesus as a gift in reparation for her own sins and the sins of the world, she continued to mother the poor and managed to convert many others by her holiness of life. She finally went to her reward at the young age of twenty-four.

Last week we talked about being judged immediately after our death, which will happen to us all. This is called the particular judgment. However, many people fail to realize there are actually two judgments: the particular judgment immediately after our death, then the general judgment at the end of the world. We'll take a look at the general judgment now.

God is both perfectly just and perfectly merciful, and all mankind has a right to see the perfection of both His justice and mercy, which is why there will be a general judgment at the end of time. Everyone will see that in His infinite mercy God wanted to save us all, and we'll see that He was right in rewarding those who trusted in His infinite goodness. We'll also see how He was just in punishing those who rejected Him with their sins and refused to repent. The same identical judgment will be given in the general judgment as in our particular judgment, as there are no second chances after death.

In all of Sacred Scripture there is only one time that Jesus gives us the criteria for the general judgment. It's found in Matthew 25:34-46: "Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see

thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'

"Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they will also answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Church teaches that Jesus meant these things literally, which is why St. Elizabeth did the things she did. I know of a prisoner who became a Catholic while incarcerated. The man who led him to the faith thought he'd benefit from developing a friendship with a Carmelite Sister at her motherhouse in St. Louis, so he gave the prisoner the Sister's address and told him to write to her. The prisoner didn't want to write to her, though. After all, what did a convicted felon have in common with a nun? But he finally wrote, and his letter pretty much expressed his feeling that she couldn't possibly want to have anything to do with him. He posted the letter and promptly forgot about it.

About two weeks later, he got a letter from the Sister. For most of the first page, she went on and on and on about what a privilege it was to be able to write to him. The prisoner thought she was nuts, and he expressed this to the man who led him into the Church the next time he saw him. That was when the man showed the prisoner the passage we just read above. He told the prisoner that in the Sister's mind, she was writing to Jesus...and she was! Not just in her mind was she writing to Jesus, but according to Our Lord Himself, *she was writing to Him*—visiting Him in prison. The Sister and the prisoner developed a very close friendship over the years, and she helped him to persevere in the faith because of it.

So the next time you see a workman who is working in the heat and needs a drink, give him some water. The next time you see a homeless person who is hungry, buy him a burger. The next time you drive by a hospital or nursing home, stop in and find someone who could be uplifted by your visit. The next time you notice a poor person or family in need of clothing, gather the things in your closet you're not using and give them to those people. Get involved in a good Catholic prison ministry and visit Jesus in prison. You don't necessarily have to do all these things. You could specialize. My wife developed the habit of making weekly visits to nursing homes and found ladies she could visit who never had visits from anyone else. Perhaps you could do that, or work in a local kitchen for the homeless, or collect clothing for the poor and ask your priest for the names of people who could use them (he certainly knows some). Whatever you decide to do, you should resolve to do it now. Your eternal destiny may depend on it. Remember that Jesus said, "Whatever you do to the least of these my brethren, you do to me." This is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Got questions? Go to JoeSixpackAnswers.com for your answers.