

Easter Sunday

MASSSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018

9:30 P.M. MASS – Don Fontenot, Jerome & Blanche Haas, Fran Meaux, Jeremy Rider, Helen & Glenn Sonnier, Teovic & Joyce Fontenot, Oberlin Schools, Liv. & Dec. members of the Taylor & Remy Fly., Benton Smith, Edward Maddox

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Catherine Papillion, St. Martha's Guild, Semonia Harmon, Joseph, Mildred, Florence, Francis & Hosey Guillory, Andrus & Ella Mae Frilot, Teovic & Joyce Fontenot, Juan H. Lucero Castellano, Joan H. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guihermo Consuegra Garicia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018

5:30 P.M. MASS – Phillip Courville

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Roy Frank

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

NO MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018

5:30 P.M. MASS – Estelle Pellerin

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Elmo Smith

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

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

5:30 P.M. MASS – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Jeremy Rider, Sox Gordon, Keith LeJeune, Liv. & Dec. Fly. of Barbara Murray, Ladies Altar Society, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Benton Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Evelyn Sandell, Liv. Dec. Fly. of Frank Mougeot, Enola Bellard, M/M Sidney Gradney, Autry Gradney, Paul Gradney, Freeman Gradney, Brianna & Trevor West

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Liv. & Dec. members of Taylor/Remy Fly., Liv. & Dec. Ryan Rozas Fly., Susana Beaubouef, Dana Fontenot, Rory Taylor, Todd & Shawana Fontenot & Fly., Edward Maddox

Last Week's Collection **\$2,802.40**
2nd Collection on Good Friday – Holy Land
2nd Collection Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday – Seminary (Quota \$521.00)

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, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Ailene Chapman, 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, Donna "Blackie" 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 Mclver, 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, Don Rider, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skyllie, 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, Yvonne Smith, Lonnie Stcy, Aerial Storer, Donald Taylor, Erin Taylor, Lory Taylor, Matt Taylor, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Gene Vizena, Joseph Vizena, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Terri Willilord, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Vocations Candle and Cross – M/M Bobby Brandon

Easter Lilies

You may purchase an Easter lily plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one for \$25 per lily plant. The names will be printed in the bulletin, **"IN MEMORY."**

- In Memory of Bryant & Dorothy Montou
- In Memory of Marcellas "Pe-Lee" Ross
- In Memory of Leonard Beaubouef & Sons

Wine Tasting Party

SJoA's Wine Tasting Party is Saturday, April 14th at 7 P.M. in the Parish Hall featuring Matthew Beard: Banquet Chef at Coushatta Casino Resort. Hors D'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased at the rectory in advance or at the door. You must be at least 21 yrs. old to attend. Proceeds benefit the SJoA Annual Bazaar. **There is limited seating so get your tickets early.**

6th Annual SJoA Bazaar Bass Tournament

Pre-Tournament and Weigh-In Site: Pirates Cove Marina on Toledo Bend Lake Saturday, May 5, 2018. Meet and pay at 6 am. Entry Fee is \$60 per boat or \$30 per person. Cash prizes given according to the number of entries. Proceeds benefit the Church Bazaar Fund. Tournament Director is Steven Durio: 318-634-7162 (H) or 381-335-6021 (C). See Flyer on the Church Bulletin Board for more information.

Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf Tournament

On May 19, 2018, the Johnnie Thibodeaux Golf Tournament will be held at Mallard Cove in Lake Charles. Proceeds will benefit projects of the Abranzando Cristo Mission Program to Nicaragua. Call 478-4095 or 540-0410 for more information.

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This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Tuesday, April 3rd – Ladies Altar Society at 5:30 P.M.
- ❖ Thursday, April 5th – E.F. High Mass at 5:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Friday, April 6th – Adoration 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M**
- ❖ **Saturday, April 7th – Mass at 5:30 P.M. today only due to a previously scheduled wedding.**

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SAVE THE DATE

CCD CLOSING CEREMONIES

Saturday, April 28th from 11: 00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

CONFIRMATION MASS

Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 P.M. at St. Joan of Arc

GARAGE SALE / BAKE SALE BENEFITING SJOA BAZAAR

Saturday, July 7th from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (Start saving your items now)

RELICS OF OUR LORD'S PASSION VISITING SJoA

Sunday, September 16th (<http://www.relictour.com/relics-of-the-passion>)

SJOA BAZAAR

AN EASTER SERMON

By St. John Chrysostom

Is there anyone who is a devout lover of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival! Is there anyone who is a grateful servant? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages! If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay.

For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that toiled from the first. To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows. He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor. The deed He honors and the intention He commends.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day! You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden! Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it.

He destroyed Hades when He descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh. Isaias foretold this when he said, "You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below."

Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with. It was in an uproar because it is mocked. It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed. It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated. It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive. Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory?

Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated! Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down! Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and life is liberated! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!

FROM FATHER CONNER

1.) Happy Easter to each and to all! The joy of this "day" cannot diminish if we keep in mind that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and, in so doing, destroyed death and opened the gates of Heaven for us!

We have had some beautiful ceremonies and Masses here lately at SJoA and there are so many to thank for making them possible. We always keep in mind the **Ladies Altar Society**, the **Knights of Columbus**, the **Choir**, the **altar boys**, the **sacristans**, and so many others who simply help get done those things needing attention. It's a blessing to be in the midst of such generosity and dedication. May the Lord continue the good present here and increase it one hundredfold!

And may God bless you and your family this Eastertide! Let us keep the feast of Easter with the holiness that is becoming of a child of God, as one whom Our Dear Savior has purchased with His Most Precious Blood!

2.) We recently installed a new sound system in the church. As I understand it, the old sound system was original to the church. (That means we got our money's worth.) The condition of the old system was terrible. The "guts" of most of the speakers were literally dry-rotted and falling apart. The wiring wasn't great either. The cost of the new sound system was approximately **\$3,600.00**. We saved around \$2,000.00 by installing it ourselves. I very sincerely thank the parishioners who researched and installed the new sound system. In the meantime, we've been working assiduously to get the new system correctly adjusted. This will likely take a few more Masses. In due time, though, I believe the sound in the church will be magnificent ... *other than my sermons, of course!*

3.) Speaking of sermons, a few folks thanked me for the beautiful sermon on Palm Sunday. Some even told me that it was my best one yet! ;) Since I'm one to take compliments where they can be found, I'm grateful to have been affirmed in my priestly ministry! LOL! *Happy Easter!*

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