

## MASSES & INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Benton Smith, Evelyn Sandell, Freddy Gorman, George, Clara & John Schneider, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Lloyd Taylor, Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Rhonda Granger Fly., Darrell, Eloise & Greg Reed, Martin Goodly, Don Fontenot, Marcelene Ceaser, Mary Louise Joubert, Cleve & David Carrier

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Dallas, Joan & Billy Bertrand, Pete & Lela Mae McGee

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – D.C. Reed, Jr.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

**NO MASS**

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Frank Mougeot

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Rodney & Jerry Bushnell

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019

**5:30 P.M. MASS** – J.D. & Esther Marcantel Fly.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Benton Smith, Evelyn Sandell, Freddy Gorman, Lloyd Taylor, Sonja Billodeaux, Jack Johnson, Gladys Papillion, Ursin & Lillie Carrier, Alice Manuel, Cecilia Sonnier, Martin Goodly, Arsan & Agnes Victorian, Roselyn Victorian, Samuel Papillion, Hillary Victorian

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019

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

**10:00 A.M. MASS** – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Deceased members of the Gidlow Fly.

Last Weekend Collection	\$3,275.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Building Fund	\$1,052.75
Building Fund to Date	\$15,832.90

## PRAYER LIST

Mickey & Monique Abshire, Tyler Alexander, Robert Andrews, Amy Bairnsfather, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Georgia Bell Baggett, Tyler Bellow, Jocie Bergeron, John O'Neal Bergeron, Alvin Billodeaux, M/M Lincoln Briscoe, Margaret 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, Herman Deshotel, Donna Dunneho, Lonnie Duplechain, Noah Ferry, David Fontenot, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, James & Jill Gilbert & Fly., Elaine Giles, Tim Giles, Phielomone Goodly, Becky Gorman, Dixie Granger, Vergie Granger, Charlene Guidry, Juanita Guidry, Paula Davis Hargrove, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Jackie Hebert, Dolores Holden, Gwen Holder, Bob & Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Joey James, Essie Langley, Jessica Lindsey, Brian Manuel, Jennifer L. Manuel, Kevin Manuel, Marlin Manuel, Wilson Manuel, Larry Marcantel, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Josh Miller, Patrica Mikas, Marvin Monceaux, Natalie Montou, Janice Moreau, Brad Morgan, Clifton & Carolyn Morgan, Paula Odom, Debbie Owen, Howard Patin, Sonya Pickett, Hannah Popillion, Ena Prudhomme & Fly., Jimmy Prudhomme, Ann Reed, Brenda Dodd Reed, Dara Reed, Gary Reed, Linda Reed, Leah Rexrode, Don & Debra Rider, Salis & Janice Rider, Ann Rooney, Fr. Fred Russi, Pat Abshire Savant, Helen Sheeman, Lois Singleton, Tommy Smith, Yvonne Smith, Elden

Bada Sonnier, Fynlee Squier, Donald Taylor, Ken & Wylene Taylor, Diana Tichy, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine, Gene Vizena, Hannah and Linda Voeller, Bruce Walker, Linda Weldon, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

## Vocations Candle and Cross – Mrs. Clara Smith

### Contribution Statements Available

If you are in need of a contribution statement from SJoA for tax purposes, please call the rectory and one will be prepared.

### Ladies Altar Society

SJoA Ladies Altar Society would like to recruit new members. Our lovely group of ladies is dwindling down. We are asking for your help. Our meetings are usually on the first Tuesday of each month at 5 pm in the hall (with the exception of March). Due to Mardi Gras the meeting will be March 12, 2019. Annual dues are \$20. We assist with Mercy Meals for families of the deceased and receptions for feast days and the Holy Sacraments. We also help work the bazaar. Please take this to prayer and consider joining the Ladies Altar Society. It is an opportunity for fellowship and bountiful graces!

### Come and See Weekend

For all young men interested in learning more about the priesthood, St. Joseph Seminary College is hosting a Come and See Weekend April 12-14, 2019. The weekend is a time for young men 16 years of age and older to learn about vocation discernment, seminary formation, and the diocesan priesthood. There is no cost to attend, and transportation is provided. Deadline to register is April 1, 2019. Please contact Fr. Starkovich at 337-725-3719 or visit <http://lc vocations.com> to register.

### This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Holy League at 5:00 P.M.; Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD and Youth Group**
- ❖ Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – EF High Mass at 5:30 P.M.
- ❖ Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bible Study at 10:00 A.M.

**PLEASE READ "SAVE THE DATE" ON THE BACK COVER OF THE BULLETIN.**

## Fulton Sheen on Finding God

"Only two classes of people found the Babe: the shepherds and the Wise Men; the simple and the learned; those who knew that they knew nothing, and those who knew that they did not know everything. He is never seen by the man of one book; never by the man who thinks he knows. Not even God can tell the proud anything! Only the humble can find God!" (*Life of Christ*)

## FROM FATHER CONNER

### **The Season of Septuagesima**

For those who attend the 10:00 am Sunday Mass, beginning today things will look rather “Lenty”. The reason why is that three Sundays before Ash Wednesday here in the traditional form of the Roman Rite, the Church observes a pre-Lenten time known as the “Season of Septuagesima.” Septuagesima is the Latin word for 70<sup>th</sup>, as in 70<sup>th</sup> day before Easter. The number is more figurative than it is a literal reckoning of the exact number of days before the Lord’s Resurrection. Here are a few liturgical particulars about Septuagesima: violet vestments replace green; there is no Gloria at Mass; the Alleluia is suppressed in the Mass and Breviary; the organ is not used and flowers are not to ornament the altar. Two more Sundays (viz., Sexagesima – 60<sup>th</sup> day ... Quinquagesima – 50<sup>th</sup> day) follow in this season.

### **Tips for the Reception of Holy Communion**

Every once in a while, it’s helpful to have a few reminders for receiving Holy Communion. Observing them will ensure that there are no hiccups with reception.

- **OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDELY** ... avoid a “slot” reception. After all, you are not receiving a quarter.
- **STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE** ... waaaay out. Some people open their mouths nice and wide but don’t stick out their tongues. Gotta stick out the tongue. Making a nice “landing spot” for the Holy Host is very important.
- **BE ABSOLUTELY STILL** ... don’t do the dip or scoop right at the last minute. A priest does not need the assistance of a communicant to administer the Host properly. Please make sure that you do not move your head inward toward the Blessed Sacrament as I am about to place the Host on your tongue. That’s how I get licked, which neither of us appreciate. As the Psalmist says: “Be still.” This is super important. Here’s a tip: **close your eyes** as you receive Holy Communion. This helps a communicant from moving his head toward the priest’s hand right at the last moment.

### **Forty Hours Devotions**

Please make note of the days and times for 40 Hours Devotions at SJoA in March. (It’s on the back page of the bulletin.) Let’s recall that the Lord Himself has *commanded* us to pray for vocations. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38) We definitely don’t want to be “spiritual free loaders” after an admonition like this. We shouldn’t be looking, moreover, for someone to provide us with a spiritual “dole.” **PRIESTS DO NOT FALL FROM THE SKY.** They are the fruit of prayer, good family life, generous practice of the sacraments, and encouragement. In other words, serious work. In light of the Bishop’s recent Decree, it is expected that every parishioner will commit to at least one hour during SJoA’s observance of 40 Hours. Even if the hour you want to take has a signature at every blank, go ahead and write your name somewhere in that time slot. Then consider it a **CONTRACT WITH GOD.** We underestimate the importance of things like 40 Hours to our own diminishment. It has been one of the major factors that has led to the increased number of seminarians for the Diocese. If we expect an abundance of holy priests for this Diocese, then we best get to praying for them ... otherwise Heaven will not open its doors and grant them. It’s really that simple.

### **Good Manuals for Spiritual Warfare & Eucharistic Adoration for Dirt Cheap**

SJoA has two good Manuals (books) for sale in the rectory. One is the *Manual for Spiritual Warfare*; the other is the *Manual for Eucharistic Adoration*. I own each. They are superb and I recommend them without hesitation. We will make them available for nearly half of what they retail for in any store. The price of a manual is: \$14.

### **Roman Missals for Sale in Rectory for Cost**

SJoA also has OF & EF hand missals for sale for half of what they retail for in a Catholic book store. The price is: \$40 for OF or \$40 for EF missals. I think hand missals are so important that I would even go so far to say that if you are not able to afford your own hand missal that you can deduct the price of a missal from your regular tithe if you purchase either one, or both, from SJoA. I sure hope the Finance Council agrees with me about this. ;)

### **Returning Blessed Palms from Last Year**

SJoA will happily collect your palms from last year. There’s a special receptacle at the main entrance of the church. Please drop them off and we’ll turn them into ashes for this year’s Ash Wednesday observances.

What We Believe...



Why We Believe It...

## The Great Promise by Joe Sixpack

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was born in 1647 in France. It is Margaret Mary who was responsible for spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. From a very early age, Margaret Mary wanted nothing more than to give her life to the service of God, so she entered the convent of the Visitation Sisters. This is where her love for the Blessed Sacrament became so strong she could only tear herself away from the Divine Presence with the greatest difficulty. She used to tell Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament that she wanted to be consumed with love for Him the way a candle is consumed by fire.

Once while she was deep in prayer before the tabernacle, Our Lord appeared to Margaret Mary. He showed Himself to her in all His glory with His five wounds shining like five brilliant suns, and His Sacred Heart like a furnace of fire. He told her how much He loves all mankind and how He is hurt by the ingratitude they show Him by forgetting Him.

Jesus appeared to Margaret Mary two more times in 1675. On the last occasion He said, *“Behold this heart that has loved men so much that It has spared nothing to testify to them Its love; and in return I receive from most of them only ingratitude by their irreverences and their sacrileges and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in the Sacrament of Love.”*

One of the devotions Our Lord taught to St. Margaret Mary was the Holy Hour of Reparation. Jesus in His agony in the garden went over to His apostles, Peter, James and John, to seek a little consolation from them, but He found them asleep. He said to them, “What? Could you not watch one hour with me? Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation.” In memory of this, Jesus asked St. Margaret Mary to honor his most Sacred Heart by rising every Thursday night at eleven o’clock and prostrating herself for an hour before Him in the Blessed Sacrament. During that hour she was to beg God’s mercy for poor sinners and try to sweeten the bitter pain He felt when His apostles slept during His agony in the Garden of Olives.

Among the ten promises Our Lord made to St. Margaret Mary is one called the Great Promise: *“I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who go to Holy Communion on the first Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence: they shall not die in my disfavor nor without receiving their sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.”*

If we were to compare the seventeenth century to today, I seriously doubt anyone would attempt to make an argument that we are more devout in the practice of our faith today than Catholics were then. The world has intentionally walked into an abyss of moral muck and slime, especially over the last seventy years, that will lead far more of us into the eternal pains of hell than into heaven to be with Jesus. Yet notice what Jesus said about the people of Margaret Mary’s time. He said He receives *“from most of them only ingratitude by their irreverences and their sacrileges and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in the Sacrament of Love.”* I recall the thought I gave to these words the first time I read them. I actually had a shiver down my spine and a queasiness in the pit of my stomach.

Back in St. Margaret Mary's day, confession lines were long every week, because unlike twenty-first century people they had a sense of sin. If the people of Margaret Mary's day were more fervent and devout than we are today, and Jesus complained of all the ingratitude, irreverences, sacrileges and contempt for Him in the Eucharist, then how we must disgust Him today!

Pope Pius XII told us that modern people have lost their sense of sin, something he saw behind the evils of the Second World War, and things have only grown worse since then. Pius XII was absolutely right about our loss of a sense of sin. We no longer live in the United States of America, but rather the United States of the Offended, and we no longer preach from the books of the Bible, but rather from the Book of Political Correctness.

If Jesus was offended 400 years ago by ingratitude, how does He view us today? He complained of the irreverences and sacrileges and coldness and contempt we have for Him in the Most Holy Eucharist. Friends, any honest person who knows and understands that Jesus is really and truly present in the Eucharist must acknowledge that we are the most ungrateful, irreverent, sacrilegious and contemptuous generation of Catholics in the history of the Church.

We make excuses and justifications for our sins, then go to Communion anyway. While at church we talk to one another before Mass, distracting the few others who are trying to prepare worthily for Mass, showing our irreverence for Him. We show Him our irreverence and ingratitude by attending Mass dressed with an immodesty that gravely violates the Sixth Commandment. We show Him our contempt and commit sacrileges by receiving Him in Communion while steeped in mortal sin. Many people show their ingratitude, irreverence, coldness, and contempt for Jesus by receiving Communion then immediately walking out of Mass to go home. Friends, if that applies to you, when you leave Sunday or the Vigil Mass after Communion, you not only fail to meet your Sunday Mass obligation (which is a mortal sin), but you commit the additional mortal sin of sacrilege! Mass is not over until the final blessing.

Wake up, friends! Jesus warned us to pay attention to the times and events around us while He was still on earth. Look around you. Anyone who denies the existence of a growing persecution against Christians in the world—even here in America—is living with his head in the sand. In less developed nations of the world, they have been killing us—more Catholics than anyone—for several decades. About the time our enemies began making martyrs of us in other countries is when the persecution of Christians began in our own. Do you really think the time won't come when they begin killing us here? If you believe it won't come to martyrdom for us here, I pity you in your blindness.

Through St. Margaret Mary, Jesus gave us a dire warning, but He also gave us a remedy to what is coming. However, in order to take advantage of the remedy He has given, there are certain things we must do first. We must commit ourselves to learning, understanding and living our Catholic faith. Don't tell me you know the faith because you went to Catholic school or have been a Catholic all your life. If those were valid arguments you couldn't have gotten this far in these articles without realizing you have been ignorant of the faith all your life. I know from the things I hear and the response I get on [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com) that you have been learning things you never previously knew...and all I've written about thus far is only the most basic tenets of the faith—things Catholic fourth graders learned sixty years ago.

We also need to re-examine the way we live, form a right conscience, have recourse to frequent confession, and commit ourselves to devout prayer and living life for Jesus Christ rather than the distractions offered by the world, the flesh and the devil. The only way we can survive what is coming is to get serious about our holy and ancient faith. And if I'm wrong about the persecution growing worse and worse, the very least you will have done by taking this advice is assure yourself a heavenly reward and become much happier in this life. That's What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Got questions? Go to [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com) for answers.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### **EF High Mass**

Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

### **EF High Requiem Mass**

Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

### **Studies of Holy Week**

Saturdays in April 6<sup>th</sup> and  
13<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M.

### **40 Hours Devotions at SJoA**

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 am – 5:15 pm

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 7 am – 7 pm

Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – 7 am – 7 pm

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 3 pm

### **Ash Wednesday Mass Times**

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. 6:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

### **Lenten Presentation by Dr. John Mark Miravalle**

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall

### **Ember Saturday Mass of Lent (EF) – at St. Henry (Lake Charles)**

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.

### **St. Joseph's Altar at SJoA**

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> after 10:00 Mass

### **SJoA Confirmation**

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7 P.M. at SJoA

### **SJoA Lenten Mission by Fr. Ted Broussard**

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.