

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018

4:30 P.M. MASS – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Jack Johnson, Ladies Altar Society, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Benton Smith, Evelyn Sandell, Frank Mougeot, Egbert McGee, Fr. William Van Stratton, Paul, Celeman, Norbert & Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Dec. Fly. Paul & Celeman Thomas, Lloyd Taylor

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Fr. Theodore Broussard, Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Matt Taylor, St. Martha's Guild, Helen & Glenn Sonnier, Michael Pitre, Ryan Rozas Fly. Liv. & Dec., Juan A. Lucero Castellano, Juan A. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guillermo Consuegra Garicia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

5:30 P.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Sister Rita Michael Aguillard

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Claiborne Durio

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018

4:30 P.M. MASS – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Dec. members of Horton & Berlinger Fly., Catherine Papillion, Ursin & Lillie Carrier, Alice Manuel, Benton Smith, Frank Mougeot, Evelyn Sandell, Lloyd Taylor, Janet & Greg Meaux, Paul, Celeman, Norbert & Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Dwayne, Adam & Wallace Meaux, Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Douglas R. Daigle, Phillip Courville, Andrus & Ella May Frilot, Joseph Guillory, Hosey Guillory, Kenneth & Corinne Granger, Taylor and Remy Fly., Liv. & Dec., Matt Taylor, Henry, Lula & Betty Fontenot

Last Week's Collection

\$6,013.77

PRAYER LIST

(Please call in names for July so the prayer list may be updated)

Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Jocie Bergeron, John O'Neal Bergeron, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Brandon Bridgwel, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Steve & Roxanne Campbell, Kristin Carlton, Hunter Carmouche, David & Natalie Carrier, Rosabelle Carrier, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Larry Cormier, Virginia Cottongin, Jay Crittle, Jeane Daigle, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Shaun Darbonne, Jackie Deville, Cindy Dowies, Jabe Doyle, Donna Dunnahoo, Amy Duplechain, Donna Duplechain, Ken Durio, Bryker Fontenot, David Fontenot, Mary O. Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Roy Frank, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, Daniel Goodley & Fly., Mary Ann Goodley, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Bruce Granger, Jr., Jennifer Granger, Rachael Granger, Vergie Granger, Linda Green, Victoria Guillory, Bob Haas, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Jackie Hebert, Sunni Hurst, Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Grady Johnson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Colt Laborde, Paul LaFleur, Kristen Labauve, Charles Lacey, Rene Lambert, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Dwain LeBleu, Tina Lantier, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Doc Lowe, Benny Manuel, Brian Manuel, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Pat Manuel & Fly., Louana McGee, Reed McIver, Bonnie

McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Ronald Meaux, Russell Meaux, Weston Monceaux, Jr., Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Andrew Norwood, Nicholas Odum, Debbie & Phil Owen & Fly., Joey Owen, Brittany Pate, Howard Patin, Sonya Pickett, Shirley Papillion, Hannah Popillion, Linda & Don Potier, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Ashton Read, Reid Redlich, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Dora Reed, Gary Reed, Lynda Reed, Irving Reed, Sandra Reed, Octavia Reeves Fly., Will Reid, Don Rider, Janice, Jacki & Salis Rider, Vera Ross, Fr. Fred Russi, Tina Sapienza, Quentin Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Yvonne Smith, Josh Sonnier, Lonnie Stcy, Donald Taylor, Ken Taylor, Lory Taylor, Tiffany Taylor, Matthew Truman, Ed & Jane Ulery, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine, Joseph Vizena, Hannah Voeller, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Terri Willord, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, McCaulay Witaker, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Vocations Candle and Cross – Mr. & Mrs. David Thibodeaux

Knights of Columbus Ladies Night / Installation of Officers

The Knights of Columbus will have Ladies Night and the Installation of Officers on Monday, June 11th at 6:30 P.M. Wives of deceased members are invited. Ladies are to bring a covered dish. The Knights will provide the meat.

Cancer Benefit set for Jennifer LaFleur Manuel

A benefit for Jennifer LaFleur Manuel to help defer medical expenses is on Sunday, June 10, at the American Legion Hall in Oberlin from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. BBQ plate lunches, pork or chicken, will be sold for \$10 each. There will be a sweet shop and an auction at 12 p.m. For tickets call Johnnie LaFleur at 337-639-4580 or Chad Peloquin at 337-302-9360.

PONTIFICAL MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Glen John Provost, D.D., M.A., will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass according to the 1962 *Missale Romanum*, on Sunday, June 24, 2018, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, at 5:00 P.M., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Reception following in the Ave Maria Hall. Bishop Provost gives a Papal Blessing at the end of this Mass. The faithful may gain a plenary indulgence. This Mass is truly extraordinary in its beauty and elaborate ceremonies. Experience "the most beautiful thing this side of heaven."

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This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, June 10th – Ultreya 5:00 P.M.; Holy Hour 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, June 11th – Knights of Columbus 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Friday, June 15th – Adoration 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

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SAVE THE DATE

BAZAAR MEETING

Sunday, July 1st 5:00 P.M. (Final plans for Garage/Bake Sale being made)

GARAGE SALE / BAKE SALE BENEFITING SJOA BAZAAR

Saturday, July 7th from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (Items may be brought to the rectory at this time)

SJOA CATHOLIC VOCATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, July 23rd – Thursday, July 26th from 9:00 A.M. - Noon (Monetary donations are being accepted to keep this event free for the children)

SJOA BAZAAR

October 27th & 28th

BLESSING OF CEMETARIES

November 3rd & 4th

FROM FATHER CONNER

NEEDING A SPONSOR (OR SPONSORS) FOR A SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This summer I am guiding several young men of college age, and a high schooler or two, through several books written by *Pope Benedict XVI*. Specifically, we will read 7 of the pope emeritus' books over a 2 1/2 month period. During this time, we will meet once a week to discuss assigned material. I am encouraged to have found such interest in these spiritual and intellectual matters. I'm also personally very happy to assist these young men in their pursuit of a rock-solid Catholic formation. Since there's no such thing as a free lunch, there is some cost associated with the program. Corinne and I have made the final tally for the cost of the books. It will cost us just under **\$300.00** to underwrite this project. Since this is an important endeavor, I'd like to ask your consideration: ***Would you be willing to make a small contribution to help us cover the cost?*** I have found over the years that the writings of Pope Benedict are very effective in developing a person's ability to ***"think with the mind of the Church."*** As I see it, then, this program will be something of a ***foundation*** for these young men as they grow into adulthood. Years from now I am confident they will look back on this summer reading exercise and see that it made them much more solid in their Catholic Faith. ***And just so you know:*** I have already personally made a contribution to help cover the cost, for I would never ask you to do something I myself am unwilling to do.

IS THERE A SPRINKLING RITE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SUNDAY EF MASS?

One of the more noticeable differences we find in an EF High Mass on Sundays comes right at the beginning in what is known as the sprinkling rite. This ritual is commonly referred to as the ***Asperges***. It takes its name from the first words of the prayer, namely, "*Asperges me Domine, hyssopo ...*". This is also the Latin text of the beginning of ***Psalm 50***. (For the full text of the sprinkling rite, go to pages 8 & 9 of the red booklet or page 833 of your *Roman Catholic Daily Missal*.)

The *Asperges* is used only at the ***principal*** Mass on Sundays. (Our principal Mass is at 10 o'clock.) After intoning the *Asperges*, the Sacred Ministers go through the main isle of the church to bless the faithful with holy water.

While the ***Asperges*** is very beautiful, deeply moving, and a very ancient part of the EF Mass, it's likely that only a few of us have any familiarity with it. A good number (of us) may even **wonder why the Church puts such an emphasis on blessing everyone with holy water at the beginning of Mass**. To help us better understand the importance of holy water and the *Asperges*, I will include some teachings in the bulletin on holy water and its use in the Church for the next couple of Sundays. From a purely natural perspective, we all realize that water is an essential element for sustaining life, but in the ***Economy of Salvation***, God has further elevated water by infusing it with grace (I'm referring to holy water blessed by a Priest, of course) so that it contributes not only to the health of our bodies, but to the good of our souls as well. For a Christian, **holy water is a powerful tool** that, when used appropriately and with faith, helps us grow in holiness, resist sin, and fight against the wiles of the Evil One. I hope you will take some time to consider the material in today's insert.

PRACTICALLY SPEAKING #1 ... just a reminder to everyone that **POSTURE GUIDES** are at the entrances of the church. These can help us become more confident at the EF since they let us know when we're supposed to sit, stand, kneel. Take a copy; fold it up, and put it in your hand missal.

PRACTICALLY SPEAKING #2 ... at the beginning of the *Asperges*, that is, when the Sacred Ministers kneel down (on the steps at the foot of the altar) to intone the prayer, the altar boys and all of the people in the pews are to **REMAIN STANDING**.

PRACTICALLY SPEAKING #3 ... as the Sacred Ministers approach to bless you with holy water, the proper posture is to **TAKE A KNEE**. (If you put the kneeler down, please do so **quietly**.)

HOLY WATER

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"The Priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel, and take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water." ~ **Numbers 5:17**

For the Christian, water, as the matter of Baptism, is life. **Tertullian** (b. 160), making a play on words based on the Greek acrostic IXΘΥΣ , or *Ichthys*, meaning "fish" and indicating "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour", wrote in "*De Baptismo*," "But we, little fishes, after the example of our *Ichthys* Jesus Christ, are born in water, nor have we safety in any other way than by permanently abiding in water; so that most monstrous creature, who had no right to teach even sound doctrine, knew full well how to kill the little fishes, by taking them away from the water!" In the same treatise, he wrote of ***water's symbolism***:

"In the first beginning," saith Scripture, "God made the heaven and the earth. But the earth was invisible, and unorganized, and darkness was over the abyss; and the Spirit of the Lord was hovering over the waters." The ***first*** thing, O man, which you have to venerate, is the age of the waters in that their substance is ancient; the ***second***, their dignity, in that they were the seat of the Divine Spirit, more pleasing to Him, no doubt, than all the other then existing elements. For the darkness was total thus far, shapeless, without the ornament of stars; and the abyss gloomy; and the earth unfurnished; and the heaven unwrought: **water alone** -- always a perfect, gladsome, simple material substance, pure in itself -- **supplied a worthy vehicle to God.**

He continues:

See how many then are the advocacies of nature, the special provisions of grace, the customary observances of conduct, the types, the preparations in act or word, which have laid down the rule for the sacred use of water. The ***first***, that when the people of Israel are set free from bondage in Egypt and by passing through the water are escaping the violence of the Egyptian king, the king himself with all his forces is destroyed by water. This is a type made abundantly clear in the sacred act of baptism: I mean that the Gentiles are set free from this present world by means of water, and leave behind, drowned in the water, their ancient tyrant the devil.

Secondly, water is healed of the blemish of bitterness, and restored to its own sweet usefulness, by the tree Moses throws in: and that tree was Christ, who from within Himself heals the springs of that nature which was previously poisoned and embittered, converting them into exceedingly healthful water, that of baptism. This is the water which flowed forth for the people of Israel from the rock that followed them: and as that rock was Christ, without doubt this shows us that baptism is made blessed in Christ by water. See how great is the grace that water has in the presence of God and His Christ for the corroboration of baptism.

Wherever Christ is, there is water: He Himself is baptized in water: when called to a marriage He inaugurates with water the first rudiments of His power: when engaged in conversation He invites those who are athirst to come to His everlasting water: when teaching of charity He approves of a cup of water offered to a little one as one of the works of affection: at a well-side He recruits His strength: He walks upon the water, by His own choice He crosses over the water, with water He makes Himself a servant to His disciples. He continues His witness to Baptism right on to His Passion: when He is given up to the Cross water is in evidence, as Pilate's hands are aware: when He receives a wound water bursts forth from His side, as the soldier's spear can tell."

St. Hippolytus (d. 236), in his *Discourse on the Holy Theophany*, writes:

Good, yes, very good, are all the works of our God and Saviour -- all of them that eye seeth and mind perceiveth, all that reason interprets and hand handles, all that intellect comprehends and human nature understands. For what richer beauty can there be than that of the circle of heaven? And what form of more blooming fairness than that of earth's surface? And what is there swifter in the course than the chariot of the sun? And what more graceful car than the lunar orb? And what work more wonderful than the compact mosaic of the stars? And what more productive of supplies than the seasonable winds? And what more spotless mirror than the light of day? And what creature more excellent than man?

Very good, then, are all the works of our God and Saviour. And what more requisite gift, again, is there than the element of water? For with water all things are washed and nourished, and cleansed and bedewed. Water bears the earth, water produces the dew, water exhilarates the vine; water matures the corn in the ear, water ripens the grapecluster, water softens the olive, water sweetens the palm-date, water reddens the rose and decks the violet, water makes the lily bloom with its brilliant cups. And why should I speak at length? **Without the element of water, none of the present order of things can subsist.** So necessary is the element of water; for the other elements took their places beneath the highest vault of the heavens, **but the nature of water obtained a seat also above the heavens.** And to this the prophet himself is a witness, when he exclaims, "Praise the Lord, ye heavens of heavens, and the water that is above the heavens."

At the Creation, "the spirit of God moved over the waters," and then God "divided the waters that were under the firmament, from those that were above the firmament." At the flood survived by Noah and his family, this was reversed when "all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the flood gates of heaven were opened." The earth was cleansed by this deluge of water -- and it was the Spirit (wind, "*ruach*") that caused the waters to abate. Further foreshadowing Baptism, it was a dove that flew back to the ark bearing an olive branch, signaling to Noah that the flood was coming to an end. St. Peter makes this connection between the cleansing effects of Noah's Flood and Baptism:

Because Christ also died once for our sins, the just for the unjust: that he might offer us to God, being put to death indeed in the flesh, but enlivened in the spirit, In which also coming he preached to those spirits that were in prison: Which had been some time incredulous, when they waited for the patience of God in the days of Noah, when the ark was a building: wherein a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. Whereunto baptism being of the like form, now saveth you also: not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the examination of a good conscience towards God by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. **(1 Peter 3:18-21)**

And, of course, there is Our Lord's Baptism, which **St. Hippolytus** describes so beautifully in his *Discourse*, continued from above:

Nor is this the only thing that proves the dignity of the water. But there is also that which is more honourable than all -- the fact that Christ, the Maker of all, came down as the rain, and was known as a spring, and diffused Himself as a river, and was baptized in the Jordan. For you have just heard how Jesus came to John, and was baptized by him in the Jordan. Oh things strange beyond compare! How should the boundless Rivers that makes glad the city of God have been dipped in a little water! The illimitable Spring that bears life to all men, and has no end, was covered by poor and temporary waters! He Who is present everywhere, and absent nowhere -- Who is incomprehensible to angels and invisible to men -- comes to the baptism according to His own good pleasure."

The Spirit appeared as a Dove over the waters of the Jordan on that day, thereby making the symbolic connection between water and Spirit complete.