

**MASSES & INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018**

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Benton Smith, Lloyd Taylor, Evelyn Sandell, Keith LeJeune, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Martin Goodly, Savannah & Curley Gradney, Sr.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Keith & Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Matt Taylor, Louise Frank, St. Martha's Guild, Juan A. Lucero Castellano, Juan A. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guillermo Consuegra Garicia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018**

**8:00 A.M. MASS** – Phillip Courville

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Mary Bushnell

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Geneva Deshotel

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018**

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Claiborne Durio

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018**

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

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Benton Smith, Lloyd Taylor, Evelyn Sandell, Adelaide Keamey, Jack Johnson, Ladies Altar Society, Frank Mougeot, Egbert McGee, Preston Manuel, Fr. William Van Stratten, David Dugas, Helin McCauley Fly. Liv. & Dec., LuLu Manuel

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Matt Taylor, Taylor/Remy Fly., Liv. & Dec., Joseph Berry, Lillian Fontenot, Mariah Casey, Fr. Joseph Nguyen Huu Tai

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	<b>\$5,062.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – SJoA CCD Expenses</b>	<b>\$1143.56</b>

**“RETURN TO THE LORD” CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

August 6, 2018 Parish Share –	\$6,277.67
<b>Total Received Parish Share to Date –</b>	<b>\$20,058.76</b>

**PRAYER LIST**

M/M Robert Andrews, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Tyler Bellow, Jocie Bergeron, John O'Neal Bergeron, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, M/M Lincoln Briscoe, Deanne LeBlanc Broussard, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Belle Carrier, David & Natalie Carrier, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, JoAnn Cormier, Brittany Courville, Jeane Daigle, Aiden & Renlee' Darbonne, Louise Guidry Darbonne, Donna Dunneho, Pam McDaniel Elliott, Noah Ferry, Mary O. Fontenot, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, Elaine Giles, Tim Giles, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Rachael Granger, Vergie Granger, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Jackie Hebert, Bob & Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Joey James, Paul LaFleur, Cindy Langley, Essie Langley, Brian Manuel, Jennifer L. Manuel, Kevin Manuel, Marlin Manuel, Wilson Manuel, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Leroy Meaux, Patrica Mikas, Glen Morgan, Clifton & Carolyn Morgan, Howard Patin, Sonya Pickett, Hannah Popillion, Ena Prudhomme & Fly., Jimmy Prudhomme, Ann Reed, Brenda Dodd Reed, Dara Reed, Gary Reed, Linda Green Reed, Don & Debra Rider, Salis & Janice Rider, Ann Rooney, Fr. Fred Russi, Pay Abshire Savant, Helen Sheeman, Lois Singleton, Yvonne Smith, Donald Taylor, Diana Tichy, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine, Hannah Voeller, Linda Weldon, Linda Voeller, Odelia Wilson, Nicole Young

**Thank You**

We would like to acknowledge with grateful appreciation Fr. Conner, Deacon Deshotel, the choir, the ladies altar society, and the altar boys for your kind expression of sympathy at the loss of our loved one.

-- Jackie Rider Chandler Family

**Vocations Candle and Cross – Mrs. Sarah Reed**

Vocation Candle sponsors needed - \$5.00 per candle

**“Relics of the Passion Tour” at SJoA**

The Relics of the Passion will be at SJoA Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. The program ends with an opportunity for personal veneration of the relics. Exposition of the Holy Eucharist is a part of the meditative portion of the presentation, to underscore that time-transcending gift that connects us from His Passion to His Presence with us today. As a tribute to Our Lady of Sorrows, the program highlights a perspective on Mary as she accompanied Jesus on the path to Calvary. The collection includes 8 rare holy relics that would only be seen in collections generally found in Rome or the Holy Land. Relics included are:

- The relic of the True Cross
- A piece of stone from the table or room where the Last Supper was held
- A piece of the Column of Flagellation
- A piece of the Crown of Thorns
- The effigy of the Veil of Veronica (touched to the original veil)
- A replica of the holy nail which contains filings taken from the true nails
- A piece of bone from St. Longinus, centurion that pierced the side of Jesus
- A thread from the cloth used as the wrapping from the Burial Shroud

**Beer Tasting Social**

SJoA will have a Beer Tasting Party on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the parish hall. Food paired with each beer will be served. Tickets are \$20.00 and are being sold at the rectory. You must be at least 21 years old to attend.

**Rosary Rally**

SJoA invites you to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Sat., Oct. 13, at noon at the Farmers Market. Please join in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States.

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**This Week @ SJoA**

- ❖ Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Solemn Holy Hour at 4:00 P.M.
- ❖ Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Altar Society at 5:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD and Youth Group**
- ❖ Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – Rosary and Confession at 7:30 A.M.; Mass at 8:00 A.M.

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**30TH ANNUAL BAZAAR 2018 - October 27th & 28th**

**Help Wanted!**

Are you looking or a way to give back to the church community and become involved with your parish? The church bazaar is an exciting way to do just that and have a great time meeting your fellow parishioners. If you are interested in helping out please attend the Bazaar meetings. The next scheduled meeting is Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. in the hall.

**Silent and Live Auctions Items Needed**

Please consider donating a new item or a gift certificate for services. Consider donating an item that is made by you or if your talent is shopping, look for that special bargain and donating it. We accept new items for both auctions. Items may be brought to the rectory beginning in October during regular business hours. Any questions please contact: Ryan Rozas at 302-0274 or Kenny Berry at 534-9515.

**Sweet Shop**

We need items for the sweet shop. Please be thinking about what you want to bake.

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### ADORATION FOR CCD YEAR

Adoration begins this Wednesday. *Have you committed to an hour yet?* If you can't quite bring yourself to "taking the adoration plunge," consider this teaching of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

Let's carefully consider what Mother Teresa just said about adoration. Adoration will ... **1)** deepen your union with God ... **2)** make your soul more glorious in Heaven ... and **3)** increase your peace in this life.

*ARE YOU KIDDING ME?* Who wouldn't make *that* deal? Look, I understand that it may be *impossible* for someone to do adoration on Wednesdays. I'm not addressing these words to the one for whom it's impossible. But I am most certainly appealing to those of you who are *unwilling* to commit to an hour each week. The best "deal" we could ever hope to make in this life is found adoring Our Blessed Lord in the Sacred Host. Hopefully we can see that it's well worth the investment of our time.

### MAKING REPARATION FOR THE SCANDALS

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about sin:

- "Sin is an *offense* against God." (CCC 1850)
- "Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It *wounds* the nature of man and *injures* human solidarity." (CCC 1849)

Neither of these teachings should surprise us. Sin has disastrous effects and consequences. Since God is love (cf. 1 John 4:8), He demands that the wounds caused by sin be healed; that the damage it causes be repaired. This "repairing" is known as *reparation*. Since we are all sinners, and thus have incurred the guilt of sin, we must (all of us) make reparation for sin. The practice of making reparation, moreover, is not new. St. Paul speaks of making reparation in **Colossians 1:24**. "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His Body, that is, the Church."

Reparation can take many forms: prayer (Mass, adoration, etc); penance (e.g. fasting, suffering patiently and with love); alms; and so on. The scandals presently afflicting Holy Mother Church are severe and many. They should do more than trouble our conscience. Indeed, **these scandals should move us toward a greater desire to increase our own sanctity and to repair the damage they have caused.** SJoA is providing several opportunities for us to make reparation. A print out of the scheduled Acts of Reparation during September is available in the church and at the parish website. Your participation in some of these events is strongly encouraged. In today's bulletin there is an insert which provides more teaching about penance and reparation. The second part will appear next Sunday. Please read them.

### SUNDAY HOLY HOUR RESUMES TODAY

Beginning today, we resume having holy hours each Sunday at 6:00 pm. The holy hour concludes with benediction and is typically followed by Compline chanted in the traditional form. All are invited. Compline booklets are made available for everyone who attends. **Please note that tonight's holy hour will be at 4:00 pm.** This means that LSU Tiger fans can make the holy hour and still have time to cook before the game. I believe that's what's known as a "win-win" situation! *Geaux Tigers!*

## **PENANCE AND REPARATION ~ PART I**

*by Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.*

Penance and reparation are the consequence of sin. Or again, penance and reparation are the price we have to pay for our own and other people's sin. Penance and reparation, finally, are what God requires from sinners as a condition for showing them His mercy.

In order to better understand the meaning of penance and reparation, we have to look for a moment at what happens whenever we sin. Two things happen:

- First: we incur guilt before God for the self-will that caused us to sin. We become more or less separated or estranged from God, depending on the gravity of our sin.
- Second: We deserve punishment for the disorder we cause by our sinful conduct. We become liable to suffering pain, again more or less pain, depending on how seriously we have done wrong.

Against this background, we can more easily see the meaning of penance and reparation.

- Penance is the repentance we must make to remove the guilt, or to reinstate ourselves in God's friendship.
- Reparation is the pain we must endure to make up for the harm we brought about by our self-indulgence when we sinned.

What then do penance and reparation have in common? They have this in common, that they are absolutely necessary if the justice of God is to be satisfied after we have offended the divine Majesty. They also have this in common, that God now has a right to demand more of us than He would have required had we not committed sin. The word **more** is basic to any correct understanding of penance and reparation.

But if penance and reparation have this in common, how do they differ? They differ, as we have seen, in the two different ways that we do wrong whenever we sin. Because we have failed in loving God, we now owe Him more love than He would have required had we not offended Him.

We did wrong by our willful love of self. So now we have to make up by our selfless love of God. This is Penance.

And because we have brought disorder into the world by our sins, we must undergo pain to undo this harm we have caused. This is reparation.

### **Why Penance and Reparation?**

If we ask, why penance and reparation, the first answer is: Because God wants it. But if we press the question: Why does God want it? Then we must say, because in His mysterious wisdom, His justice requires it. We may legitimately say, without really understanding it, that He has no choice. Having given us a free will, if we abuse liberty, we must use our freedom to

repay to God the love we have stolen from Him (which is penance) and repair the damage we have done (which is reparation).

Notice, all along I have been using the first person plural, "we", because penance and reparation are owed to God not only because I have individually sinned, but because we human beings have sinned and are sinning, in our day, on a scale never before conceived in the annals of history.

We know better than Cain after he killed his brother, Abel. We **are** our brother's keepers. We are mysteriously co-responsible for what other people do wrong. There is a profound sense in which all of us are somehow to do penance and make reparation, not only for our sinful misdeeds, but for the sins of our country and, indeed, for the sins of the whole human race.

We return to our question: **Why** penance and reparation? Because, in Christ's words, "Unless you do penance, you shall **all** likewise perish".

Is it any wonder that on Pentecost Sunday, after Peter preached his sermon, and rebuked the people for their sins, and they asked him, "what must we do," his first word to the multitude was the imperative verb, "Repent!"

Is it any wonder that Our Lady of Fatima's message to a sinful world in our day, may be summarized in the same imperative, "Do penance."

Indeed, the calamities that we have so far seen in [the 20<sup>th</sup>] century: two world wars with more casualties than in all the previous wars of history, and the threat of a nuclear holocaust that hangs over us like a tornado cloud. All of this is God's warning to do penance and reparation. Why? Because God is not mocked.

You do not offend God with impunity. You do not sin without retribution. You do not ignore the will of the Almighty and expect the Almighty to ignore what you do.

What bears emphasis, however, is that this retribution is either to be paid willingly, with our penance and reparation, or will be paid unwillingly within the divine punishment.

The divine logic is simple, awfully simple, and all we have to do is learn what God is telling us. Either we do penance and reparation because we want to, or we shall suffer (against our will) the consequences of our sins in this life, and in the life to come.

But remember, this penance and reparation is to be done not only for what we have personally done wrong. It is for all the pride and lust, for all the cruelty and greed, for all the envy and laziness and gluttony of a sin-laden human family.

God is merciful and in fact as our Holy Father has told us, Jesus Christ is the Incarnation of divine mercy. But God's mercy is conditional. It is conditional on our practice of penance and reparation.