

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Freddy Gorman, Sonja Billodeaux, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Don Fontenot, LeRoy & Ophelia Fontenot, Marcelene Ceaser, Lloyd Taylor, Keith LeJeune, Dorothy Berry

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Kyle Vidrine

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot (1st Anniversary)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Lucinda Deshotel

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

9:00 A.M. – Sr. Zélie Thérèse of the Redeemer

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Freddy Gorman, Elmo Smith, Sonja Billodeaux, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, Lloyd Taylor, Kyle Vidrine

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Edward Maddox, Juan A. Lucero Castellano, Juan A. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guillermo Consuegra Garicia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez, LeRoy & Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot

Last Weekend Collection	\$3,025.57
Maintenance Fund to Date	\$18,518.65

Vocations Candle and Cross – Semonia Harmon

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 Dunnehou, Lonnie Duplechain, Noah Ferry, David Fontenot, Agess & Ophelia Frank, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, James & Jill Gilbert & Fly., Elaine Giles, Tim Giles, Mary Ann Goodly, 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, Kenneth Johnson, Emily Johnson, 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, Jane Craft Ray, 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 Family, Gene Vizona, Hannah and Linda Voeller, Bruce Walker, Linda Weldon, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Special Needs Mass

A Special Needs Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost at 11:00 A.M. on April 7, 2019. The Mass will take place at St. Louis Catholic High School. All are welcome.

Silver and Golden Anniversary Mass

The Diocese of Lake Charles Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration is to take place on Sunday, May 19th at 11:30 A.M. Mass at Saint Margaret Catholic Church in L.C. Any couple celebrating their 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, or 70th anniversary is invited to attend. Following the Mass, there will be a reception with Bishop Provost at Saint Margaret's family center. Family members of the honored couples are also invited to the Mass and reception. Contact the rectory to register by May 6th.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Sunday, March 31st** – Bazaar Meeting at 4:00 P.M.; Holy League at 4:45 P.M.; Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Tuesday, April 2nd** – Ladies Altar Society at 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 3rd** – Adoration 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; CCD (4 P.M. & 6 P.M.) and Youth Group (5 P.M.)
- ❖ **Friday, April 5th** – Stations of the Cross at 5:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Saturday, April 6th** – Reflections on Holy Week at 10:00 A.M. in the Hall

SERVICES FOR THE TRIDIUM

Chrism Mass (at St. Margaret)

Wednesday, April 17th at 10:00 A.M.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 18th at 6:00 P.M.

The Passion of the Lord

Friday, April 19th at 3:00 P.M.

Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday, April 20th at 8:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday Masses

Sunday, April 21st at 7:30 & 10:00 A.M.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

The Cost of Cafeteria Catholicism

Many modern Catholics seem to want to pick and choose what to believe among the Church's teachings. They apparently think that only what they like is true and what they don't like isn't. This is how Protestants think, not the way Catholics are supposed to think, but I believe the reason many modern Catholics believe this way is because they don't understand the true nature of the Church. Unlike the churches of our separated brethren, the Catholic Church is not founded by mere men. Ours is founded by Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, God Himself.

"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do men say that the Son of man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven'" (Matthew 16:13-19). It was at this event when Jesus announced the foundation of His Church—the Catholic Church. And as history alone proves, there was no other church until the year 1517, when Martin Luther protested against the Catholic Church and gave the world Protestantism.

During the three years of Christ's public ministry, He performed many miracles and used them as an avenue for teaching the Good News to the children of Israel. Those three years were also the apostles' seminary training. Jesus ordained them incrementally, giving the apostles more and more powers and authority as He and they went along—especially St. Peter.

Giving the apostles authority established the Magisterium and the hierarchy of the Church. As Jesus gave them more authority, He also gave them an understanding of that authority and what it means to believers, that is, what it means to those who profess belief in Jesus Christ. Jesus made many wonderful promises to those who believe in Him, but He didn't make those promises without conditions, because He's not a divine lottery. He would be neurotic to be a divine Santa Claus if He didn't require certain things from us as a condition for the good things He promised.

Speaking to the apostles another time, Jesus told them, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and *he who rejects me rejects him who sent me*" (Luke 10:16). Jesus also said, "He who rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge; *the word that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day*" (John 12:48). Then the last time the apostles saw Our Lord alive, after His resurrection and just before He ascended to the Father, He told them, "He who *believes* and is baptized will be saved, but *he who does not believe will be condemned*" (Mark 16:16).

The apostles clearly understood that they had the divine authority of Jesus, and that Peter had the supreme authority as our first pope. Peter's authority and its acceptance by the apostles and other bishops of the infant Church is proven at the Council of Jerusalem in Acts 15, when Peter made his decision about whether to insist upon the circumcision of Gentile converts. There had been a great debate over the issue, but when Peter made his decision on the matter "all the assembly kept silence" (verse 12). From St. Peter to Pope Francis, we have record of every single pope in the succession of pontiffs from the chair of Peter. It has always been understood, from the event in Matthew 16 on, that Peter and his successors had the ultimate authority in matters of faith and morals. Jesus made it

abundantly clear that we must accept all that Peter teaches through the Church built on him or pay the price with an eternity in hell.

The Second Vatican Council was a marvelous work of the Holy Spirit and much needed for the Church in modern times. It was both a completion of the work of Vatican I and a preparation of the Church for modern Catholics to live and share the faith in the rapidly changing world. Unfortunately, there were those within the Church who did their level best to destroy her from within. It was inevitable that they would fail, but one of the things they did manage to do was dumb down catechesis and how it was conveyed to the young so that Catholics born after about 1955 have been left largely ignorant of the faith. As a result, today's religion teachers continue to teach a watered down version of Catholicism to students, but out of ignorance rather than malice.

There was a time when all Catholic school children had to memorize the acts of faith, hope and charity, something they prayed daily for the rest of their lives. The Act of Faith is especially telling of a Catholic's obligations to believe: "O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; I believe that Your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that He shall come to judge the living and the dead. *I believe these and all the truths that the holy Catholic Church teaches*, because You have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived."

In order to call ourselves Catholics, we are not permitted to dissent from the official teachings of the Catholic Church. To do so places us outside the Communion of the Church and places us in grave danger of eternal punishment. We cannot dissent from teachings about things like contraception, homosexuality, same sex unions, and sexual activity outside the bonds of Matrimony, the ordination of women—the current biggies in society. If we dissent from any single teaching of the Catholic Church, whether openly or in the silence of our hearts, we reject Jesus and His Church. This puts us in a state of grave sin, and anyone who does this compounds his sin by committing the additional mortal sin of sacrilege each time Communion is received.

Communion is a Catholic's right—but only if the Catholic is in a state of grace. By its very nature, rejecting any of the Church's teachings places one outside the Catholic Church and in a state of sin that takes away the ordinary right to receive Holy Communion. Even worse, unrepentant cafeteria Catholicism can result in only one thing: "he who does not believe will be condemned." Those are Christ's words, not Joe's.

Due to the bad catechesis of the late 1960s through the 1990s, many Catholics dissent without realizing they are in dissent. In using a parable to explain the outcome of this anomaly, Jesus said, "But he who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, shall receive a light beating" (Luke 12:48). Even though some dissent out of ignorance, this passage explains that punishment is still meted out...there is no escape. **If one chooses to remain a cafeteria Catholic, then the honest thing to do is to become a Protestant where they believe however suits them rather than how Jesus teaches through His Church.** To remain in one's obstinance can lead others to reject Christ's teachings as well, and of those persons guilty of leading others into such rejection, Jesus said it would be better for them to have a great millstone hung about their necks and cast into the depths of the sea (Matthew 18:6). For those who adhere to dissent out of ignorance, though, the remedy is to learn all that the Holy Catholic Church teaches and live those truths.

SAVE THE DATES

SJoA Reflections on Holy Week

Saturday, April 6th and Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 A.M.

Bethlehem Nativity Group Selling Religious Items

Saturday, April 6th & Sunday, April 7th after Masses

Lenten Penance Night (West and South Deaneries)

Tuesday, April 9th from 5 – 7 P.M.

Lenten Penance Night (Central Deanery)

Wednesday, April 10th from 5-7 P.M.

Lenten Penance Night (East Deanery)

Thursday, April 11th from 5-7 P.M.

Lenten Presentation by Monsignor Calkins

Friday, April 12th after Stations of the Cross

SJoA Jambalaya Lunches being Sold

Sunday, April 28th after Mass

SJoA Holy Hour & Eucharistic Procession

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

First Holy Communion Mass

Sunday, May 12th at 10:00 A.M.

SJoA CCD Closing Celebration

Saturday, May 18th from 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

SJoA Feast Day Luncheon

Sunday, June 2nd after 10:00 A.M. Mass

ST. JOAN OF ARC APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 A.M. Mass	2 NO MASS 5:00 P.M. LAS 6:00 P.M. Prison Ministry	3 6:30 A.M. Mass 7:00 A.M.—8:00 P.M. Adoration 9:15 A.M. Rosary at SFN 4:00-5:20 PM Grades 1-5 5:00-6:00 PM Youth Group 6:00-7:15 PM Grades 6-12	4 6:30 A.M. Mass	5 <u>Priestly Vocations for the Diocese of L.C.</u> 6:30 A.M. Mass 5:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross	6 9:00 A.M. Mass 10:00 A.M. Reflections on Holy Week 4:30 P.M. Mass Bethlehem Nativity Group
7 7:30 A.M. Mass 10:00 A.M. Mass Bethlehem Nativity Group 4:45 P.M. Holy League 6:00 P.M. Holy Hour	8 6:30 A.M. Mass 6:00 P.M. KC Meeting	9 NO MASS 5—7 P.M. Lenten Penance Night (West and South Deaneries) 6:00 P.M. Prison	10 6:30 A.M. Mass 7:00 A.M.—8:00 P.M. Adoration 9:15 A.M. Mass at SFN 5—7 P.M. Lenten Penance Night (Central Deanery)	11 6:30 A.M. Mass 5—7 P.M. Lenten Penance Night (East Deanery)	12 <u>Sanctification of the Family</u> 6:30 A.M. Mass 5:30 P.M. Stations, followed by a Presentation by Monsignor Calkins	13 10:00 A.M. Reflections on Holy Week 4:30 P.M. Mass
14 7:30 A.M. Mass 10:00 A.M. Mass 4:45 P.M. Holy League 5:00 P.M. Ultreya 6:00 P.M. Holy Hour	15 6:30 A.M. Mass	16 NO MASS 5:00 P.M. LAS 6:00 P.M. Prison Ministry	17 6:30 A.M. Mass NO ADORATION 9:15 A.M. Rosary at SFN 10:00 A.M. Chrism Mass (St. Margaret)	18 Holy Thursday 6:00 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper	19 Office Closed Good Friday <u>Sanctification of the Clergy</u> 3:00 P.M. The Passion of the Lord	20 Easter Vigil 8:00 P.M. Mass
Easter Sunday 21 7:30 A.M. Mass 10:00 A.M. Mass	22 Office Closed 5:30 P.M. Mass	23 Office Closed NO MASS 6:00 P.M. Prison Ministry	24 Office Closed NO ADORATION 9:15 A.M. Rosary at SFN 5:30 P.M. Mass	25 Office Closed 5:30 P.M. Mass	26 Office Closed <u>Increase in Vocations for Religious & Consecrated Life</u> 5:30 P.M. Mass	27 9:00 A.M. Mass 4:30 P.M. Mass
28 7:30 A.M. Mass 10:00 A.M. Mass Jambalaya Lunches sold after Mass 6:00 P.M. Holy Hr, & Eucharistic Procession	29 6:30 AM. Mass	30 NO MASS	NO ADORATION ON WEDNESDAYS IN MAY	SUN. MAY 12TH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	SAT. MAY 18TH CCD CLOSING	