

27th Sunday – Season of the Year

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 7, 2017

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

5:30 P.M. MASS – Elmo, Eli & Theolite Smith, Jeremy Rider, Preston Bertrand, Fran Meaux, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot, LeRoy Fontenot, Bernard Aguilard, M/M Arlington Manuel & Fly., Nakia Ware, Darrell, Eloise, & Greg Reed, Laura Foret, Keith LeJeune, Liv. & Dec. LAS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Roland & Verlie Chaumont, Liv. & Dec. Taylor & Remy Fly., Geri Garcille & Fly., Jennifer Sonnier, Marvin Banks, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol Deshotel, Deacon Norris & Sandra Chapman, Edward Maddox, Glegg & Tootie Chaumont

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Philip James Courville (1st Anniversary)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Stacey Beaubouef

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017

6:00 P.M. MASS – Carl D. Granger, Sr., (1st Anniversary)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

12:05 P.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

5:30 P.M. MASS – George & Pat Schneider, Jeremy Rider, John C. Durio, J.C. & Emily Adams, Hubert Bertrand, Catherine Papillion, David Dugas, Dec. Members of Horton & Berlinger Fly., Fran Meaux, Liv. & Dec. Members of Helin McCauley Fly., M/M Arlington Manuel & Fly., Keith LeJeune, Aurlene Guillory

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Dreau Granger, Weston Monceaux, Sr., Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Arlington Manuel, Matthew Guillory, Clegg & Tootie Chaumont, Dona Davis Fly., Mary E. LeBlanc

Last Week's Collection

\$4,540.55

2nd Collection this Weekend – Bishop's Service Appeal

PRAYER LIST

M/M Robert Andrews, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Jack Berlinger, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Pauline Boudreaux, 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, Megan Cart, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottogin, Jay Crittle, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Shaun Darbonne, Jackie Deville, Cindy Dowies, Jabe Doyle, Amy Duplechain, Bryker Fontenot, David Fontenot, Don Fontenot, Mary O. Fontenot, Paul 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, Shai Hebert, Sunni Hurst, Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Grady Johnson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Kristen Labauve, Charles Lacey, 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, Jennifer 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, Ronald Meaux. 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, 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, Skylic, 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, Jona Sharp, Helen Shreeman, Lois Singleton, Max Smith, C. Sonnier, Remy Spring, Kolton & Leah Squier, Barbara Strickland, Kelly Strother, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Katelyn Tunks, Dollyanna Victorian, Dana Vidrine, Steve Vidrine, Joseph

Vizena, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Daryl & Kimberly Worthy, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Divine Intimacy Reading Guide

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Vocations Candle and Cross – Mrs. Marita Cezar

Flowers on the Altar

The Flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by Mrs. Gerry Beaubouef in memory of Tush Strother, Leonard & Stacey Beaubouef.

40th Wedding Anniversary

SJoA would like to congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Smith as they celebrate 40 years of marriage October 8, 2017.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, October 8th – Big Communion at 10:00 Mass; Bazaar Shower after 7:30 and 10:00 Masses; Ultraya at 5:00 P.M.; Solemn Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, October 9th – K.C. Meeting at 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 11th – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD and Youth Group**
- ❖ **Saturday, October 14th – Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally at noon on the Farmer's Market Property on Main Street**

FROM FATHER CONNER

Liturgical Notes for October

- October is a “Marian month”. Special emphasis is given to the Mother of God by us, and, in a particular way, to the rosary. We also have some important Marian feasts during October.
- Hymns: it’s quite fitting that the hymns we use at holy Mass be of a Marian character. I would point out that the hymn used for the Offertory this month is not in the hymnal. I have made copies of *On This Day, O Beautiful Mother*. For those interested, print outs of this lovely hymn may be found at the main entrance of the church.
- Gloria**: we will sing the *Gloria* in Latin today at our two Sunday Masses. (This will be a little new for us. This is a simple setting, though, and easily accessible for anyone who applies himself.) If you’re looking for the musical setting for the *Gloria*, it can be found on the music aids in the pew pockets.

Congrats on “Big Communions”

We congratulate our fifth graders who observe today their “Big Communion”: Kashmyra Cart; Ray Conner; Kadyne Dart; Caden Ducote; April Duplechain; Austin Gradney; Seth Lyons; Megan Manuel; Emma Meaux; Brayden Runge; Silas Rider; Marvin Sharp; Sophia Sonsuz.

Bishop's Services Appeal Collection

Today's Second Collection is for the BSA. Please be generous in your support of this important collection that makes it possible for the diocese to make its annual budget. The ministries it supports, a few of which I mentioned briefly last Sunday, assist thousands in our area each and every year. Also, please know that you can contribute to the BSA at any time. If you wish to put a contribution toward the BSA at a time when we are not having a collection for it at Mass, please make sure to label your envelop “BSA”. This will allow us to properly identify it. Donations may also be brought to the rectory office during business hours.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

A MARTYR FOR THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Emperor Diocletian launched the bloodiest, most cruel persecution of all the emperors against the early Church. Indeed, he used Christian bodies dipped in tar and tied to stakes to light the streets of Rome at night. So the cruelty of his soldiers was a natural extension of his own cruelty.

One day a virgin named Anysia was going to participate in the Mass, when one of Diocletian's soldiers stopped her along the way. "Stop," he shouted, "where are you going?"

Anysia was terrified. She made the sign of the cross and replied, "I'm a servant of Christ and I'm going to our assembly to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

"I'll see that you don't," said the soldier, "and I'll take you to sacrifice to the gods."

The soldier tried to snatch away her veil, and when Anysia tried to prevent him, the soldier was enraged. He drew his sword and plunged it into her heart. The young virgin fell, a martyr to the Sunday observance.

I love the stories of the martyrs, because they usually cause me to reflect on my own level of commitment to Christ and His holy Church. From time to time I find myself wishing I could skip Mass and go fishing, or build something out in the shop. And I'll find myself hoping Father's homily won't be too long, because I don't want to miss a minute in the boat or shop. Then I read a story like Anysia's and feel so terribly ashamed of myself.

The third commandment is: "Remember to keep holy the Lord's day." "The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: 'On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass.' 'The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day.'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2180 (This excerpt from the CCC quotes two of the canons from the 1983 Universal Code of Canon Law, 1247 & 1248.1) This commandment also obliges us to avoid any activities which hinder the renewal of body and soul.

Unless excused for a very good reason, failure to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation is a mortal sin. The Mass is the highest form of worship of God, as it is the perpetuation of Christ's redeeming sacrifice on the cross. As St. John Chrysostom wrote: "You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests." (St. John Chrysostom, *De incomprehensibili*)

In order to fulfill our Sunday and holy days obligation we must be physically present at the Mass. Televised Masses, although a consolation to the homebound who are unable to attend Mass, are not acceptable as a means of fulfilling our obligation. Staying at home to watch Mass on EWTN doesn't cut it. Furthermore, to miss a notable part of the Mass—that is, to arrive late or leave before the final blessing—prevents us from fulfilling our obligation, which is seriously sinful.

It is of grave concern when people arrive late and leave early at Mass. I'm talking about those who chronically arrive late and leave early. Some folks say that they have trouble getting the kids organized and in the car to get to church on time. If this applies to you, the obvious answer is to get everyone going a bit earlier. After all, how can you expect your children to learn responsibility if you chronically fail in your responsibility to be at Mass on time.

Another thing we see all the time is people who leave immediately after receiving Communion. Friends, the Mass isn't over until the priest gives the final blessing. Leaving after Communion means you not only fail to meet your Sunday or holy day obligation, but you add the additional mortal sin of sacrilege in receiving Communion if you planned to leave early in the first place.

Regarding vigil Masses on the evening before a Sunday or holy day of obligation, there is something to consider here too. You most certainly enjoy the privilege to attend a vigil Mass, and you definitely fulfill your obligation by doing so, but it's important to understand why the Church began to allow this after Vatican II. The Council Fathers understood the changes taking place in society, and they wanted to make it easier for the faithful to be able to fulfill our obligations. The intention of the Fathers was to keep Catholics from being guilty when they had to work in order to support their families and avoid being fired, or for cases of family hardships. It is an abuse of this privilege of attending vigil Masses to fulfill our obligation if we attend the vigil just because we want to go on a family outing, go fishing, or simply sleep in or not be bothered with taking time from our Sunday. There is nothing sinful involved here, but a conscientious Catholic should want to please Christ all he can. At times our choices aren't merely between good and evil; sometimes the choices are between good and better. Sunday and holy day attendance is the better choice.

Sundays and holy days of obligation are obligatory days of rest. We are to "abstain from those labors and business concerns which impede the worship to be rendered to God, the joy which is proper to the Lord's Day, or the proper relaxation of mind and body." (*Universal Code of Canon Law*, 1247) This means we must refrain from unnecessary servile works on Sundays and holy days. The key word there is "unnecessary". "Christians will also sanctify Sunday by devoting time and care to their families and relatives, often difficult to do on other days of the week." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2186)

If space permitted, we would look much deeper into this commandment, as many Catholics today, sadly, fail to treat Sundays and holy days any differently than a Saturday or, worse, a typical week day. However, it is hoped this little article will give you pause to rethink how you are keeping holy the Lord's day, because this is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

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