

# External Observance of the Ascension of the Lord

## **MASSES & INTENTIONS**

### **SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Dec. members of Horton & Berlinger Fly., Dec. Fly. of Paul & Celeman Thomas, Bernard & Felecia Fontenot, Ladies Altar Society, LeRoy Fontenot, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot, Ricky Duplechain, Jr., Benton Smith, Frank Mougeot, Paul, Celeman, Norbert, Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin

### **SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Andrus Fritel, Mildred Guillory, Florence Guillory, Liv. & Dec. members of Taylor & Remy Fly., Edward Maddox, Quinten Bell Fly., Aurdlene & Shirley Guillory, Celeman Thomas, Edith Harmon, Enola Bellard, Matt Taylor

### **MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Phillip Courville

### **TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018**

**NO MASS**

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Claiborne Durio

### **THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Frank Mougeot

### **FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018**

**12:05 P.M. MASS** – Brenda Sonnier Tidwell

### **SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Jack Johnson, Clement Granger, Cecilia Sonnier, Benton Smith, Frank Mougeot, Paul, Celeman, Norbert & Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Sandra Gauthier, Lloyd Taylor, Carrier/Vizena Liv. & Dec. Fly.

### **SUNDAY, MAY 20, 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, Matt Taylor, Rodney Bushnell, Ann Burgess

**Last Week's Collection**

**\$5,264.25**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Catholic Communications**

## **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 & Roxanne 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 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, Brian 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, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Andrew Norwood, Nicholas Odum, Debbie & Phil Owen & Fly., Joey Owen, Brittany Pate, Howard Patin, Sonya Pickett, Shirley Papillion, Trenton Patrick, 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, Janice & Salis Rider, Vera Ross, Fr. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Quentin Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Yvonne Smith, Josh Sonnier, Lonnie Stcy, Donald Taylor, Lory Taylor, Tiffany Taylor, Matthew Truman, Ed & Jane Ulery, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine, Joseph Vizena, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Terri Willilord, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

**Vocations Candle and Cross** – Phielomone Goodly

## **Thank You**

We wish to thank Fr. Conner, the altar boys, the choir, parishioners of SJoA and the ladies altar society for their prayers, love and kindness shown to our family during our time of grief.

**-The Family of Rodney Bushnell**

## **SJoA Feast Day Reception**

SJoA will have a reception after the 10:00 A.M. Mass on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The KC's will cook the meat. The following is a suggested list that will help us have a variety of foods. If your last name begins with:

**A – G: Desserts** (cakes, pies, puddings, candy, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.)

**H – L: Bread, Rice, or Pasta** (pasta salads, crescent rolls, biscuits, Hawaiian bread, Parker House rolls, broccoli rice, mac & cheese, etc.)

**M – R: Vegetables** (green beans, corn, sweet potato, potato salad, cucumbers, baked beans, peas, green salad, mashed potatoes, etc.)

**S – Z: Miscellaneous** (deviled eggs, relish plate, chips & dips, nuts, mints, fruit, etc.)

**Ladies Altar Society will provide punch.**

Other ideas of foods in each category are welcome. If you cannot make something in your category, you may change to another category.

## **SJoA EUREKA SPRINGS PILGRIMAGE**

- Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Daily Mass, The Great Passion Play, Tour of the Holy Land Replica, Christ of the Ozarks, Bible Museum, and Little Portion Hermitage
  - \$295 per person (55 people)
  - \$375 per person (30 people) Lower prices available for children 16 yrs and younger.
  - Includes Bus travel, 3 night lodging, Passion Play Tour w/dinner
- The cost for other meals is not included. Call the rectory to reserve your spot. **Extended deadline - Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

The Diocese of L.C. Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration is to take place on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the 11:15 A.M. Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Any couple celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, or 70<sup>th</sup> is invited to attend. Following Mass will be a reception with Bishop Provost in the Ave Maria Hall. Family members are also invited to the Mass and reception. Register with Mrs. Corinne in the church office by Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## **This Week @ SJoA**

- ❖ Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – Ultreya 5:00 P.M.; **NO Holy Hour or Compline**
- ❖ Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – KC Meeting 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Adoration 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **SJoA FEAST DAY**

Reception after the 10:00 A.M. Mass on May 27<sup>th</sup>

### **GARAGE SALE / BAKE SALE BENEFITING SJOA BAZAAR**

Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

### **SJOA BAZAAR**

October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

## **WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT** **WORKING 24/7...AND OBEYING GOD**

One day, two men stood outside the parish church after Holy Mass and carried on a conversation. One said to the other, "Why, Bill, you've put on some weight! Don't you work anymore?"

"I work about twenty-four hours a day," replied Bill with all seriousness.

"Impossible!" exclaimed his friend.

"Not with a system," Bill began to explain. "I work twelve hours down at the shop and around the house. Then I support our parish, the diocese, and mission work—that money works even while I'm sleeping."

Bill understands the precept of the Church that "the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the church, each according to his own ability. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2043)" The parish can't exist without the financial and prayerful support of its parishioners.

Although no one likes to compare a parish church to a business, it does indeed meet anyone's criteria for a business. Every business has a deliverable—a product or a service. Your parish's deliverables are Baptism, Confirmation, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Confession, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, spiritual consolation, spiritual growth, and aid to others in the form of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Every business also has overhead, and your parish's overhead is at the very least the costs for grounds and building maintenance, heating, cooling, lighting, cleaning, office expenses, water, sewer, and all the little perks you enjoy from your parish. If there is a school...well, that usually costs more than the tuitions being charged. And if your parish is involved with special services to people in need, that is itself a tremendous cost in remaining true to Christ's command to go out into all the world.

Every business must make a profit. This is where people get a bad feeling in the pit of their stomachs when talking about the parish church as if it were a business, but the parish must take in more than it spends or it can't survive—which is the principal reason bishops close parishes. Not only must a parish take in at least as much as it is required to spend, but it must take in more. Why? For the same reasons you have a savings account. What happens if the pipes freeze and break? What happens if the heating system goes out? What happens when office equipment breaks or wears out? If a parish is only taking in as much as it spends, how are these things paid for? They must be taken care of from the parish collections that exceed expenditures.

Apart from the cold business aspects of parish finances, there is also the spiritual aspect. The Church does have the fifth precept (a Church law) we are all required in conscience to obey: "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." That law of the Church is more fully explained in the 1983 Code of Canon Law: "The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for apostolic works and works of charity and for the decent sustenance of ministers." (Canon 222, para. 1) This canon law and the fifth precept have as their basis some of the biblical writings of St. Paul.

• "Now concerning the contribution for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come." (1Corinthians 16:1-2)

• "The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and provide in abundance for every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

It is a pitiful commentary on modern Catholics that statistically only 10% of parishioners provides 90% of the parish income. Are we to believe 90% of parishioners are thoughtless and selfish? That would seem to be the implication. That Catholics don't give as they should seems totally unreasonable to me. After all, you wouldn't dream of expecting the products or services of any business without having to pay for it—or taking services from government without paying taxes, both of which are compelled contributions. Why would you expect the parish to be able to provide all it does without making a decent free-will contribution?

Ah, yes, the free-will contribution brings up another matter. Many Catholic theologians have taught that the Old Testament law of tithing (giving 10% of your earnings) is still in force under the New Covenant, while others claim it is merely free-will contributions from your excess. Both are acceptable theological thought, as the Church has never ruled on that one way or the other. But for those who agree with the tithing concept, many of those theologians promoting a gift of 10% tell us that 5% is actually sufficient in America because government has chosen to take on some of the Church's responsibilities through entitlement programs through taxation.

Regardless of how you view what is acceptable, the bottom line is you need to begin examining your conscience to determine how well you're obeying the fifth precept of the Church. It is wrong that only 10% of your fellow parishioners provide 90% of the parish income, and it is equally wrong that you should expect them to carry you while you enjoy all the benefits without contributing to them.

But what if you lack the resources to make a contribution to the collection basket? If you honestly cannot contribute to the parish financially, then you are obliged to contribute in other ways. For example, if your pastor has to pay someone to clean the church, why can't a group of you organize and take turns cleaning up? Who mows the grass? Maybe you could. Maybe you have the wherewithal to teach a class or chaperone parish kids on outings planned by the parish. There are countless ways you can contribute to the parish...if you can't afford to make financial contributions. Giving to the parish, as stated by the Church, is What We Believe...Why We Believe It. Got a question or comment? Go to [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com).

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### NOTES FROM THE CONFIRMATION MASS

**Firstly:** the Most Reverend Bishop of the diocese visited SJoA last week to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to some of the high schoolers from our parish and from Sacred Heart of Jesus, in Oakdale. The Confirmation Mass, which was patterned after our regular 10:00 am Sunday Mass, was truly beautiful. As always, the music was lovely. His Excellency made a point of mentioning to me after Mass how beautiful the choir sang. He was pleased, and I think somewhat impressed, that we are able to sing Gregorian chant, polyphony, and other beautiful motets. Of course, our altar boys executed the ceremonies with their typical machine-like precision. I was personally very happy **His Excellency offered the Mass *ad orientem***. So then, let's summarize what occurred at SJoA during the Bishop's Confirmation Mass: **a)** the Ordinary Form Mass was offered *ad orientem*; **b)** the Latin language had a substantial place in the Mass; **c)** Gregorian chant was used; **d)** beautiful polyphonic motets were employed; **e)** also, great reverence was observed at the reception of Holy Communion, as the majority of attendees received kneeling and on the tongue. **And one last thing:** the Bishop's sermon touched on familiar themes we're used to hearing from our pulpit: **1)** we need to be serious, not childish, Catholics; **2)** a serious Catholic should expect to be persecuted to some degree; **3)** prayer, penance, and the devout practice of the sacraments will sustain us; **4)** the Bishop did **not** preach about the readings of the Mass; (Don't misunderstand me. I know the readings are important, but sometimes people can become obsessive over them. **#don't restrict the preacher!**); and **5)** the Bishop did **not** tell a single joke during Mass (*imagine that!*). These things should not be lost on us.

**Secondly:** it took serious effort from several parishioners to host the Mass of Confirmation. To those of you who made the evening not just possible, but, indeed, altogether wonderful: I thank you very, very much! I want you to know that Bishop Provost had a very enjoyable evening. Personally, that makes me very happy ... not because he may be pleased with any of us. Rather, as dutiful children, we should be pleased that we brought delight and joy to our spiritual father in the faith. Thanks to each of you who made the Confirmation night so wonderful. The Lord will reward you for the good you do in His Name.

**Thirdly:** photos from the Confirmation Mass will be appearing on [www.sjoaoberlin.com](http://www.sjoaoberlin.com) very soon. Keep an eye out for them. Along those lines, SJoA will make the photos of the Confirmation Mass available to the families of the confirmed free of charge. Please be in touch with Corinne to make arrangements.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY CONFIRMED

We congratulate the following high school students who were confirmed by Bishop Provost last week:

- Isabella "Elle" Iguess
- Sage Reed
- Lakyn Thomas

### PREPPING FOR THE SUNDAY EF

We are still a few weeks away from implementing the Extraordinary Form on Sundays. I've mentioned several times already that, because we observe the Ordinary Form with the **hermeneutic of continuity**, our transitioning of the 10:00 am Mass from the **OF** to the **EF** will not be a tectonic shift. Rather, the movement from one form to the other should be somewhat seamless. With that being said, it is important to offer a few reminders about some of the **differences** between the forms. Over the next few weekends, I will review some of these. Because of our overall familiarity with the EF as a parish, my intention is not to provide a comprehensive examination of the variances between the two forms. Rather, I see it merely as a refresher. I trust you find it helpful.

## REFRESHERS ON SOME OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE QF & EF

While there are *many* similarities, or points of continuity, each form of the Mass also has its own particular ceremonial observances. Let's refresh our memory on a few of these today:

### 1. The entire EF Mass is in Latin.

- a. We will have print outs of the *Propers* at the entrances of the Church. Moreover, the red booklets with the *Ordinary* of the Mass will also be available to facilitate participation.
- b. Will the readings be in Latin, too? Yes. Some may wonder if there's any utility in having the readings in Latin. The beauty of having the readings chanted in Latin must not underestimated. The modern world minimizes beauty to its own peril. Besides, do you remember *any* of the readings from last Sunday's Mass? It's only been a week and already we've forgotten. Perhaps English isn't as important as we may have been led to believe.

### 2. There is a sprinkling rite at the principal EF Mass on Sundays.

- a. This rite is known as the "*Asperges*". The Priest enters the church wearing a cope. After the "*Asperges*", the Priest lays aside the cope and puts on the chasuble at the sedilia (or, chair). FYI ... as the Priest blesses the people with holy water during this rite, the proper posture is to kneel as he approaches. It's a profound way to begin holy Mass.

### 3. Communion is received kneeling and on the tongue at EF Masses.

- a. If a person has a physical infirmity which makes kneeling impossible, he may stand to receive Holy Communion. In the absence of this, liturgical law requires everyone to kneel. There are, however, *no exceptions* to receiving on the tongue. Parents have the responsibility of preparing their children for this observance. I understand that it's possible to forget even important things like this. I am always ready, therefore, to offer discreet reminders at the rail, if necessary.
- b. Also, at an EF Mass the communicant does *not* say "Amen." The Priest (or Deacon) actually says this for the communicant. Thus, the person simply receives without saying anything.

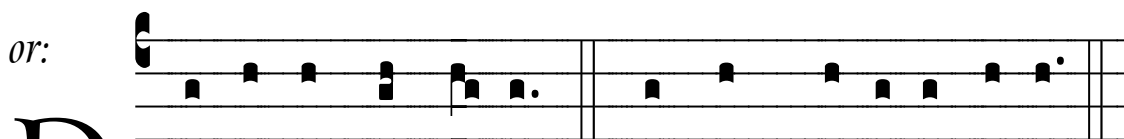
## REMINDERS ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE

A few things to remember about receiving on the tongue:

1. Kneel down and leave some room between your chin and hands for the communion paten.
2. Tilt your head back slightly.
3. Open your mouth sufficiently.
4. Stick out your tongue as the Priest (or Deacon) brings the Most Blessed Sacrament from the ciborium to your mouth.
5. Lastly ... and very importantly ... **DO NOT MOVE YOUR HEAD OR TONGUE AT ALL** ... "do not move at all" means just that. If you move, consecrated fingers may get "slimed." (Yuck!) I'm sure we all want to avoid that! So then, just stay perfectly still. Don't *lean in* as the Sacred Host draws near to your mouth. Just be still and things will turn out splendidly.

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### Used during Holy Mass, except for the Preface Dialogue



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Ómi-nus vo- bíscum. R̄. Et cum spí-ri-tu tu- o.  
Pax vo-bis. (*If the celebrant is a bishop*)

The Lord be with you. [Peace be with you.] R̄. And with your spirit.