

## MASSES & INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Sonja Billodeaux, David Dugas, Elmo Smith, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Angelle L. Duiro, Linda LeJeune, Lloyd Taylor, Bryan Frederick, Patty Deculus Fly., Shirley Papillion Fly., Hillary Victorian Fly., Helen Sibley Fly., Roy Frank

### SUNDAY, MAY 5, 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, Ryan Rozas Fly., Fr. Jacob S. Conner

### MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019

**NO MASS**

### TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019

**NO MASS**

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019

**6:30 A.M. MASS** – Bernard Fontenot

### THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019

**6:00 P.M. MASS** – Frank Mougeot

### FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019

**12:05 P.M. MASS** – Rodney & Jerry Bushnell

### SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019

**4:30 P.M. MASS** – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Don Fontenot, Sox Gordon, Lloyd Taylor, John & Virginia Spears Fly., Keith LeJeune, Kyle Vidrine, Bryan Frederick, Jack Johnson, Martin Goodly, John & Thelma Victorian, Veterans of America, Mentally Impaired, Clarice Papillion Fly., Mary Dubriel Fly.

### SUNDAY, MAY 12, 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, Ryan Rozas Fly., Joan Bertrand, Elle Mae Fritel, Mildred Guillory, Florence S. Guillory, LeRoy & Ophelia Fontenot, Rodney & Pereda Fontenot, Ryan Rozas Fly., Remy & Taylor Fly., Liv. & Dec.

<b>Last Weekend Collection</b>	<b>\$3,052.20</b>
<b>Jambalaya Fundraiser for Maintenance Fund</b>	<b>\$796.00</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund to Date</b>	<b>\$21,600.25</b>

**Vocations Candle and Cross** – Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Brandon

## 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, Vivian Cole, Florence Comeaux, JoAnn Cormier, Gordon Cotton, Brittany Courville, Jeane Daigle, Aiden & Renlee' Darbonne, Louise Guidry Darbonne, Carolyn Denison, Herman Deshotel, Donna Dunnehou, Lonnie Duplechain, Elizabeth Enloe, Lois Evans, Noah Ferry, David Fontenot, Steven 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, LaNan 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, Clifford Montou, 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, Anne 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, Mary LaFleur Ware, Linda Weldon, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

## MAY CROWNING OF BVM

The May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place at the beginning of the 10:00 A.M. First Communion Mass.

## First Communion Mass

The First Holy Communion Mass will be Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 A.M. SJoA congratulates those receiving their First Holy Communion this year. Refreshments will be served in the hall following the Mass.

Emalyn Ducote  
Sophia Granger  
Rylee McCleon  
Hunter Monroe  
Evelyn Powers

Lillian Foreman  
Skylar Maddox  
Mason Merchant  
Tatum Ortego  
Kali Skaggs

## Baccalaureate Mass

SJoA welcomes the 2019 seniors from Oberlin and Fairview High School Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Please meet in front of the church at 9:45 A.M. Graduation gowns are permitted. No hats are to be worn. Refreshments will be served in the hall following the Mass.

## This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies Altar Society

## SJoA FEAST DAY LUNCHEON

On Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> after 10:00 A.M. Mass, SJoA will have a catered luncheon to celebrate the Feast Day of SJoA. All parishioners and their families are invited. The 2019 recipients of the annual SJoA awards are Mrs. Phielomone Goodly and Mr. Delmar Sonnier.

# **WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT**

## **King Henry VIII**

Henry VIII was a loyal Catholic from his birth (1491) until the 1530s—so much so, in fact, that as the Protestant Revolt (Reformation) heated up in Europe, he was declared Defender of the Faith by Pope Leo X for the publication of his *Defense of the Seven Sacraments* as a treatise against the heresies of continental Protestants. But this changed when Henry took a fancy to Lady Anne Boleyn and tried to set aside his marriage to Catherine of Aragon by asking the Church to grant him an annulment. Every one of Henry's requests was met with a sound "no", but he wouldn't give up. He finally took his demand for a decree of nullity directly to the pope, but the Holy Father stood his ground and upheld the ancient teachings of the Church on marriage between one man and one woman. The pope feared that Henry would separate England from the Catholic Church, and that's exactly what finally happened. On December 17, 1538, Pope Paul III excommunicated Henry VIII for attempting marriage outside the Church and declaring himself head of the Church in England, which is why we the world has the Anglican church today. In defiance of God's law that marriage is between one man and one woman for life, Henry divorced himself of Catherine of Aragon and attempted marriage to Anne Boleyn.

One evening Anne and Henry were standing at a window, looking out at the beautiful brilliance of the stars. The young queen's heart softened, by perhaps recalling the innocence of her childhood. Deeply moved by God's creation, she said, "How beautiful the starry sky is. But how much more beautiful it must be beyond the stars, in heaven, with God."

When Henry heard these words, he took Anne by the hand and led her from the window. With his head bowed, he said, "Anne that is not for us."

Henry VII defied the laws of God and the Catholic Church. God forbids divorce and remarriage. For anyone to be married—that is, to receive the sacrament of Matrimony—the marriage must take place before an authorized priest or deacon and two witnesses. When Henry declared himself divorced of Catherine and went through the motions of a marriage to Anne, he placed himself outside the Catholic Church. Henry knew, as is evidenced by his words to Anne Boleyn, that he was living in a state of mortal sin and excommunication, which means he knew he had chosen the damnation of lust over eternity with God.

Marriage had always been intended as a natural bond between one man and one woman, but Jesus raised marriage to the level of a sacrament and made it indissoluble when He 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 19:5-6). And Jesus placed His divine stamp of approval on Matrimony when He performed His first public miracle at the wedding feast at Cana by turning the water into wine (John 2:1-11).

The modern counter culture has become the mainstream culture, and it is a throw away culture. Everything today is disposable. So imbued are we with disposability that we even dispose of our pre-born children through abortion and contraception (all contraceptives have been proven to be abortifacients) and our marriages when the going gets a little tough.

Although civil divorce allows for the division of property and establishes for the care of children produced in a broken home, it isn't possible for divorce to break the marriage bond that exists between husband and wife—a court's declaration that a marriage is

broken in no way alters God's law that says it isn't. That bond lasts until the death of one of the spouses. Jesus said that in Matrimony the man and woman becomes one person, so it isn't possible for the bond to be broken until death. Catholic couples who divorce and attempt to remarry do the same thing Henry VIII did, and they need to realize, like Henry, that they subject themselves to the same condemnation.

Many modern Catholics think that when they divorce they can automatically get an annulment from the Church and be freed to remarry. This is not the case. When the Church issues a decree of nullity, it's because it has been judged that a bond never existed in the first place due to some serious impediment that existed before the sacrament was attempted. Because modern Catholics think they have a right to a decree of nullity, many of them divorce and remarry without that "formality". This means they have attempted marriage outside the Church, live in an adulterous relationship, live in a chronic state of mortal sin, and commit the additional mortal sin of sacrilege each time they receive Holy Communion.

When Catholic couples find themselves in divorce court, the cause, regardless of the reasons given at the time, can almost always be traced back to one of two things: they either engaged in premarital sex, or they used contraception in their marriage. Premarital sex establishes an immediate aura of distrust, even if it only becomes consciously evident years later. Contraception removes one of the two-fold purposes of marriage as intended by God and turns the spouses into objects of sexual pleasure. It is usually the woman who becomes the object of sexual pleasure (rather than a person), and she is degraded because of it. This is the worst sort of feminine abuse.

When a Catholic couple obey the ordinary marriage law of the Church and are wed in the sight of God, they embrace a sacrament that is much more than a mere rite or ceremony. If they will but avail themselves of its great power, the sacrament of Matrimony can save even the most contentious marriages. If Catholics will simply live within marriage as God demands—that is, to be faithful and avoid the use of contraception—they will discover a whole other dimension to Christian marriage. As 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 marital bond are a manifestation of marital love, so too is a positive response to God's graces by the parents to help their children become a holy manifestation of that love. In other words, if Catholic couples will but obey God's laws within their marriage, there would never be a need for families to become broken. This isn't to say every day will be one of marital bliss, as there are always pressures from both within and outside the marriage, but it is possible for your marriage to be happy for your entire life.

If you want to be assured of a good, happy marriage, go to the [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com) website and read about a book called *Love and Responsibility* on the [Joe Recommends](#) page...then get your own copy and read it. It will be under the category of marriage. This great book was written by St. John Paul the Great while he was still a bishop in Poland. Marriage isn't disposable. Marriage is forever, because that's What We Believe...Why We Believe It. Have questions?

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## **SAVE THE DATES**

### **First Holy Communion Mass**

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.; followed by  
a reception in the hall

### **Baccalaureate Mass for 2019 Graduates**

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

### **SJoA Eucharistic Procession**

Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> after 5:30 P.M. Mass

### **SJoA CCD Closing Celebration**

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

### **SJoA Feast Day Luncheon**

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> after 10:00 A.M. Mass

### **SJoA Vocation Bible School**

Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>; 9:30 A.M. - Noon