

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018

4:30 P.M. MASS – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Lloyd Taylor, Evelyn Sandell, Benton Smith, Frank Mougeot, Willie Mae LeJeune, Jack Johnson, George, Clara & George Schneider, Jr., Egbert McGee, Helin McCauley Fly., Liv. & Dec., David Dugas, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot, Seth & Jackie Chandler, LeRoy Fontenot, Elaine Dugas, Leonardo Cezar, Roy Frank, Togeal & Elizabeth Goodly, Martel & Alberta Cezar, Lok & Francis Goodly, LAS, Freddy Gorman, Paul LaFleur

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Taylor & Remy Fly., Liv. & Dec., Matt Taylor, Edward & Ora Peloquin, Juan A. Lucero Castellano, Juan A. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guillermo Consuegra Garcia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez, Vincent Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – D. C. Reed, Jr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Drew Beaubouef

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Benton Smith

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018

6:30 A.M. MASS – Claiborne Durio

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

4:30 P.M. MASS – Don Fontenot, Fran Meaux, Sox Gordon, Ursin & Lillie Carrier, Alice Manuel, Benton Smith, Evelyn Sandell, Galton Boudreaux, Willie Mae LeJeune, Ophelia Fontenot, Berlinger, Marcantel & Horton Fly., Liv. & Dec., Seth & Jackie Chandler, Oliver & Armosa Victorian, Paul LaFleur, Freddy Gorman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Matt Taylor, Anna Lee Reed, Gene & Velma Brakel, Roland & Verlie Chaumont, Jerry & Polly Chaumont, Tovic & Joyce Fontenot, Dean Manuel

Last Week's Collection	\$4,856.00
BSA Total to Date (Quota - \$11,609.00)	\$6,984.00
2nd Collection – BSA	\$ 591.00
Maintenance Fund to Date	\$10,125.00
2nd Collection – Maintenance Fund	

PRAYER LIST

Tyler Alexander, Robert Andrews, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Georgia Bell Baggett, 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, Gordon Cotton, Brittany Courville, Jeane Daigle, Aiden & Renlee' Darbonne, Louise Guidry Darbonne, Judy Davis, Donna Dunneho, Pam McDaniel Elliott, Noah Ferry, David Fontenot, Mary O. Fontenot, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, James & Jill Gilbert & Fly., Elaine Giles, Tim Giles, Phielomone Goodly, Becky Gorman, Dixie Granger, Rachael Granger, Vergie Granger, Charlene Guidry, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Jackie Hebert, Gwen Holder, Bob & Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Joey James, Cindy Langley, Essie Langley, Jessica Lindsey, Brian Manuel, Jennifer L. Manuel, Kevin Manuel, Marlin Manuel, Wilson Manuel, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Josh Miller, Patricia Mikas, Brad 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, Leah Rexrode, Don & Debra Rider, Salis & Janice Rider, Ann Rooney, Fr. Fred Russi,

Pat Abshire Savant, Helen Sheeman, Lois Singleton, Yvonne Smith, Donald Taylor, Ken & Wylene Taylor, Diana Tichy, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine, Hannah Voeller, Linda Voeller, Linda Weldon, Odelia Wilson, Nicole Young

Vocations Candle and Cross – Wilbert & Loris Berry

Bazaar Closing Meeting

Sunday, November 11th after 10:00 A.M. Mass there will be a Bazaar meeting in the hall for all committee members to review this year's bazaar. Please bring your concerns and ideas for future bazaars to this meeting. Lunch will be provided.

Ladies Altar Society Fundraiser "2018 A Sweet Year!"

The LAS are selling raffle tickets after all Masses for \$1.00 per chance. One winner will be chosen to receive 12 homemade Desserts – one per month during the 2019 year. The drawing will be held Sunday, December 16th. Tickets are available at the rectory. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of two electric stoves for the hall.

"Ringing in the Holidays" 2018 Arts & Crafts Show

St. Joan of Arc will have a booth at this year's "Ringing in the Holidays" 2018 Arts & Craft Show. It will be held Friday, November 16th from 5 – 9 PM and Saturday, November 17th from 9 AM to 5 PM. at the Oberlin Civic Center. Please stop by and support SJoA. Items available at the SJoA booth will be baby quilts, canned preserves, chapel veils, rosaries and pillows. All items are handmade.

New Hours for St. Vincent de Paul's Closet

The St. Vincent de Paul's Closet is open on Tuesdays from 9 – 11 A.M. and Wednesdays from 5 – 7 P.M.

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This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, November 11th – Ultreya at 5:00 P.M. Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M. followed by Compline
- ❖ Tuesday, November 12th – Knights of Columbus at 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, November 14th – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD and Youth Group**

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LATIN MASS COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

**Saturday, November 17, 2018
10AM – 6PM**

**Location: Saint Leo IV Roman Catholic Church
7166 Roberts Cove Rd., Rayne, LA**

Holy Mass at 10 a.m. will be celebrated by Father Keenan Brown with a procession in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows to follow. Afterwards a dinner with refreshments shall be held for all in attendance. The day shall conclude with recitation of the Holy Rosary just before 6 p.m.

Holy Mass
Games – Music
Lunch & Snacks
Home Brew Contest
Good Family Fun!

Hosted by: Traditional Latin Mass Foundation
Mater Dolorosa Latin Mass Community

This annual event has the chief purpose of providing an opportunity for like-minded Traditional Catholics in Louisiana to meet and support each other through a day of fun and conviviality.

FROM FATHER CONNER

By order of the Ordinary, the Bishop's Pastoral Letter was read at each Sunday Mass one week ago. At that time, I mentioned that I would include information in upcoming bulletins on the incomparable sanctity to which each and every priest is called in virtue of having received the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

... Speaking of the perfect holiness of Jesus:

"For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens." (11:26)

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

... Speaking of the Holiness of Jesus as Priest, of the holiness of Christ's Sacrifice (of the Mass), and of the sanctity to which each priest should possess because the Sacrament of Holy Orders configures him to Christ and on account of the sublime holiness of the sacrifice of the Mass:

"How pure should not he be who shares in this sacrifice [of Christ's priesthood]! More resplendent than the sun must be the hand that divides this Flesh [a reference to the hands of the priest which handle the Blessed Sacrament], the mouth that is filled with spiritual fire, the tongue that is reddened by this Blood!" (*Hom. LXXXII in Matt., n. 5*)

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

... Speaking of how awareness of the holiness of the priestly vocation should move a priest to live a supremely holy life for love of God and in gratitude for his vocation:

"If we would only bear in mind, dearly beloved brethren, the exalted character of the things that the Lord God has placed in our hands, what unbounded influence would not this have in impelling us to lead lives worthy of ecclesiastics [i.e., clergy]! Has not the Lord placed everything in my hand, when He put there His only-begotten Son, coeternal and coequal with Himself? In my hand He has placed all His treasures, His sacraments, His graces; He has placed there souls, than whom nothing can be dearer to Him; in his love He has preferred them to Himself, and redeemed them by His Blood; He has placed heaven in my hand, and [as a priest] it is in my power to open and close it to others . . . How, then, can I be so ungrateful for such condescension and love as to sin against Him, to offend His honor, to pollute this body [i.e., the priest's own body and the Body of Christ, the Church] which is His? How can I come to defile this high dignity [of Christ's priesthood], this life consecrated to His service?" (*Discourse to the Clergy*)

ST. PIUS X

... Because of his consecration and configuration to Christ, a priest should be even holier than a consecrated church:

"Since this is the mind of the Church on the life of a priest, one cannot be surprised at the complete unanimity of the Fathers and Doctors on this matter; it might indeed be thought that they are guilty of exaggeration, but a careful examination will lead to the conclusion that they taught nothing that was not entirely true and correct. Their teaching can be summarized thus: there should be as much difference between the priest and any other upright man as there is between heaven and earth; consequently, the priest must see to it that his life is free not merely from grave faults but even from the slightest faults. The Council of Trent made the teaching of these venerable men its own when it warned clerics to avoid 'even venial faults which in their case would be very grave.' [Session XXIII, de Reform. C. 1] These faults are grave, not in themselves, but in relation to the one who commits them; for to him [that is, the priest], even more than to the sacred edifice [i.e., a church], are applicable the words: 'Holiness becometh thy house' (Psalm 92:5)". (*Haerent Animo*, chapter I)

What We Believe...



Why We Believe It...

The Death of a Distinguished Person by Joe Sixpack

A very holy young priest who loved the souls of his parishioners made an announcement one Sunday morning after Mass. He said, “A distinguished person of the parish has died. The funeral will be held Wednesday at nine o’clock.”

Since Father never mentioned the distinguished person’s name, the whole parish was abuzz about who the person might be. They tried and tried to figure it out but couldn’t, so curiosity filled the church on Wednesday morning. In fact, the church was so full that people had to stand in the back.

When the casket was opened, the people filed past to see the remains of the distinguished person. Many people gasped in surprise as they looked into the casket.

After the Mass, the young priest said to the people, “As you looked into the casket, you saw that the dead person was you. I borrowed this casket and placed a mirror in it so you could see yourself. You, my children, are spiritually dead, so I thought I would bury you. Week after week I sit alone in the confessional, praying for you to come unburden yourselves of your sins, and week after week I see you receiving Our Lord in the Eucharist when I know few of you are worthy. So this Mass was said for all of you.”

The young priest was never alone in the confessional again.

We have become products of our modern culture and society. As Pope Pius XII said, we have lost our sense of sin. Whereas sin should fill us all with horror, instead we pretty much ignore it. We have become a people who make moral judgments more from convenience than from a well formed conscience.

We live in bad marriages, yet receive Communion. We use artificial contraceptives, yet receive Communion. We make use of pornography, yet receive Communion. We treat sex as a recreational activity and do so outside the bonds of Matrimony, yet receive Communion. We vote for candidates who promote abortion, contraception and homosexuality, yet receive Communion. We skip Sunday and Holy Days Mass, yet when we do go to Mass we receive Communion. We commit serious sin but think it’s okay as long as we go to Confession, yet we receive Communion. We belong to forbidden societies, such as Free Masonry, yet we receive Communion. We disrespect our parents, elders, priests & bishops, or other legitimate authority, yet we receive Communion. We wish evil on or desire revenge against others, yet we receive Communion. We look at other people with lustful intentions, yet we receive Communion. We willingly become an occasion of sin for others by dressing immodestly, yet we receive Communion. We steal by failing to do sufficient work for the wages we’re paid, yet we receive Communion. We unjustly injure the reputation of others by exposing their faults without necessity, yet we receive Communion. We rashly misjudge others because we don’t know “the whole story”, yet we receive Communion. We fail to fast and abstain when required to do so, yet

we receive Communion. We go to Communion in a state of mortal sin and commit one sacrilege after another, yet we compound it every week when we continue to receive Communion.

As the holy young priest pointed out to his parishioners, we are dead...spiritually dead. Despite that we know this, we continue to live as if we have all the time in the world. Death is no respecter of persons. I could die before finishing the next word...or you could die before reading it. My son was thirty-eight years old and the picture of health, but he simply failed to wake up one morning. My father was only fifty-two and fit as a fiddle, but he was found on the kitchen floor. We have all known people who died of sudden, unexpected deaths, yet we seem to think and live as if it won't happen to us.

John Henry Cardinal Newman once said the greatest tragedy in the Church is the ignorance of the laity. Although Blessed Newman's words were absolutely correct, I think that willful lack of knowledge has led to something much worse—our prideful refusal to avail ourselves of the great benefits and graces of the confessional. That prideful refusal is causing far too many souls to go to hell, souls who in this life mistakenly believed they would go to heaven when they died.

Your priest loves your soul more than he loves life. Do you want to know how I know that? Priests are incredibly gifted and talented men. Every one of them I've ever known could have been captains of industry, mega-wealthy entrepreneurs, famous research scientists, doctors, lawyers, or any other successful position they wanted to be in. But that's not what they did. They chose to become priests of the living God, which is a humble and extremely demanding vocation that pays squat and is thankless and under appreciated. They became priests to serve both God and YOU. That's how I know your priest loves your soul more than he loves his own life.

I've asked one question of almost every priest I've ever known: When do you most feel like a priest? Without exception, every single time a priest has told me he feels most like a priest in the confessional...*when he can forgive people's sins in Christ's name and in His stead.*

The holy Catholic Church only requires us by canon law to go to confession once a year, during the Easter time, but that is only a minimum for the sake of our immortal souls and not the Church's heart. The Church's heart strongly recommends we go to confession at least once a month, and she is most pleased if we avail ourselves of the life changing benefits of the confessional once a week.

When we go to confession to the same priest with frequency and regularity, that priest begins to know your soul the way you come to know a person who becomes your good friend. As he gets to know your soul, he is able to help you grow, improve, and learn as a person, and to become holy in the sight of God. Availing yourself of God's mercy in the confessional only takes a few moments out of your day. And everything you tell the priest goes to his grave with him. In the entire history of the Catholic Church, not once has there been a documented case of a priest revealing what he's learned in the confessional, as to do so would cause him to be defrocked and excommunicated. Not even the greatest renegade, Martin Luther, revealed anything he ever heard in confession. But there have been thousands of priests in our history who suffered torture and martyrdom rather than reveal what they have heard when souls unburden themselves of sin.

Find out today when Father will be hearing confessions again and commit yourself to going. If you know your soul is in a state of mortal sin, call him today and make an appointment to let him show you God's mercy in the confessional. He won't mind taking time out of his busy day to hear your confession. That's What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Got questions? Go to JoeSixpackAnswers.com for your answers.