

**MASSES & INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Sox Gordon, E.L. Gordon Fly., Cecilia Sonnier, Benton Smith, Evelyn Sandell, Frank Mongeot, Paul, Celeman, Norbert, & Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Dec. Fly of Paul & Celeman Thomas

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, Sarah Chapman & Garrett Howard, Leonard B. & Sons, Edward Maddox, Sandra Gauthier, Matt Taylor, Henry, Lula & Betty Fontenot, Semonia C. Guillory, Fatingo Guillory, Quinton Bell Fly., Brett Fawcett Fly.

**MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018**

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – D.C. Reed, Jr.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Celeman Thomas

**THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Fr. Timothy Goodly

**FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Claiborne Durio

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Frank Mougeot, Benton Smith, Paul, Celeman, Norbert & Lawrence Thomas, Alphonse Ardoin, Lloyd Taylor, Linus & Mary Manuel, Evelyn Sandell, Ernest Moore Fly.

**SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, St. Martha's Guild, Juan A. Lucero Castellano, Juan A. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guillermo Consuegra Garcia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez, Helen & Glenn Sonnier, Sandra Gauthier, Matt Taylor, Henry, Lula & Betty Fontenot

**Last Week's Collection** **\$3,383.48**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Weekend – Holy Father (Peters Pence)**

**PRAYER LIST**

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

Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, 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, JoAnn Cormier, 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, Noah Ferry, 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, Ann Rooney, 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 – Mrs. Marita Cezar**

**Bazaar Meeting**

A Bazaar meeting is next Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 P.M. in the hall. Final plans will be made for our Garage / Bake Sale that will take place Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. – noon. Proceeds benefit this year's bazaar. Donations are plentiful. Workers are needed to help set up in the hall beginning Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> during office hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting please let Ryan Rozas, Kenny Berry, or Mrs. Corinne know if you are available to help set up and/or work or bake for the garage/bake sale.

**Safe Environment**

All parish personnel, including volunteers, CCD teachers, VBS and youth group volunteers who have on-going, unsupervised contact with minors, will need to update their Safe Environment Training beginning July 1, 2018. It is available on the diocesan safe environment website at [safeandsacred-lcdioocese.org](http://safeandsacred-lcdioocese.org). If you have any questions please call the rectory.

**Thank You**

The benefit for Jennifer LaFleur Manuel to help defer medical expenses was a huge success. Thanks to all who showed up to support the event. We appreciate all those who assisted in any way, made donations, cooked the food and bought plate lunches. Thanks to St. Joan of Arc for the use of the BBQ pits and for the support of Fr. Conner and the parishioners.

**- Jennifer LaFleur Manuel Family**

**Rachel's Vineyard**

Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. If you are struggling with guilt, depression, regret, or other difficult emotions from an abortion, you are not alone. A retreat for healing after abortion takes place July 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> at Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff. The cost is \$215.00. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. For more information or registration contact: Rachel's Vineyard of SWLA (337) 439-7400 ext. 317 or e-mail [rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org](mailto:rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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**This Week @ SJoA**

❖ **Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Adoration 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**SJoA CATHOLIC VOCATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. – Noon. Keep watching the bulletin for more information to come. (Monetary donations are being accepted to keep this event free for the children)

**SJoA BAZAAR**

October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

**BLESSING OF CEMETARIES**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### THE BISHOP'S PONTIFICAL MASS

As a reminder, the Most Reverend Bishop will offer a beautiful Pontifical Mass in the more ancient, or Extraordinary, Form of the Roman Rite at his Cathedral this afternoon (6/24/18). Many of the clergy of the diocese will assist him. The Mass begins at **5:00 pm**. The Mass fulfills one's obligation. I sincerely invite you to join us for this beautiful act of divine worship.

### TWO ORDINATIONS FOR THE D OF LC

This coming Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am the Most Reverend Bishop will ordain two men for the diocese: **Deacon Samuel Orsot** (Lucas' older brother) will be ordained a Priest and **Mr. Michael Caraway** will be ordained a Deacon. (Mr. Caraway will be ordained a Priest *next* summer.) I invite you to this Mass of ordination. I also ask you to pray for these two men as they draw near to this consequential moment. We need good, holy Priests. Your prayers and support are not negligible in realizing this.

### FITTING ATTIRE FOR THE TEMPLE OF GOD

As mentioned last Sunday, today I will speak about modesty and modest attire in the temple of God, a Catholic church. As you can see from the bulletin insert, there's no shortage of teachings from Scripture, Tradition, or the Magisterium of the Church regarding modesty. This virtue, along with chastity, truly enables us to live a holy and happy life.

Speaking to young men, *St. Jose Maria Escriva* once said: **"There is need for a crusade of manliness and purity to counteract and nullify the savage work of those who think man is a beast. And that crusade is your work."** (cf., *The Way*, 121) His words apply to all of us, both men and women. The human person, created toward the image of God, and in His likeness, indeed the only creature endowed with a rational soul, is reduced to the level of a "beast" by immodesty and lust. This diminishment is one of the primary reasons we should not so succumb to the widespread error that living chastely will reduce our dignity or somehow "burden" us. Such is the demonic lie perpetrated by our world. These words from St. Jose Maria Escriva are well worth our reflection: **"When you resolve firmly to lead a clean life, chastity will not be a burden for you: it will be a triumphal crown."** (*Ibid.*, 123) We must recall our dignity, which that virtue protects and increases. Then we must take practical steps to protect and preserve our dignity, and not just ours alone, but that of others as well.

Speaking of dignity, we cannot lose sight of the fact that a Catholic church is holy. In the Mass for the consecration of a church, the words of **Genesis 28:17** are used to describe the holiness of God's dwelling: **"How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."** Sadly, this reality (i.e., the holiness of a Catholic church) escapes many. This is manifested in a variety of ways, such as talking inside a church. It is also manifested when a person enters a Catholic church dressed inappropriately. You'll notice an image in the insert. It's a reproduction of the signs placed outside every basilica in Rome. At the order of the Holy Father (Pope Francis), anyone whose attire does not meet the standard of modesty on the sign is refused entry. Even though it is *very hot* in Rome during the summer months, this standard is **not** relaxed. We, too, will maintain fitting modesty in our parish church. Please be diligent in ensuring that your attire rises to the standard of modesty insisted upon by Pope Francis. This will enable us to respect the sanctity of this consecrated place. It will also help us not to become a snare to others.

### MISSA ORBIS FACTOR

Last Sunday I briefly wrote about the *Orbis Factor* Mass. We used the Mass setting at 10:00 am. We do so again today, and will for the foreseeable future, at 10:00 am. Parts of the Mass will also be used on occasion at the 7:30 am Mass. It's a beautiful setting, and I hope you enjoy it. I would mention that audio files of these chants have been loaded on the parish's home webpage ([www.sjoaoberlin.com](http://www.sjoaoberlin.com)) so that you can familiarize yourself with them. I listen to them myself sometimes while working in the office. As we make the chants during Mass, I encourage you to follow along on the chant sheets. Additionally, please make note of the teachings of Vatican II regarding Gregorian Chant and Latin. These teachings may be found on the chant sheets.

## Reflections on Modesty, Humility & Purity

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIZER – GOD’S “VOICE” CALLING US TO REPENTANCE

Today holy Mother Church observes the Nativity of St. John the Baptizer in the Sacred Liturgy. Of women, Our Lord tells us that there’s been no one greater ever born than St. John (cf. Matthew 11:11). Aside from the merit of being related to Our Blessed Lord, St. John had the dignity, and responsibility, of preparing the Chosen People for the Advent of the Son of God. He did this by calling Israel to repentance. It’s with this same spirit, that is, zeal, for the Kingdom of God, that the following reflections on virtues such as modesty and purity, along with vices such as immodesty and lust, are made. St. John once exhorted his fellow Israelites: **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** (Matthew 3:2). We do something similar with our fellow Christians. Immodesty and lust are seriously sinful acts. They endanger the eternal welfare of the soul and imperil our temporal happiness. On this wonderful feast of St. John, each of us can offer him fitting honor by recalling the special dignity of the human person, striving to protect that dignity through the virtues of modesty and chastity, and by preparing our souls for the advent of Eternal Son of God.

### SACRED SCRIPTURE ...

1. And Jesus said: "You have heard that it was said to the ancients, 'Thou shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that anyone who so much as looks with lust at a woman has already committed adultery with her in his heart." **(Matthew 5:27-28)**
2. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the man by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire." **(Matthew 18:5-9)**
3. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." **(Matthew 5:8)**
4. "Let all men know your modesty. The Lord is at hand." **(Philippians 4:2)**

### THE TEACHINGS OF A FEW SAINTS ...

1. "You carry your snare everywhere and spread your nets in all places. You allege that you never invited others to sin. You did not indeed, by your words, but you have done so by your dress and your deportment." **(St. John Chrysostom)**
2. "Either we must speak as we dress, or dress as we speak. Why do we profess one thing and display another? The tongue talks of chastity, but the whole body reveals impurity." **(St. Jerome)**
3. "Let your modesty be a sufficient incitement, yes, an exhortation to everyone to be at peace on their merely looking at you." **(St. Ignatius of Loyola)**
4. "Lust indulged became habit, and habit unresisted became necessity." **(St. Augustine)**

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA ...

*Our Lady appeared to St. Jacinta several times from December 1919 to February 1920. Here are a few of the things Our Lady mentioned to the dying saint:*

1. **“Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend Our Lord very much.”**
2. **“Woe to women lacking in modesty.”**
3. **“More souls go to Hell because of sins of the flesh than for any other reason.”**

**Pope Francis' dress code  
for the Roman Basilicas.**

*"If it's good enough for the Holy  
Father, it's good enough for us!"*

## CONSIDERATIONS FROM A FEW POPES ...

1. "One can not sufficiently deplore the blindness of so many women of every age and station. Made foolish by a desire to please, they do not see to what degree the indecency of their clothing shocks every honest man and offends God. Most of them would formerly have blushed for such apparel as for a grave fault against Christian modesty. Now it does not suffice to exhibit themselves on public thoroughfares; **they do not fear to cross the threshold of churches, to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and even to bear the seducing food of shameful passions to the Eucharistic Table, where one receives the Heavenly Author of Purity.**" (Pope Benedict XV)
2. "O Christian mothers, if only you knew the future of distress and peril, of shame ill-restrained, that you prepare for your sons and daughters in imprudently accustoming them to live hardly clothed and in making them lose the sense of modesty, you should be ashamed of yourselves and of the harm done the little ones whom heaven entrusted to your care, to be reared in Christian dignity and culture." (Pope Pius XII)
3. "God has assigned as a duty to every man the dignity of every woman." (Pope St. John Paul II)

## The Virtue of Modesty and Its Relationship with Prayer

by St. Cyprian of Carthage (Nn. 4-6: CSEL 3, 268-270)

When we pray, our words should be calm, modest and disciplined. Let us reflect that we are standing before God. We should please him both by our bodily posture and the manner of our speech. IT IS CHARACTERISTIC OF THE VULGAR TO SHOUT AND MAKE A NOISE, not those who are modest. On the contrary, they should employ a quiet tone in their prayer.

The same modesty and discipline should characterize our LITURGICAL PRAYER as well. When we gather to celebrate the divine mysteries with 'God's priest, we should not express our prayer in unruly words; the petition that should be made to God with moderation is not to be shouted out noisily and verbosely. For God hears our heart not our voice. He sees our thoughts; he is not to be shouted at. The Lord showed us this when he asked: *Why do you think evil in your hearts?* The book of Revelation testifies to this also: *And all the churches shall know that I am the One Who searches the heart and the desires*.

ANNA maintained this rule; in her observance of it she is an image of the Church. In the First Book of Kings we are told that **SHE PRAYED QUIETLY AND MODESTLY TO GOD** in the recesses of her heart. Her prayer was secret but her faith was evident. **SHE DID NOT PRAY WITH HER VOICE, BUT WITH HER HEART**, for she knew that in this way the Lord would hear her. She prayed with faith and obtained what she sought. Scripture makes this clear in the words: *She was speaking in her heart; her lips were moving but her voice could not be heard; and the Lord heard her prayer*. The psalmist also reminds us: *Commune within your own hearts, and in the privacy of your room express your remorse*. This is the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Through Jeremiah he suggests this: *Say in your hearts: Lord, it is You that we have to worship*.

My friends, anyone who worships should remember the way in which the TAX-COLLECTOR prayed in the temple alongside the Pharisee. **HE DID NOT RAISE HIS EYES IMMODESTLY TO HEAVEN OR LIFT UP HIS HANDS ARROGANTLY**. Instead he struck his breast and confessing the sins hidden within his heart he implored the assistance of God's mercy. While the Pharisee was pleased with himself, the tax-collector deserved to be cleansed much more because of the manner in which he prayed. For he did not place his hope of salvation in the certainty of his own innocence; indeed, no one is innocent. Rather he prayed humbly, confessing his sins. And the Lord Who forgives the lowly heard his prayer.