

Third Sunday of Easter

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 9, 2016

6:00 P.M. MASS – Bryant Montou, Pereda Fontenot, Jeremy Rider, Evelyn Manuel, Ferdinand Guillory, Shirley Guillory, Keith LeJeune, Bish, Bill, Mary, Lena & Mike LeJeune, Polly & Jerry Chaumont, Etinne & Vergie Bergeron Family, Tonya Hebert

SUNDAY, April 10, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Stacey Beaubouef, Sox Gordon, Paul Thomas & Deceased family members, Leonard Beaubouef, Helin McCauley Family living & deceased, Robert “Robbie” Taylor, Tush Strother, James Sharp, Nelson Manuel

MONDAY, April 11, 2016 – Katherine Karam

6:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)

TUESDAY, April 12, 2016

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2016

6:30 A.M. MASS – Jack LeBlanc (1st Anniversary)

THURSDAY, April 14, 2016

5:30 P.M. MASS – Clanton “Moose” Frank, Sr. (1st Anniversary)

FRIDAY, April 15, 2016

6:30 A.M. – Fr. J.M. Bourgeois

SATURDAY, April 16, 2016

6:00 P.M. MASS – Claiborne Durio, Jeremy Rider, Evelyn Manuel, Hubert Bertrand, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Emily Adams, Keith LeJeune, Bish LeJeune

SUNDAY, April 17, 2016

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

10:00 A.M. – Margaret Karam, Mary Lovenia Courville, Stacey Beaubouef, Linda LeJeune, Joseph Lee Gobert, Leonard Beaubouef, Robert “Robbie” Taylor, Tush Strother, James Sharp, Nelson Manuel

Last Week’s Collection

\$4,994.00

PRAYER LIST FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE

Enola Ballard, Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Gerry Beaubouef, Enola Ballard, Jerome, John & Josie Bergeron, Joann Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Carol Deshotel, Pam Dequeant, Donald Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Tim Germany, Neuban Guidry, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Tonya Hebert, Jennifer Hibbs, Amanda Hooper, Jan Horton, Paul LaFleur, Michael LaGrange, Essie Langley, Tina Morgan-Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joe, Adam and Mary LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Doneil & Patricia Lowe, Joy Mancil, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Marlin Manuel, Pat Manuel and Fly., Trista Marler, Charles Mancil, John McNabb, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Russell Meaux, Beau Montou, Kathy Montou, Glenn Morgan, Marvin Morgan, Odrey & Dorothy Montou, Charles Mosely, Abby Musselwhite, Sally Pitre, Ashton Read, D. C., Sara Reed & Family, Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Rev. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Tucker Scimemi, Caleb Simeon, Donald Paul Sonnier, Kelly Strother, Coleman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Matthew Truman, Danika Treweek, Ticky Family, Zachary Villereal, Glenda WilliamsRobbie Willis, Nicole Young

Please Call In Names for April, May, & June

Easter Lilies

Donations of \$20.00 are still being accepted to help with the cost of the Easter Lilies. You may drop it in the collection or at the rectory.

2016 Cursillo Dates

Men	Women
May 19 – 22	April 28-May 1
June 21 – 24	June 9-12
September 8 – 11	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

6:00 P.M. – Haddie Goodly 7:30 A.M. – Lucy Brandon
10:00 A.M. – Deacon Norris Chapman

Vocations Candle – Phielomone Goodly
(Call the rectory to sponsor the green vocations candle)

Vocations Cross – Kellie Manuel

4th Annual SJoA Bazaar Bass Tournament

Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Pirate’s Cove Marina on Toledo Bend Lake. You may prepay before April 16th or pay the morning of until 6:30 A.M. at Pirate’s Cove Marina. Teams may trailer to any part of the lake once they have paid. Entry Fee is \$60.00 per boat or \$30.00 per person and will include big bass. Cash prizes will be given according to the number of entries. See flyers at the entrance of the church or contact Steven C. Durio @ 318-335-7551 or 318-779-3009.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

A special Mass for World Day of Prayer for Vocations is being celebrated Sunday, April 17th at 9:30 a.m. with Bishop Provost at the Cathedral. Prayer cards will be distributed to all attending the Mass. Krystal Moreau will have her drawing on the prayer card. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Reception will follow Mass in the Ave Marie Hall.

Glad Tidings Program

Sunday, April 17, 2016 – **Fourth Sunday of Easter:** Bishop Glen John Provost is joined by Father Matthew Cormier, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, for a dialogue on the Gospel of John (10:27-30).

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, April 10th – RCIA Special Session @ 4:45 P.M.
- ❖ Sunday, April 10th – Ultreya @ 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ Sunday, April 10th – Solemn Holy Hour @ 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, April 11th – K.C. Meeting @ 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, April 12th – **NO MASS**
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 6th – Adoration 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**
- ❖ Thursday, April 14th – Holy League: Holy Hour @ 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ Saturday, April 16th – SJoA Spring Cleaning Day 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

SAVE THE DATES

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Holy Hour

Sunday, April 17, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.

High School Confirmation Rehearsal

Monday, April 18th @ 6:00 P.M. – Confirmandi and their Sponsor must attend (at SJoA...in church...no gum, no visiting in church)

High School Confirmation

Tuesday, April 19th @ 7:00 P.M. at SJoA. (Rosary for Confirmandi will be prayed in church @ 5:45 P.M.) Reception follows in the Parish Hall

Spiritual Pilgrimage for April

Saturday, April 23rd at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria, from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

EWTN Pilgrimage

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

External Observance of the Feast Day of SJoA

Sunday, June 5th @ 10:00 Mass. A reception will follow in the Church Hall. The KC’s will provide meat, Altar Society provides drinks and congregation provides a covered dish.

FROM FATHER CONNER

Congratulations to First Holy Communicants

We all continue to rejoice in the special grace which came last Sunday when 10 young boys and girls received their First Holy Communion. This occasion prompted me to recall the words of St. Thomas Aquinas with respect to the sublime truth of the Most Holy Eucharist: "O holy banquet in which Christ is received; the memory of His Passion recalled; the soul is filled with grace; and the pledge of the future glory is given to us." How is it, to borrow the words of St. Elizabeth in the Gospel, that we ever can merit such a visit from the Lord! The reception of Holy Communion must never be routine or habitual. Let's all us truly thank the Lord for His love, which has so moved Him become the support of our souls!

More Baptisms, A Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion

The Lord has blessed us with five more additional baptisms, one Confirmation, and another First Holy Communion this Saturday past (i.e., April 9th). We thank The Good God for these blessings. At the same time, we congratulate the Thigpen, Ramos and Reed families. Here are the names and sacraments received:

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| 1. Millie Olivia Ramos | Baptism |
| 2. Easton Alexander Reed | Baptism |
| 3. Charlie Claire Thigpen | Baptism |
| 4. Samuel Brux Thigpen | Baptism |
| 5. Taylor Alexis Thigpen | Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion |

Thanks to Ladies Altar Society

A special thanks to the Ladies Altar Society for making sure the reception for the First Holy Communion class went off without a hitch! Our Lord reminds us that small kindnesses done in His Name and for those who believe in Him bring great reward (cf., Matthew 10:42). The "reward" of our thanks does not compare in anyway to that of the Lord's, but we offer it nevertheless. Thank you, dear Ladies, so very much!!! May God reward you!

Church Spring Cleaning

Don't forget about the Spring Cleaning Day next Saturday (April 16th). We need workers and supplies to make the day successful. Please speak to Deacon Deshotel, or call the office, should you have any questions. We begin at 8:00 am and work until 3:00 pm or until we finish (whichever comes first). Please bring a brown bag lunch and your own drinks.

A Reflection on the Sacrament of Baptism

As we're in the 'season of sacraments,' I thought it fitting to provide a reflection on holy Baptism this weekend from St. Cyril of Jerusalem. (Next weekend, I'll include a reflection from St. Cyril on Confirmation, and the following weekend another on Holy Communion.) Something to keep in mind: St. Cyril taught these things around 1,700 years ago! So, the

Catholic Church has known of the supernatural power of the Sacraments since the very beginning!

On Baptism, by St. Cyril of Jerusalem (*The Catecheses*)

You were led down to the font of holy baptism just as Christ was taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb which is before your eyes. Each of you was asked, "Do you believe in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?" You made the profession of faith that brings salvation, you were plunged into the water, and three times you rose again. This symbolized the three days Christ spent in the tomb.

As our Savior spent three days and three nights in the depths of the earth, so your first rising from the water represented the first day and your first immersion represented the first night. At night a man cannot see, but in the day he walks in the light. So when you were immersed in the water it was like night for you and you could not see, but when you rose again it was like coming into broad daylight. In the same instant you died and were born again; the saving water was both your tomb and your mother.

Solomon's phrase in another context is very apposite here. He spoke of *a time to give birth, and a time to die*. For you, however, it was the reverse: a time to die, and a time to be born, although in fact both events took place at the same time and your birth was simultaneous with your death.

This is something amazing and unheard of! It was not we who actually died, were buried and rose again. We only did these things symbolically, but we have been saved in actual fact. It is Christ who was crucified, who was buried and who rose again, and all this has been attributed to us. We share in his sufferings symbolically and gain salvation in reality. What boundless love for men! Christ's undefiled hands were pierced by the nails; he suffered the pain. I experience no pain, no anguish, yet by the share that I have in his sufferings he freely grants me salvation.

Let no one imagine that baptism consists only in the forgiveness of sins and in the grace of adoption. Our baptism is not like the baptism of John, which conferred only the forgiveness of sins. We know perfectly well that baptism, besides washing away our sins and bringing us the gift of the Holy Spirit, is a symbol of the sufferings of Christ. This is why Paul exclaims: *Do you not know that when we were baptized into Christ Jesus we were, by that very action, sharing in his death? By baptism we went with him into the tomb.*