

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Season of the Year

### MASSES & INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Jeremy Rider, Keith LeJeune, George & Pat Schneider, Gene & Velma Brakel, Lynn Chaumont, John C. Durio, Anna & Dolyana Victorian, Curley Victorian, Sr., Catherine Papillion, Fran Meaux, Louise Frank, Students, Schools, Teachers & School Personnel, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr., Paul, Greg & Janet Meaux

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Edward Maddox, Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Magham Cooley, Deacon Norris & Sandra Chapman

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – D.C. Reed, Jr.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017

**NO MASS**

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – John C. Durio

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

**NO MASS**

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – Jeremy Rider, Fran Meaux, Keith LeJeune, Phielomone Goodly & Fly., Living & Dec. members of Barbara Murray Fly., Jerome & Joseph Bergerone, Annette Landry, Brent Meaux, David Dugas, Preston Bertrand

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Members of St. Martha's Guild, Gene & Velma Brakel, Jeanette Hornsby, Marvin Banks, Carol & Keith Deshotel, Geneva Deshotel, Edward Maddox, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Helen & Glenn Sonnier, Doughty, Margaret, Nancy & Peter Broussard, Roland & Vergie Chaumont, Juan H. Lucero Castellano, Juan H. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guihermo Consuegra Garicia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez, Dickie, Richard & Neva Davis

**Last Week's Collection**

**\$4,117.40**

### PRAYER LIST

Mr./Mrs. Robert Andrews, Amy Bainsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Jack Berlinger, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Brandon Bridgwell, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Roxane Campbell, Kristin Carlton, David & Natalie Carrier, Rosabelle Carrier, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottongin, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Shaun Darbonne, Jackie Deville, Cindy Dowies, Jabe Doyle, Bryker Fontenot, David Fontenot, Don Fontenot, Mary O. Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Rodney Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Tim Germany, Daniel Goodley & Fly., Mary Ann Goodley, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Bruce Granger, Jr., Jennifer Granger, Linda Green, Victoria Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Sunni Hurst, Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Grady Johnson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Rudolph & Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Kristen Labauve, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Deanne LeBlanc, Dwain LeBleu, Tina Lantier, Craig LeJeune, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Doc Lowe, Benny Manuel, Brian Manuel, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Pat Manuel & Fly., Reed McIver, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Ray Marcantel, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, 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, Devin Pelt, Sally Pitre, 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, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skyline, Jackson, Martha, Rusty, and Patsy Rider, Janice Rider, Salis Rider, Michael Roger, Ann Rooney, Vera Ross, Fr. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Quentin

Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, Lois Singleton, C. Sonnier, Remy Spring, Kolton & Leah Squier, Barbara Strickland, Kelly Strother, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Katelyn Tunks, Dollyanna Victorian, Steve Vidrine, Joseph K. Vizona, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Daryl & Kimberly Worthy, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

### Divine Intimacy Reading Guide

August 27 <sup>th</sup> – September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Entry Number
Sunday	273
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**Vocations Candle and Cross** – Mrs. Clara Smith

### Cursillo Dates

Women's Cursillo – Sept. 7 - 10      Men's Cursillo – Nov. 9 – 12  
 Ultreya meetings are every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 5:00 P.M. in the hall. If you would like to make a Cursillo please attend an Ultreya.

### St. Charles Annual Country Bazaar

St. Charles Catholic Church in Fenton will have their bazaar Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. BBQ pork dinners will be served along with hamburgers and much more. There will be rides and games, Silent Auction, Country Store, Bingo, Sweet Shop, and a Live Auction that begins at noon.

### An Introduction to Liturgical Theology

Father Ruben Buller will present "An Introduction to Liturgical Theology" on Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. Sept.12<sup>th</sup>, Sept.19<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, & Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Catholic Student Center at McNeese. The Cost is \$50. Email marlie.mudd@lcdioocese.org for more information.

### Veritas Conference "Discerning Discipleship"

Veritas will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017, at St. Louis H.S. Doors open at 9:00 A.M. The event will conclude with Mass at 4:00 P.M. The theme is "Discerning Discipleship". Joel Stepanek of Lifeteen is the keynote speaker. Brochures can be found at the entrance of the church. Registration is \$30 by September 1<sup>st</sup> or \$40 late registration.

### This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – **BAZAAR MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.**
- ❖ Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – **CCD Grades 1 – 5 from 4:00 – 5:20 P.M. and Grades 6 – 12 from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.;** Youth Group at 5:00 P.M. for Grades 7 – 12.
- ❖ **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – NO ADORATION**

### SAVE THE DATES

#### **ADORATION**

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

#### **Bishop's Service Appeal 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Big Communion**

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 Mass

#### **BAZAAR**

October 21 & 22, 2017

#### **Blessing of Cemeteries**

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### RETURNING TO FULL CEREMONIES AT HOLY MASS

Beginning next weekend, we return to the full observance of ceremonies at Holy Mass. During the summer months we simplify the ceremonies while the choir is on break. What a joy it will be to have more solemnity at our Masses!

### CCD REGISTRATION ON-GOING

We had a fantastic beginning to the new CCD year this past Wednesday! With that said, it is still possible to register children in our CCD program. If you know of children not attending catechism, please reach out to their parents and encourage them to enroll their children. For clarity's sake: some have asked if Mass attendance is still a requirement of SJoA's CCD program. The answer is, No. It is not. As reckless and dangerous as not attending holy Mass is, and as much as I wish parents would not abandon this fundamental aspect of their vocation, children may attend CCD even if their parents (or guardians) do not bring them to holy Mass.

Having stated this, let me be absolutely clear in reiterating the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding the seriousness of attending holy Mass. While attending holy Mass is not required for participating in SJoA's CCD program, **faithfully attending holy Mass is necessary for Eternal Life**. Deliberately missing even a single Mass (on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation) is a mortal sin. Were a person to die after having committed a mortal sin (of any kind, of any number) without repenting sufficiently (which in ordinary circumstances requires a sacramental confession), such a person cannot be saved. Yes, the Catholic Church continues to teach that attending holy Mass is *this* important to God. Please confer these paragraphs of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* if you are surprised about what I have just written (1033-1037; 2180; 2181).

We must realize that God respects our free will. If we choose to reject God (which we do by deliberately missing holy Mass on a day of precept), God will respect that choice, even into eternity. So let us stay close to God, daily repenting of our sins, regularly confessing them to the Priest in confession, and fervently living from the heart of the Church and her sacraments. *This* is the path that leads to Eternal Life. But this path must be freely taken, for God will not force Eternal Life on us.

### BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

Please make note of – and budget for – the Bishop's Services Appeal. The BSA is an important collection for the diocese's annual budget. I'll "announce" this year's BSA on the weekend of Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Our parish quota this year is \$9,953.00. At first glance this seems like a heavy burden, but when we divide the amount by 400 (which is roughly equal to the number of people that attend Mass at SJoA), it comes to \$25.00 per person. The first BSA collection will be the weekend of Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. If we start budgeting now, we can easily meet our quota. As a parish, our average for meeting our quota over the past 4 years is 6 weeks. That's easily doable again this year.

### SIGN UP FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament returns to Wednesdays on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Adoration begins at 7:00 am and continues until 8:00 pm. Two adorers are required for each hour. A sign up sheet is at the main entrance on the podium. **I ask each parishioner to consider very seriously committing to an hour by signing up for an hour**. All of us are very busy. Trust me, I understand that. But here's the thing: our world, our families, and *each of us* need prayer in order to heal the darkness we see around us and experience within. The prayers of the Mass and those of Eucharistic adoration are the surest ways of restoring sanity and health to our world, our families, and within our souls. I'm reminded of the words of St. Bernadette Soubirous, the seer of Lourdes: "The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words, 'Come all you who are sick, I will restore your health.'" We truly need the Lord and He is here for us. **Can you summon enough generosity of soul to commit to one hour each week?** I promise that you will not regret spending time with Our Lord.

### ***Here are our collective parish intentions for Wednesday Adoration:***

- † For the young of SJoA: that they always remain close to God and strong in the Catholic faith.
- † For our families: that husbands and wives may truly love one another, sanctifying each other and their children.
- † For vocations to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles: that many young men may have the generosity to offer themselves for the glory of God and the salvation of souls as Priests.
- † For vocations to the religious life: that many young men and women may have the generosity to offer themselves completely to God in the consecrated life.

## **CHURCH TEACHINGS ON THE INFALLIBILITY OF THE ROMAN PONTIFF**

Unless you've been hiding under a rock (pun most definitely intended), you're likely aware of the questions surrounding a recent document of Pope Francis known as *Amoris Laetitia*. You even may have heard that four Cardinals asked the Holy Father to explain a few passages of document. Petitions of this sort tend to surprise not an insignificant number of people. This is understandable. After all, doesn't the Catholic Church teach that the Roman Pontiff is infallible? As a matter of fact, she does. If this is the case, then how are we to make sense of what's going on? A further concern: Does a member of the faithful disrespect the Pope in asking that uncertainty be clarified? I cannot imagine any of us would wish to disrespect the Holy Father, much less disobey the Magisterium of the Church. This Sunday I will do my best, as a dutiful servant of holy Mother Church and as a devoted son of His Holiness Pope Francis, to help us learn how a Catholic navigates through questions such as these.

The Gospel for today's Mass (Mt. 16:13-20) provides us with a perfect starting point for this critical endeavor. Here's what I mean by this: Today's Gospel is an important biblical witness for a number of Catholic doctrines regarding the papacy, including the Church's teaching on the infallibility of the Roman Pontiff. During Mass, I will explain the Doctrine of Infallibility. To help with this, I am putting two useful references in the bulletin. (See below.) The first comes from the First Vatican Council's document *Pastor Aeternus*, which was promulgated 18 July 1870. It is in this very document that the Catholic Church solemnly defined the conditions under which the Roman Pontiff is infallible. The second resource comes from the well-known book *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*, written by Dr. Ludwig Ott in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### **I. *Pastor Aeternus*** (chapter 4, paragraph 9)

"Therefore, faithfully adhering to the tradition received from the beginning of the Christian faith, to the glory of God Our savior, for the exaltation of the Catholic religion and for the salvation of the Christian people, with the approval of the Sacred Council, We teach and define as a divinely revealed dogma that when the Roman Pontiff speaks *ex cathedra*, that is, when, in the exercise of his office as shepherd and teacher of all Christians, in virtue of his supreme apostolic authority, he defines a doctrine concerning faith or morals to be held by the whole Church, he possesses, by the divine assistance promised to him in blessed Peter, that infallibility which the divine Redeemer willed His Church to enjoy in defining doctrine concerning faith or morals. Therefore, such definitions of the Roman Pontiff are of themselves, and not by the consent of the Church, irreformable."

### **II. *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*** (page 287)

Dr. Ott reminds us that the following points must be carefully borne in mind in order to have a proper understanding of the doctrine of infallibility:

1. The bearer of the infallibility is every lawfully elected Pope.
2. The object of the Pope's infallibility is his teaching concerning faith and morals.
3. The condition of the infallibility is that the Pope speaks *ex cathedra*, for which the following are required:
  - a. The Pope must speak as shepherd and teacher of all Christians with the full weight of his supreme apostolic authority. If he speaks as a private theologian or simply as the Bishop of his diocese (i.e., the Diocese of Rome), the Pope is not protected by infallibility;
  - b. The Pope must have the intention of giving a definitive teaching on faith or morals, a teaching that is binding for all the Christian faithful. Without this intention, which must be made clear in the formulation, or by the circumstances, a decision *ex cathedra* is not complete;
  - c. Most of the doctrinal expressions made by the Popes in their Encyclicals are not decisions *ex cathedra*.
4. The Source of the Pope's infallibility is the supernatural assistance of the Holy Spirit, Who protects the supreme teacher of the Church from error.

### **The Purpose of Infallibility ... so that the Faith cannot experience a failure** (*Pastor Aeternus*, ch. 4, par. 7)

"This gift of truth and never-failing faith was therefore divinely conferred on Peter and his successors in this See so that they might discharge their exalted office for the salvation of all, and so that the whole flock of Christ might be kept away by them from the poisonous food of error and be nourished with the sustenance of heavenly doctrine. Thus the tendency to schism is removed and the whole Church is preserved in unity, and, resting on its foundation, can stand firm against the gates of hell." - See also **Luke 22:31-32**

### **Infallibility ... to preserve and guard Divine Revelation, NOT to create new teachings** (Ibid., paragraph 6)

"For the Holy Spirit was promised to the successors of Peter not so that they might, by His revelation, make known some new doctrine, but that, by His assistance, they might religiously guard and faithfully expound the revelation or deposit of faith transmitted by the Apostles."