

Third Sunday of Lent

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 27, 2016

4:30 P.M. MASS – Michael Granger, Jeremy Rider, Cecilia Sonnier, Evelyn Manuel, Sidney Mcgee, Hubert Bertrand, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Emily Adams, Keith LeJeune, Willie, Allie, Raymond & Larry Lantier, John Spears

SUNDAY, February 28, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Leonard Beaubouef, Joseph Lee Gobert, Stacey Beaubouef, Angelle LeJeune Durio

MONDAY, February 29, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Charles Smith

TUESDAY, March 1, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Eve Smith Guilbeau

WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Mr. & Mrs. Harris Ceaser

THURSDAY, March 3, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Rev. Moise P. Hebert

FRIDAY, March 4, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Mr. & Mrs. Togeal Goodly

SATURDAY, March 5, 2016

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

4:30 P.M. MASS – Simon, Leora, & Freddie Sonnier, Pereda Fontenot, Michael Granger, Bish LeJeune, Jeremy Rider, Elvis, Carol & Laura Gradney, Keith LeJeune, Armosa Victorian, Joseph Fontenot, Houston & Gladys Ardoin

SUNDAY, March 6, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Dallas & Billy Bertrand, Sr., James Yeagley, Leonard Beaubouef, Stacey Beaubouef, Wesley, Addison & Jordy Pitre

Last Week's Collection

\$3,162.60

2nd Collection – Black & Indian Missions

\$ 279.50

PRAYER LIST FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Gerry Beaubouef, Jerome, John & Josie Bergeron, Joann Bertrand, Michael Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Renate Bourque, Virginia Bowles, Luke Burnham, Norris Chapman, Jr., Charles Chaumont, Jerry Chaumont, Florence Comeaux, Pam Dequant, Carol Deshotel, Marla Duplechain, Poochie Duplechain, David Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Elsie & Cotrell Foster, Roy Franks, Tim Germany, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Terrence Guillory, Sybil Haas, Harrison Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Joseph Harmon, John, Perella & Shenita Jackson, Brayden Johnson, Essie Langley, Tina Morgan-Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joe, Adam and Mary LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Joy Mancil, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Marlin Manuel, Pat Manuel and Fly., Trista Marler, Charles Mancil, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Russell Meaux, Beau Montou, Kathy Montou, Gloria Morris, Carolyn Morgon, Glenn Morgan, Marvin Morgan, Odrey & Dorothy Montou, Nicholas Odum, Devin Pelt, Mary Mott Peterson, Sally Pitre, Linda & Don Portie, Sandy Pousson, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ashton Read, D. C. Reed, Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Terry Reeves, Leonard Richard, Johnathan, Christina, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylee, Richard, Sharon, Martha, Rusty, Patsy, Matt, & Josh Rider, Rev. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Bill Scheffler, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, Donald Paul Sonnier, Kermit Sonnier, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Suzanne Stringer, Devin Swarthout, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweek, Ticky Family, Roselyn Victorian, Zachary Villereal, Gene Vizena, Kena Wilson, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Laura Zaidan

2016 Cursillo Dates

Men

April 7 – 10
May 19 – 22
June 21 – 24
September 8 – 11

Women

March 10 – 13
April 28 – May 1
June 9 – 12
August 11 – 14
September 29 – Oct. 2

Contact Corinne at the Rectory if you are interested in making a Cursillo.

Leading the Rosary before Mass this Weekend

4:30 P.M. – Haddie Goodly 7:30 A.M. – Lucy Brandon
10:00 A.M. – Deacon Norris Chapman

Vocations Candle – Beatrice Cezar & Fly. by Semonia Harmon
(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

Vocations Cross – Phielomone Goodly

Glad Tidings Program

Sunday, March 6, 2016 – **Fourth Sunday of Lent:** Bishop Glen John Provost is joined by Father Jay Alexius, Parochial Vicar of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, for a dialogue on the gospel of the day (John 9:1-41).

2nd Annual SJoA Fish Fry Fundraiser

The Ladies Altar Society is having a Fried Catfish Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, March 6, 2016. The dinner includes ½ lb. Catfish Fillet, French Fries, Coleslaw, Fried Pistolette, and Dessert. Dinners will be available from 10 A.M. – 1 P.M. at the Catholic Hall. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from an Altar Society member or at the church rectory.

Diocese of Lake Charles Youth Conference (DYC)

“Cast your Net” Diocesan Youth Conference will be held April 8 – 10 at the Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza. SJoA youth in grades 8 – 12 are invited to attend. Adults are welcome to attend as chaperones. Registration forms were given to youth members and are due by Wednesday, March 16th. Call Ms. Corinne for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Sale Extravaganza

St. Vincent de Paul will have a winter sale on the following days and times. Monday, March 7th from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 and 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.; Wednesday, March 9th from 8:30 – 10:30 A.M. and Friday, March 11th from 1:30 – 5:00. All winter clothes will be \$.50 each.

Church Directories

Copies of the SJoA church directory may be picked up in the church.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, February 28th – RCIA @ 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, February 29th – **Mercy Monday:** Indulgences: the Church's Treasury by Father D.B. Thompson @ 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, March 1st – Men's Holy League: Men's Prayer Group @ 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, March 1st – Ladies Altar Society Meeting after Mass
- ❖ **Wednesday, March 2nd - Adoration: 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, March 3rd – Latin Class after Mass
- ❖ Friday, March 4th – Jubilee Year of Mercy Confessions: 2:00 – 8:00 P.M.
- ❖ Friday, March 4th – Stations of the Cross after 5:30 P.M. Mass

SAVE THE DATES

Year of Mercy Confessions

At Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings: Saturday, March 5th from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Anticipated Mass Time Change

Beginning the weekend of March 12 – 13, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Anticipated Mass reverts back to 6:00 P.M.

External Observance of the Feast Day of SJoA

The External Observance of the Feast Day of SJoA will be Sunday, June 5th @ 10:00 Mass. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

EWTN Pilgrimage

Monday, May 23rd – Thursday, May 26th. Reserve your spot now by calling the Rectory.

FROM FATHER CONNER

Solemnity of St. Joseph & St. Joseph Altar

What a joy it is to observe the Feast of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is the foster father of Our Lord, patron of the Universal Church, and the patron of a good death. We'll have a special **Mass for St. Joseph on Saturday, March 19th**, at 8:00 am. Since this is the day of the First Penance & First Holy Communion Retreat, we'll observe the **St. Joseph Altar on Sunday, March 20th**, immediately after the 10:00 am Mass. (This is Palm Sunday.) All are invited and we ask that you contact Donna Stewart or Clarice Papillion if you are interested in helping prepare the St. Joseph altar or make a contribution or supply some of the food. *We can always use help in these things, so please consider how you may assist!*

Mercy Mondays begin . . . (this) Monday

We kick off Mercy Mondays tomorrow, Monday, **February 29th**. **Father D.B. Thompson** will be here to speak about *Indulgences: the Church's Treasury*. What an appropriate topic as we delve more deeply into a correct understanding of what mercy is during the Year of Mercy. The presentation will be at the Parish Hall. It begins at 6:00 pm. Come one, come all. There's no charge! . . . and bring a non-Catholic friend so that they can learn about this beautiful teaching of the Faith on indulgences. **Also**, the following Monday is the second Mercy Monday. **Father Nathan Long** will be here to give a talk on the "ABC's of Divine Mercy" on **March 7th**. These are talks you don't want to miss!

Indulgences for the Year of Mercy

Did you know that you can obtain an indulgence for doing a Spiritual or Corporal Work of Mercy during the Year of Mercy? Pope Francis has "indulged" these works in the letter (dated 1/9/15) by which he announced the Year of Mercy. Do you know what the works of mercy are? For more info on the works of mercy, see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 2247. **Did you know that the Diocese of Lake Charles requires children in the fourth grade to be thoroughly knowledgeable of both the spiritual and corporal works of mercy?**

Making a Good Confession

Well, Pope Francis is at it again! While the media love to use the Holy Father to promote a certain agenda, which they do well and frequently, they almost never report what he says about conversion, repentance, the necessity of Sunday Mass, regular confession, prayer and family life. As such, they are agents of the Evil One.

That I continue encouraging you to *make a good confession* during Lent (and throughout the year) is probably not much of a surprise. And you probably won't be shocked when I tell you that this is Pope Francis' desire for you as well. But perhaps you will be surprised (pleasantly, I hope) to know that in just a few weeks, every diocese in the entire world will be holding special confession times. I repeat: *every . . . diocese . . . in . . . the . . . entire . . . world . . .* will be holding special times (additional times) for confession. They do this at the order of the Holy Father. I repeat: every diocese in the entire world will be have additional times for confession at the direct order of Pope Francis. Could this mean that Pope Francis places a premium on the Sacrament of Penance (confession), and that he sees a good and regular confession as being at the heart of our encounter with Christ, especially in the Year of Mercy? The answer is, of course, yes. He does. Stated another way: Pope Francis wants you to go to confession.

If you have been slow in responding to my encouragements to make a good confession, please, for the love of God, trust in the Holy Father and go to confession. As Pope Francis has repeatedly said: Confession is the sacrament of mercy and it's where we can find healing for our sins through the forgiveness of God, which comes through the absolution of the Priest.

We have great resources to help you make a good confession at our parish website. To access them, go to www.sjoaoberlin.com; move your cursor to "Faith Formation" at the top of the page; click on the "Year of Mercy" link and then scroll down to the confession material. It's that simple, and boy, wouldn't Pope Francis be happy knowing you'll be entrusting yourself to the mercy of God by making a good confession!!!

Oh, and here are the special times for (and locations of) the Jubilee Year of Mercy Confessions in the East Deanery in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

St. Joan of Arc, Oberlin

Friday, March 4th 2:00 – 8:00 pm*

Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings

Saturday, March 5th 8:00 am – 2:00 pm*

* *There should be two Priests hearing confessions during these times.*

Spiritual Pilgrimages during Year of Mercy

Pope Francis encourages all Catholics to make spiritual pilgrimages during the Year of Mercy (MV, 14). As such, SJoA will sponsor one spiritual pilgrimage per month. The inaugural SJoA pilgrimage will be to the Cathedral of the Diocese of Lake Charles, on **Saturday, March 12th**. More details are forthcoming, but for now please know that there is no charge and transportation can be arranged if necessary. Please see the parish website for more info.

Share SJoA's Website With Others!

We're constantly loading new material, and I think everything we're putting on the website is high quality and strengthens our Catholic identity. So, then, if you would email the URL (www.sjoaoberlin.com) out to your contacts and ask them to check it out, that would be a service to them. You should visit the site too, if you don't already!

Flocknote

Keep up with the latest happenings, get timely alerts, and receive wonderful formative materials from SJoA by signing up to our Flocknote account. It's simple. Just go to www.sjoaoberlin.com and fill in your info at the Flocknote box on the homepage.

On Blasphemy

Do you have any difficulties keeping the Lord's Name holy? We should never use God's holy Name in vain or use it when cursing or swearing. (By the way we should never swear or curse. See Colossians 3:8.) If you have, then you may have committed blasphemy, which is a mortal sin. Here's the *Catechism's* treatment of blasphemy. Please take it to heart and share it with others.

"*Blasphemy* is directly opposed to the second commandment. It consists in uttering against God - inwardly or outwardly - words of hatred, reproach, or defiance; in speaking ill of God; in failing in respect toward Him in one's speech; in misusing God's name. St. James condemns those "who blaspheme that honorable Name [of Jesus] by which you are called." [2:7] The prohibition of blasphemy extends to language against Christ's Church, the saints, and sacred things. It is also blasphemous to make use of God's name to cover up criminal practices, to reduce peoples to servitude, to torture persons or put them to death. The misuse of God's name to commit a crime can provoke others to repudiate religion. Blasphemy is contrary to the respect due God and His holy Name. It is in itself a *grave sin*." (2148)