

## *Eighteenth Sunday in the Season of the Year*

### **MASSES & INTENTIONS**

#### **SATURDAY, July 30, 2016**

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Jeremy Rider, Lucuis Cezar Jr. & Family, Lucuis & Ruby Cezar, Donald & Jenny Fontenot, Dallas Courville, Daniel Deculus, Mr. & Mrs. Willard Slate, Police Officers & Firemen, Mildred Harmon & Family, Vernon Coffman, Freddie Gorman

#### **SUNDAY, July 31, 2016**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Stacey Beaubouef, Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, Julia V. Frank, James Sharp, John Essie Victorian, D.C. Reed, Jr., Edward Maddox, Jennifer Sonnier, Jeanette Hornsby, Deacon Norris & Sandra Chapman, Roland & Verlie Chaumont, Charlie & Caleb Smith, Gabe & Elena Briscoe

#### **MONDAY, August 1, 2016**

**NO MASS**

#### **TUESDAY, August 2, 2016**

**12:05 P.M. MASS** – Fr. Jerome Frey, CJC

#### **WEDNESDAY, August 3, 2016**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Elmo Smith

#### **THURSDAY, August 4, 2016**

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Gene & Velma Brakel

#### **FRIDAY, August 5, 2016**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Claiborne Durio

#### **SATURDAY, August 6, 2016**

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

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Simon, Leora & Freddie Sonnier, Evelyn Manuel, Henry L., Lula & Betty Fontenot, Clanton Frank, Sr., Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr.

#### **SUNDAY, August 7, 2016**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Dallas & Billy Bertrand Sr., Stacey Beaubouef, Leonard Beaubouef, Tush Strother, Doughty, Margaret & Nancy Broussard, John Essie Victorian, Roland & Verlie Chaumont, Dwight, Dalbus & Gracie Gradney, D.C. Reed, Jr., Glenn Sonnier, Helen Sonnier, Teovic & Joyce Fontenot, Edward Maddox, Jennifer Sonnier, Abe Seal

**Last Week's Collection**

**\$2,605.00**

### **PRAYER LIST FOR JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER**

Enola Ballard, Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Dianne Beaubouef, Charles Beaubouef, Gerry Beaubouef, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Vivian Cole Family, Richard Cooper, Aiden Darbonne, Carol Deshotel, Jackie Deville, Susan Duplantis, David Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Tim Germany, Rita Gordon, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Rachael Granger, Daniel Goodly & Fly., Keith Granger, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Victoria Lynn Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Shirley Hebert, Jan Horton, Charlene Ireland, John, Sheenita & Perella Jackson. Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Rudolph & Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Essie Langley, Kevin Manuel, Shirley Manuel, Trista Marler, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Dorothy Montou, Grayce LaRacca, Tina Morgan Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, and Adam LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Charles Mancil, Joy Mancil, Ray Marcantel, Christina McNutt, Fran & Ronnie Meaux, Russell Meaux, Janice Moreau, Nicholas Odum, Devin Pelt, Sally Pitre, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Ashton Read, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Sara Reed & Fly., Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Leonard Richard, Rev. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Margie Smith, Donald Paul Sonnier, Celeman Thomas, Maynard Topping, Dollyanna Victorian, Zachary Villereal, JoAnn Welch, Robbie Willis, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Robert Yeagley, Sr., Nicole Young

### **Leading the Rosary before Mass this Weekend**

6:00 P.M. – Haddie Goodly                      7:30 A.M. – Knights of Columbus

10:00 A.M. – Deacon Norris Chapman

**Vocations Candle** – Lucy & Bobby Brandon

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### **Knights of Columbus**

The KC's will have a Corporate Communion on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 A.M. Mass. They will lead the rosary before Mass.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Donations Needed**

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of donations of school supplies and school uniforms. They may be dropped off at the rectory.

### **Veritas**

Join us at *Veritas* September 10<sup>th</sup> to learn how to communicate your Catholic Faith. Workshops will include several topics on learning what it is about our faith that must be shared and how best we can share it with those around us. Please register by August 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church.

**Dear Parishioners:**

**Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father John Quinn on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support. Yours in Christ, Jim Cavnar President**

### **This Week @ SJoA**

- ❖ Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – **NO MASS**; Storm Heaven Rosary at 12:05 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – **MASS at 12:05 P.M.**; Altar Boy Fun Day 4 – 6 P.M.
- ❖ Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Youth Movie Night: Pizza and Ice Cream
- ❖ Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – Holy League: Men's Prayer Group 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

### ***RETURN TO THE LORD***

### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION**

SJoA Parishioners are invited to the campaign dinner with Bishop Provost Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. at the Grand Marais Hall in Jennings. RSVP's can be made to Sylvia Cisneros ([Sylvia.cisneros@lcdiocese.org](mailto:Sylvia.cisneros@lcdiocese.org)) or 337-439-7400.

A 10 Minute Capital Campaign Video will be shown in the Parish Hall after all Masses the weekend of August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Your Support, Your Decision**

In a couple of weeks, Bishop Provost will invite everyone to be a part of this historic *Return to the Lord* Campaign. This campaign is a great opportunity to address the needs of our parishes and the diocese. The bishop's invitation will request each family to make a meaningful gift with a suggested amount. The request amounts for families to consider were based, in part, on support to our parish, past support to diocesan causes, a review by the campaign team and Stewardship Development Office, and other information including whether you took part in the planning study. The diocese certainly doesn't know anyone's financial situation, but Bishop Provost's approach is to ask every family to make a sacrificial gift.

There are many ways of giving which can accommodate your current circumstances. The campaign offers flexible arrangements for when to pay, how to pay, and even which campaign goals to support. Each family is asked to bring to prayer what an appropriate sacrifice would be that provides meaningful support for the campaign and then complete their pledge card. Our Parish has a small team of volunteers who are helping with the campaign. They are available to provide information, answer questions, and are there to extend an invitation to spread the Good News and assist you in completing your pledge card. **Your charitable gift will help the diocese to build a future which returns to the Lord for future generations.**





## **The One True Church (Part II) by Joe Sixpack**

One of the most mighty rulers of the world was the first Napoleon. All of Europe was at his feet. The year 1804 was set for his coronation as emperor, and he invited Pope Pius VII to do the crowning. He tried to persuade the pontiff to move the papal throne to Paris. With high-sounding language and energetic gestures, the conqueror set before the Holy Father the advantages of such a change.

“How well you act comedy,” the Pope remarked.

Angered by this remark, Napoleon snatched up a drawing of St. Peter’s Basilica at Rome, tore it to bits and exclaimed, “This is what I will do to the Church! I will completely crush her.”

“Now you act tragedy,” the Pope said calmly.

And tragedy it proved to be. Twice Napoleon practically put the Pope in prison. Then he grabbed the papal states of the Church. Exactly four days after that move, Napoleon suffered his first defeat in battle. And the Pope, a prisoner, old and weak, knew his rights and duty. When he excommunicated the emperor in 1809, the Napoleon scornfully remarked, “Does the Pope think that the weapons will fall from the hands of my soldiers because of his excommunication?”

A few years later, an army report from the icy plains of Russia read: “The weapons are falling from the hands of our soldiers.”

Napoleon was forced to a disgraceful retreat from Moscow in 1812, and the following year he was completely beaten by the allied armies. In the same castle of Fountainebleau in which he had kept the Pope a prisoner, the Emperor of the French had to sign his own abdication. Pius VII had in the mean time returned to Rome amid the rejoicing of the Christian world.

Upon establishing the Church on St. Peter as the Rock, Jesus said, “...and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it [the Church]” (Mt. 16:18b). This was Jesus’ promise that the Catholic Church would stand until the end of time—that no force in hell or on earth could ever destroy her, and that she would remain in her absolute purity as a divinely created entity.

Throughout history there have been many antichrists. The very first was the Roman Emperor Nero, who murdered Catholics with abandon in his attempts to destroy the Church. He was followed by other Roman emperors over the next 200 plus years. There were also many others; among them are Atilla the Hun, Mohammed, Martin Luther, Henry VIII, Stalin, Hitler and, today, even the United Nations.

Despite all the Church's many enemies and assaults upon her existence and sovereignty, she continues to stand today, and in perfect continuity for 2,000 years. No other government, nation, organization or entity of any kind can make that claim. The question we must ask ourselves is *why* would Jesus make the guarantee that the Catholic Church would last until the end of time.

The first thing to understand is, when Jesus talked about the "kingdom of God" or the "kingdom of heaven", He was not talking about heaven, *per se*. He was talking about the Church. The Catholic Church exists on three planes of existence: She exists on earth (the Church Militant), in purgatory (the Church Suffering), and in heaven (the Church Victorious)...all simultaneously. With this understanding of the Church's existence, we can go back and read the Gospels and see that they have a much better, brighter meaning for us, rather than the confused understanding of our separated brethren. So Jesus made His Church indefectible so she would last until the end of time for all of mankind—all those He redeemed.

Jesus also made His Church infallible. But why? We can answer this with two other questions: Would a good God, "who desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4), fail to provide His revelation with a living, infallible teacher? Would a just God command us to believe all that He teaches under penalty of hell (Mk. 16:16), and at the same time leave us to the mercy of every false and lying teacher, preaching a Gospel opposed to His (2 Pet. 2:1; Gal. 1:8)?

No! The Church Christ founded is everywhere spoken of in the New Testament as a divine, infallible teaching authority! Because Jesus and His Church are one, and because He is an infallible God, His Church must also by necessity be infallible.

For 2,000 years—from St. Peter to Pope Francis—the Church has taught the same faith in *perfect continuity*, without so much as a smidgen of change in her teachings on matters of faith and morals. As Catholics, then, we have two primary responsibilities. The first is to *obey* Holy Mother Church in all matters of faith and morals, because obedience to the Church is the ***only way we know*** we are obeying Christ. The second is to reach out to other people, particularly our separated brethren (i.e., Protestants), in a spirit of *true* ecumenism. In other words, we have the duty before Almighty God to share our faith with non-Catholics toward the end of helping them into the Catholic Church.

The first question non-Catholics ask is, "How can I recognize which church is the Church Christ founded?" After all, the primary scandal of Christianity in our country is that there are about 40,000 Christian religions in existence. So what we've examined so far in this series is only a small part of the proof that Jesus founded the Catholic Church. The next thing we will look at in this series will be the marks of the Church; that is, that she is the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

In case you haven't noticed, this is a subject I'm rather excited about, and I hope to help you get excited about it as well. We will continue with our examination of the Catholic Church next week, learning What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Got a question? Go to [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com).