

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

4:30 P.M. MASS – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Benton Smith, Lloyd Taylor, Evelyn Sandell, Jerome & Blanche Haas, Sox Gordon, Cecilia Sonnier, Martin Goodly, David Dugas, Marcelea Ceaser, Julina Ross, Shirley Guillory, Semonia Harmon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Matt Taylor, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, Gene & Velma Brakel, Roland & Verlie Chaumont, Jerry & Polly Chaumont

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Anthony Deshotel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

6:00 P.M. MASS – Hilda Richard

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

4:30 P.M. MASS – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Benton Smith, Lloyd Taylor, Evelyn Sandell, Johnny Vidrine, Rodolph Johnson, Galton Boudreaux, Martin Goodly, Shirley Papillion & Fly., Lucius Cezar & Fly., Roy Frank

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Matt Taylor, Sarah Chapman & Garrett Howard, Joan Bertrand, Ricky Richard, Misty Autin Guillory, Ryan Rozas Fly.

Last Week's Collection	\$2,693.00
2 nd Collection for BSA (Quota - \$11,609.00)	\$2,667.00

PRAYER LIST

Tyler Alexander, 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, James & Jill Gilbert & Fly., Elaine Giles, Tim Giles, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Dixie Granger, 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, Pat Abshire Savant, Helen Sheeman, Lois Singleton, Yvonne Smith, Donald Taylor, Diana Tichy, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine, Hannah Voeller, Linda Voeller, Linda Weldon, Odelia Wilson, Nicole Young

Vocations Candle and Cross – Phielomone Goodly
Vocation Candle sponsors needed - \$5.00 per candle

Suicide Prevention Workshop

A Suicide Prevention workshop will be held at SJoA Catholic Hall September 29, 2018, from 8:30 AM-NOON. This event is free and offers education, resources and recovery.

Rosary Rally

SJoA invites you to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Sat., Oct. 13, at noon at the Farmers Market.

Beer Tasting Social Cancelled

Due to lack of interest the Beer Tasting Social has been cancelled. If you purchased tickets your money will be refunded to you.

March for Life Pilgrimage 2019

The March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. will take place January 14 – January 19th, 2019, for teens in grades 9-12 and adults. The cost of the trip is \$625.00, which includes travel, lodging, most meals, supplies and entry fees into various events and sites. A deposit of \$200.00 is due with the registration form (online at dolcyouth.org or to Mrs. Corinne) by **Wednesday, October 10, 2018**. The remaining balance is to be paid by Monday, December 17th. Fundraisers will be held to help defer the cost to parents. Contact Mrs. Corinne for more information. Forms will be available at youth group.

Youth Group Bake Sale

The youth group will have a bake sale Sunday, October 7th after 7:30 and 10:00 A.M. Masses. Proceeds will benefit youth events during the year.

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This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, September 23rd – Bazaar Meeting at 3:30 P.M.; Nineveh & Exodus 90 Informational Meeting at 5:00 P.M. at the parish hall; Adoration at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, September 26th – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD and Youth Group**
- ❖ Friday, September 28th – Mass at 6:00 P.M.; Adoration from 7:15P.M. Until midnight. *(No morning Mass)*

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STANDARD OF ATTIRE FOR ENTERING THIS CHURCH



- No shorts.
- No dresses or skirts above the knee.
- No sleeveless shirts or dresses.
- No form-fitting clothes.
- Shoulders, front, and back must be covered.
- ***In other words ...***

“Worship the Lord in holy attire.”

- Psalm 96:9

St. Joan of Arc 30th Annual Bazaar 2018

OCTOBER 27TH & OCTOBER 28TH

Saturday, October 27th

4th Annual Gumbo Cook-Off

Registration Fee \$25 – Deadline to enter is October 19th
GUMBO SUPPER & BINGO Begin at 5:30 PM

Sunday, October 28th

Tickets for BBQ Pork or Chicken Dinners are \$10.00.

**\$1 Raffle: 1st Prize – Cajun Microwave
2nd Prize – 55” HDTV**

Live & Silent Auctions / Bingo / BBQ / Sweet Shop / Kid Zone / Live Music



AUCTION

the Sweet Shoppe



Donations for Bingo, Silent Auction and Live Auction will be taken in the hall after either Masses Sunday, October 14th or bring donations to the rectory anytime during regular office hours. For questions, please contact Ryan Rozas @ 337-302-0274, Kenny Berry @ 337-534-9515 or the rectory during regular business hours.

Financial Success of the Bazaar Depends on Attendance. Invite your Family and Friends to join us!!

What We Believe...



The Most Excellent Teacher by Joe Sixpack

A very wealthy couple, in spite of all their money and possessions, lived in constant unhappiness and almost daily fighting. The wife often cried bitterly while the husband often stormed out of the house angrily.

One day the wife was looking through her grandmother's diary when she happened to come across a page with this title: "A household remedy for discontent". She read it hopefully, anxious to see if her grandmother could offer her any wisdom. This is what she found:

*"Whenever I feel miserable or in a bad temper, I go to the picture of the 'Ecce Homo' and place myself at its feet. I look at it closely and meditatively for three minutes, then recite three Our Fathers before I leave. This always restores my peace and contentment. My confessor advised me to do this. **I've used this remedy for thirty years and have never found it to fail.**"*

The young wife remembered she'd kept her grandmother's picture of the "Ecce Homo". It shows our Savior scourged, crowned with thorns, and covered with a dirty garment of a soldier, His face sad and His eyes filled with tears, His lips quivering as if He were saying, "See how much I have suffered for you." She went up to the attic immediately and found the picture. She dusted it carefully and hung it in her room.

The young wife began to follow her grandmother's advice. When she felt a quarrel was about to begin, she would go into her room, kneel before the picture, and gaze at the face of Our Lord, so powerful and gentle, as she recited the three Our Fathers. Her anger and impatience gradually disappeared. She received new courage to submit to her husband's wishes and to speak to him gently and lovingly.

"I've noticed quite a change in you, dear," her husband said. "What's happened to you?"

"I've found a most excellent teacher," she replied. Then she went on to tell him who her most excellent teacher really was.

It wasn't long before her husband began to learn the lesson of patience and gentleness in front of the picture of the suffering Jesus. Over time, peace and harmony and happiness reigned in the family of the wealthy couple.

When a paper napkin gets soiled and dirty, we throw it away. That is, after all, what it's made for. All too often today, marriage is treated like a soiled paper napkin, but marriage isn't made for disposal. Matrimony, a sacrament instituted by Christ, is made to last as long as the couple live. Unfortunately, much like a paper napkin, when a marriage becomes soiled with a lukewarm approach to faith, a lack of spiritual leadership from the husband, infidelity of thought or body, or an unchaste married love that comes from forbidden practices such as artificial contraception, people throw it away in a divorce court. Because couples fail to follow what Jesus teaches through His Church, husbands and wives become objects to one another instead of two persons who are actually one, both become miserable and lose their love for each other. The children not only lose the security of a divinely ordained family life, but also fail to grow into the healthy and happy adults a healthy family life should form them into being. All the family members usually lose any semblance of the spiritual life God intends for them. When a couple divorce, it's actually an attempt to destroy the marriage of three—husband, wife...and God.

It's exceedingly rare that any one person is responsible for the breakup of a marriage. There's usually more than enough blame to go around. But it needn't be that way. Marriage has a two-fold purpose: the giving of love and the giving of life. Marriage is a natural institution, but Jesus elevated it to the level of a sacrament (Matthew 19:4-6) and blessed it as a divine institution (John 2:1-11). So when the sacrament of Matrimony is administered, there are actually three persons being wed: the bride, the groom, and God.

Because marriage is a natural institution, those attempting marriage without the sacrament of Matrimony (a mortal sin for Catholics) have many great difficulties trying to make the marriage work. However, through the sacrament of Matrimony the couple has the availability of infinite sacramental graces that enable them to carry out a married life that is wholesome, loving and pleasing to God.

Thanks to the prevailing counter-culture of our Western civilization and the meddling of government in marriages and families, Catholics have lost site of what marriage is really all about. Government and the dominant counter-culture have given us "no fault divorce," artificial contraception, and a new definition of marriage, all in the name of political correctness and "equality". These are what have made marriage disposable. But in speaking to the Pharisees on the topic of divorce, Jesus said, "Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one'? So they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matthew 19:4-6). This means that marriage, defined by God and not a court or law, is between one man and one woman for the life of the married couple.

Again, the two-fold purpose of marriage is the giving of love and the giving of life, but there is a natural extension of the giving of love. *God gives the spouses all the graces necessary to help one another grow in holiness.* Just as children produced in the matrimonial bond are a manifestation of marital love, so too is the positive response to God's graces by the parents to help their children become holy—a manifestation of that love.

St. Paul gives us the perfect formula for a solid and happy marriage, as well as a guide to rearing children. Beginning in chapter five of Ephesians, Paul writes, "Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. Even so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one.' This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the church; however, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband." Paul goes on to give Catholic guidance on child rearing as his discourse continues into the sixth chapter, something we'll cover later.

We will discuss much more about marriage in coming issues, but let's focus now only on what St. Paul has written here. Nothing in what Paul wrote jibes with modern American thought, but just because society and culture have changed doesn't make what Paul said any less true or relevant. Nor do the changes in our culture, laws and society relieve us of these divine obligations. Like it or not, men, you are the head of your household, and it's time you claimed your rightful and divinely ordained place to love and lead your family into the ways of Christ and His Church. Ladies, like it or not, it is your place to be subject (i.e., obedient) to your husbands in all things except immorality. But in all cases, spouses must remember they are together one person, because this is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

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