

32nd Sunday - Season of the Year

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, November 11, 2017

4:30 P.M. MASS – Liv. & Dec. members of Ladies Altar Society, Jeremy Rider, John C. Durio, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Fran Meaux, Helin McCauley Fly., liv. & Dec., Keith LeJeune, Collin Guillory, Eda Harmon, Aurlene Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Wyne Ceaser

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Dreau Granger, Weston Monceaux, Sr., Jennifer Sonnier, Marvin Banks, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol Deshotel, Edward Maddox, M/M Clegg Chaumont, Sally Pitre, Richard Young, Errol Deshotels

MONDAY, November 13, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Drew Beaubouef

TUESDAY, November 14, 2017

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Bernard Aguilard

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017

6:00 P.M. MASS – Deceased Parishioners of SJoA & St. Joseph

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – John C. Durio

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

4:30 P.M. MASS – George, Clara, & George Schneider, Jr., Jeremy Rider, Grace Granger, Jack Johnson, Sox Gordon, Dec. members of Horton & Berlinger Fly., Fran Meaux, M/M Rodney Fontenot, LeRoy Fontenot, Keith LeJeune, Houston & Gladys Ardoin, Joseph Fontenot, John & Virginia Spears Fly., Errol Deshotels

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Angelle Durio, Linda LeJeune, Taylor & Remy Fly., Liv. & Dec., Douglas R. Daigle, Marvin Banks, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol Deshotel, Edward Maddox, M/M Tootie Chaumont, Richard Young, Lindsay & Aurlene Guillory, Arsan & Agnes Victorian, Roselyn Victorian, Dwight, Dallas & Gracie Gradney, Eve Smith Guilbeau

Last Week's Collection \$5,542.25
BSA (\$595.34 remains to be collected to reach quota) \$1,541.00

PRAYER LIST

M/M Robert Andrews, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Joan Bertrand, Shorty Beverly, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Pauline Boudreaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Brandon Bridgwel, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Steve & Roxane Campbell, Kristin Carlton, David & Natalie Carrier, Rosabelle Carrier, Megan Cart, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottongin, 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, 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, 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, Max Smith, C. Sonnier, Remy Spring, Kolton & Leah Squier, Barbara Strickland, Aerial Storer, 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

Nov. 5 th – Nov. 12 th	Entry Number
Sunday	350
Monday	351
Tuesday	352
Wednesday	353
Thursday	354
Friday	355
Saturday	356
Sunday	357

Vocations Candle and Cross – Mr. & Mrs. Martel Goodly

Lost and Found

A prayer book was recently found in the church. If you believe it to be yours contact the parish office to claim it.

Ladies Altar Society Fundraiser "2018 A Sweet Year!"

The LAS are selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 per chance. One winner will be chosen to receive 12 homemade Desserts – one per month during the 2018 year. The drawing will be held Sunday, December 10th. Tickets will be sold after Masses and at the rectory.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, November 12th – Follow-Up Bazaar Meeting at 4 pm; Ultreya at 5 pm; Solemn Holy Hour at 6 pm.
- ❖ Monday, November 13th – Knights of Columbus at 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, November 15th – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD and Youth Group**

FROM FATHER CONNER

Supplemental Info on the *Dies Irae*

You may have noticed the asterisks (*) in the version of the *Dies Irae* Sequence and wondered about their purpose. They are to mark a few things about which I wish to provide supplement information.

Sibyl* – The Sibyl was an ancient, Greek pagan prophetess at the fountain at Delphi who foretold the end of the world. The poet here is insinuating that even the pagans know that a future day of judgment is coming; interestingly, the Sibyl also foretold and recognized the first coming of Christ at His Nativity.

Ere** – Shorthand for writing "before"; *Before the day of retribution.*

Mary*** – Absolutely it is understood that the Blessed Virgin Mary is **not** here referenced. Without a doubt, Our Lady was free from sin entirely; rather the *Dies Irae* makes reference to St. Mary Magdalene, who "loves much because she has been forgiven much" (cf. Luke 7:47). Additionally, the word "shriven" refers to a penitent who has been to confession and received absolution.

Mass of Remembrance

We will have a special Mass for deceased parishioners of SJoA & St. Joseph and all whose names are written in the Book of Remembrance. The Mass, which will be a Solemn Requiem in the EF, will be this Thursday, at 6:00 pm. I hope you can join us.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

ELLA LOGAN: ANGEL OF THE STAGE

Ella Logan (1913-1969) was a Scottish born singer and actress who was famous in American pictures and early television. When she performed for the GIs in Italy, she kept one rule with iron clad resolve: there would never be anything in her show the least bit off color. She wore simple dresses which would remind the soldiers of their sweethearts, wives and sisters.

One night in Naples the theater was packed. Many of the men attending had just returned from the front line. They were so fresh from battle that they were on edge, dirty and, in some cases, even bloody. After Ella made her usual little speech at the end of her act, a tall GI with a Gary Cooper-like persona walked up to her on the stage. He asked, "Can I talk into that thing?" pointing at the microphone. The soldier still had his helmet on and looked exhausted. Ella was apprehensive, because a man in that GI's state was subject to say or do anything. Looking up at him, she stood beside him at the microphone. He put his hand on her shoulder and began to speak to her before the absolutely silent 5,000 men present in the auditorium.

"Miss Logan," he said into the microphone, "you don't remind me of my wife or sister. You don't even remind me of my mother. Do you know what you remind me of?" Ella trembled as she waited for the soldier to answer his own question. He said, "You remind me of an angel."

He bent over and kissed Ella on the forehead. Then the lanky soldier walked down the steps, up the isle and into the darkness. While he walked away, no one in the crowd broke the silence. Ella ran into her dressing room and cried tears of joy.

Ella Logan understood the virtue of modesty. She not only understood that immodest dress is a violation of God's sixth commandment, but after this incident she also understood that modesty earns far more respect from men than trying to look "sexy".

We live in a sexually saturated society and culture. Progressive thinking people tell us that this isn't the Ozzie and Harriet era anymore (I'm dating myself here, as most readers may not know what I'm talking about. This refers to an old TV show from the '50s about the Nelson family—as good and clean as it could get on TV.); that we are liberated from those old stuffy rules of propriety and etiquette. Business, communications and technology change with progress, as do styles in architecture or automobiles, but God's laws never change. Today we flaunt our sexuality, making ourselves as appealing to the opposite sex (and sometimes the same sex) as possible. Men dress always as if they are going to a picnic, no longer looking like gentlemen. Women dress to as though they are trying to get every man's attention...even at church. It's time they realized that this is a violation of God's law and take Ella Logan's example to heart.

This is the first of our treatment of the sixth and ninth commandments. They are "You shall not commit adultery" and "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife," respectfully. They are usually treated together by moral theologians and catechists because they both deal with human sexuality.

The sixth commandment deals with external sexual purity; that is, the things we do. The ninth commandment deals with interior sexual purity; that is, the things we think. Let's begin with the sixth commandment.

The sixth commandment obliges us to be pure and modest in behavior both when alone and with others. It forbids impurity and immodest behavior, and everything that leads to impurity. Some of the sins committed against this commandment are adultery,

fornication, contraception, homosexual activity, prostitution, premarital sex, masturbation, and pornography.

Fornication is sexual intercourse between an unmarried man and an unmarried woman. Adultery is sexual intercourse between two persons, at least one of whom is married. These are always mortal sins.

Contraception is also always mortally sinful because it rejects chaste married love and defies God by wanting to increase pleasure while avoiding the God-given responsibility of procreating children. Furthermore, the irresponsible use of sex through contraception leads to a lack of respect for sex itself, the marriage partner as a person, and human life. Its use has contributed immensely to the culture of death, just as Pope Paul VI predicted in his 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae*.

The most common contraceptive is the birth control pill, or simply "the Pill". The pill is morally, ethically, and medically evil. Research has proven that it condemns women to premature death. It not only works to impede the conception of children, but it is also proven to be an abortifacient—destroying life in the womb. Indeed, it has been scientifically proven that all chemical contraceptives are abortifacients. Through use of the pill, many women have unknowingly and unintentionally aborted children they didn't even know they had. Furthermore, use of the pill (as well as other contraceptives) leads people into other immoral sexual activities that most certainly lead to eternal punishment in hell.

There are, however, natural methods of birth control that do not offend God. Natural Family Planning (NFP) refers to several methods that are in conformity with the biological harmonies God has impressed upon the human nature. These methods use no chemicals or gadgets. They are based on sound scientific knowledge, and they are completely harmless, reliable, and healthy. We won't discuss them today, as we lack space, but we will cover NFP rather deeply in the future...along with a few recommendations for more information and help for couples. In the meantime, if you are interested in a manual on NFP, I would strongly recommend one published and available as a free download from Natural Family Planning International. You can download the manual at nfpandmore.org.

Rightly used, NFP is morally and religiously acceptable. What I mean by "rightly used" is that NFP requires the use of intelligence and self-control, and it should only be used when married people have serious and legitimate motives for spacing out births. Some serious reasons for spacing out births may come from physical or psychological conditions of the husband or wife, or from external conditions. However, selfishness is a sinful motive.

I'm a convert to Catholicism, and my parents weren't at all religious. My father was a selfish man who didn't even like children, and most certainly didn't want to be bothered by them. Don't misunderstand; my father loved both of us kids, but he never wanted the responsibility of being a dad. I recall him telling me once that he wouldn't take a hundred million dollars for me, but that he wouldn't give a plug nickel for another just like me. I also recall when I was a little boy overhearing my mother telling some of her friends that I was a mistake. She meant that I was unplanned, but that isn't how the little boy heard and understood it. What sort of message does that send to a kid? Worse, these attitudes demonstrate the "throw away" attitude artificial contraception promotes in the thinking of married couples. So this is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

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