

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Bryan Frederick, Sonja Billodeaux, Savannah & Curley Gradney, Sr., Dewayne, Adam, & Wallace Meaux, Jr., Lester, Eula & Elmer Chatman, Sr., Harrison Harmon, Ophelia Frank, Martin Goodly, Alphonse Ardoin

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Hadley Fontenot, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Joey Fontenot, Mark Foreman Jr. Fly., Fr. Fred Russi, Mary Ann Goodly

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019

NO MASS

TUESDAY JULY 2, 2019

5:30 P.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Adia Fontenot

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019

9:00 A.M. MASS – Deceased Fly. of Requiem Vestment Donors

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019

12:05 P.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019

9:00 A.M. MASS – Emalyn Ruth Ducote

4:30 P.M. MASS – Rose & Paul Frank, Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Elmo Smith, Angelle L. Durio, Linda LeJeune, Don Fontenot, John & Virginia Spears Fly., Keith LeJeune, Jack Johnson, Sonja Billodeaux, Luday & Lena Vizena Fly., Liv. & Dec., Harrison Harmon, Alcide Harmon, Freddy Gorman, M/M Mack Fontenot

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 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, Joey Fontenot, Mark Foreman Jr. Fly., Fr. Fred Russi

Last Weekend Collection

\$3,860.85

Maintenance Fund to Date

\$24,885.95

2nd Collection – Peter's Pence

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, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Belle Carrier, David & Natalie Carrier, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Vivian Cole, Florence Comeaux, JoAnn Cormier, 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 Frank, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, James & Jill Gilbert & Fly., Elaine Giles, Tim Giles, Mary Ann Goodly, Phielomone Goodly, Becky Gorman, Dixie Granger, Vergie Granger, Juanita Guidry, Bob Haas, Paula Davis Hargrove, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Esther Harmon, Jackie Hebert, Dolores Holden, Gwen Holder, Bob & Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Joey James, LaNan James, Gina Johnson, Kenneth Johnson, Emily Johnson, Agnes Joubert, Debbie Kershner, Essie Langley, Jessica Lindsey, Brian Manuel, Jennifer L. Manuel, Kevin Manuel, Marlin Manuel, Wilson Manuel, Larry Marcantel, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Edgar Miller, 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, Anne Reed, Brenda Dodd Reed, Dara Reed, Gary Reed, Linda Reed, Leah Rexrode, Don & Debra Rider, Eugene Rider, Salis & Janice Rider, Ann Rooney, Fr. Fred Russi, Pat Abshire Savant, Lois Singleton, Tommy Smith, Yvonne Smith, David & Delmar Sonnier, Elden Bada Sonnier, Fynlee Squier, Doris Stanley, Donald Taylor, Ken & Wylene Taylor, Diana Tichy, Matthew Truman, Dollyanna Victorian, Kyle Vidrine Family, Gene Vizena, Hannah and Linda Voeller, Bruce Walker, Mary LaFleur Ware, Dwayne Warren, Linda Weldon, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Thank You

We would like to thank Fr. Conner, Deacon Chapman, the Altar Society, the choir and the Knights of Columbus for your prayers and support during our time of grief. Special thanks to Fr. McMillan for visiting the nursing home.

– **Clifford "Nookie" Montou Family**

Thank You

The family of Joey Fontenot would like to thank Fr. Conner, Deacon Dale, the choir and altar servers for the beautiful service. Thanks to the Ladies Altar Society for providing the delicious meal and to our parishioners for their prayers and support.

– **Joey Fontenot Family**

Summer Sewing Adventure

SJoA Ladies Altar Society invites all ladies to sew altar linens from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. every Wednesday and Friday morning in June in the parish hall. Bring a portable sewing machine, if possible, white thread, scissors, and notions.

Cursillo Schedule

Men's Cursillo: July 11–14. Women's Cursillo: Aug. 8 – 11
Men's Cursillo: Sept. 12 – 15 Women's Cursillo: Oct. 10 – 13
Women's Cursillo Renewal: Dec. 13 – 15

To make a Cursillo, candidates and sponsors must attend Ultreya on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:00 P.M. at SJoA.

Special Needs Mass

A Mass for those with Special Needs and their Friends and Families will be celebrated on Sunday, July 7th, at 11 A.M. at Saint Louis High School.

CCD Schedule Change Concerns

What are your thoughts about the recent proposal to revise the schedule for CCD? Please email Fr. Conner at fr.jacobssonner@gmail.com or speak to him in person. Thank you for your interest in SJoA's efforts to instruct the youth.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Sunday, June 30th** – No Holy Hour
- ❖ **Monday, July 1st** – No Mass
- ❖ **Tuesday, July 2nd** – Mass at 5:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Thursday, July 4th** – Office Closed; Mass at 9:00 A.M.
- ❖ **Friday, July 5th** – Mass at 12:05 P.M.

FROM FATHER CONNER

Admission to Candidacy

Last Sunday Seminarian Josh Page was admitted to Candidacy by Bishop Provost at St. Margaret in Lake Charles. In the post-conciliar era, Candidacy is one of the “steps” to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In the Fall, Josh will receive the Ministry of Lector. The following year, he will receive the Ministry of Acolyte. One year later, he will be ordained a Deacon and the following year a Priest. Please keep Josh and all LC Diocese seminarians in your daily prayers.

1 New Priest! ... 4 New Deacons!

Speaking of vocations, by God’s grace and at the hands of Bishop Provost, the Diocese of Lake Charles now has 1 new Priest (Father Michael Caraway) and 4 new Deacons (Samuel Bond, Joseph Caraway, Andy DeRouen, and Levi Thompson). *These four new Deacons, I would point out, will be ordained Priests next summer for the diocese!* Thanks be to God for these vocations! We must continue, and even increase, our prayers for priestly vocations!

Simplification of the Ceremonies of the Mass during July

Beginning next Sunday, the ceremonies of the 10 A.M. Mass will be moderately simplified. The 10 A.M. Mass will remain a *Missa Cantata* (i.e., a chanted Mass), but the Asperges (sprinkling rite) and use of incense will be discontinued for the month of July. Practically speaking, a reduction in ceremony makes the Mass briefer. I can’t imagine this will elicit many complaints. ;)

New Solemn Requiem Vestment Set

About one year ago, with the assistance of several generous benefactors, I commissioned a new Solemn Requiem Set of Mass Vestments for SJoA. A few days ago, the vestments arrived. A solemn requiem set includes the following:

- **Chasuble** (plus stole & maniple) ... worn by the Celebrant (Priest) during the Mass
- **Dalmatic** (plus stole & maniple) ... worn by the Deacon
- **Tunic** (plus stole & maniple) ... worn by the Subdeacon (or Second Deacon)
- **Cope** ... worn by the Celebrant for the absolution prayers at the end of the Mass & for burials
- **Chalice Veil** ... which covers the chalice
- **Burse** ... which holds the corporal
- **Pall** ... which covers the casket during the Mass

Historically in the Roman Rite, black vestments have been used by Catholic clergy at Requiem (or, Funeral) Masses. The reason for black is that it symbolizes mourning, which the living experience on account of their love for the deceased and the pain caused by the separation brought on by death. Sadly, in recent times some have said that the use of black vestments at a funeral indicates a lack of faith in the Resurrection of the Dead. For this to be true, however, would mean that the Church was in error for approximately 1,970 years, because it was only in the late 1960s that white vestments were *permitted* at Catholic Requiem Masses. Any sensible person should be able to see the absurdity of thinking that properly mourning the deceased, which is externalized by the use of black vestments at Mass by the clergy and black clothes by the laity, somehow indicates a lack of faith in the Resurrection of the Dead. Such a notion is simply absurd, yet many buy into it. This has weakened Catholic identity. **What needs to be buried, and not mourned, are these tired ideologies of the past few decades.** We must not associate black vestments with pessimism or lack of faith in the Resurrection of the Dead. For such is offensive to authentic, Catholic faith.

At any rate, before vestments can be used at Mass, they are to be properly blessed. I blessed the new Solemn Requiem Set just after they arrived. We uploaded a video of the blessings to SJoA’s Facebook page. I recommend you check it out. You should also review the translation of the prayers used to bless the vestments. They provide insight into the purpose of Catholic Mass vestments.

The Solemn Requiem Set was donated completely to SJoA. This means, practically speaking, that the vestments did not cost the parish anything. (*And let it be known that their cost was **substantial.***) The Solemn Requiem Set will be used for the first time **Thursday, July 4th, 9:00 A.M.** The Requiem Mass, which will be solemn, will be offered for the deceased members of the donors’ families. The repose of Fr. Russi’s soul will also be included in the intentions of the Mass. I hope you will make an effort to assist at the Solemn Requiem Mass.

What We Believe...



Why We Believe It...

The Two Miracles of the Mass **by Joe Sixpack**

In the eighth century, a Basilian monk was in the town of Anxanum in Italy, now called Lanciano. He was having doubts about the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and had begged God for the light of faith to resolve his doubts. When celebrating Mass, at the words of consecration—this is my Body, this is my Blood—the monk was amazed to see the Host turn into real flesh and the wine in the chalice turn into real blood. Needless to say, the monk’s faith in the Real Presence was restored.

This is the first and greatest of Eucharistic miracles in the history of the Church, and it’s known commonly as the Miracle of Lanciano. There are several interesting facts about this miracle you may want to know.

The first thing to note is, after 1,200 years, the Flesh and Blood are still intact. Over the centuries the Flesh has turned a reddish brown and the Blood has coagulated into five globules of different sizes and shapes. It should have long ago deteriorated into dust, but It remains visible to this day.

In 1970, Dr. Odoardo Linoli, an eminent professor of pathological histology and anatomy, was given permission to test and study the relics. His findings, released in 1971, were amazing. He discovered that the both the Flesh and the Blood are of human origin. The Flesh is human heart muscle, and both the Flesh and the Blood are of the same type—AB (identical, incidentally, to the blood found on the Shroud of Turin). Although the Flesh and Blood was kept in an ivory vessel from the eighth century until transferred to a crystal reliquary and monstrance in 1713, and was exposed to the environmental elements, both Flesh and Blood maintain the qualities of living human flesh and blood. The preservation of the Flesh and of the Blood, which were left in their natural state for twelve centuries and exposed to the actions of atmospheric and biological agents, remains an extraordinary phenomenon. Dr. Linoli was permitted to conduct additional testing and studies in 1981, which not only confirmed his original findings but uncovered additional information that reinforced the authenticity of this extraordinary miracle.

It was also discovered that the globules of Blood, when rehydrated, became as fresh as if It had just been drawn from a vein. All five globules, despite being of different sizes and shapes, all weigh exactly the same, and when weighed together they weigh the same as any one globule.

Although we don’t see this taking place—that our senses continue to see ordinary bread and ordinary wine—we all get to witness this miracle of the bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. But this isn’t the only miracle taking place during Mass.

There is yet another miracle taking place at every Mass celebrated in every Catholic parish church every day of the year. Its the sort of miracle you never hear about, never read about,

and it's only ever covered in theology and philosophy classes in the best seminaries. If it has a name, I don't know what it is, but I can at least try to explain it for you.

We are limited in our human experience by the restrictions of time, space and dimension. Time for man is linear, which means we can't alter time; we just experience it from one instant to the next. The same is true of space. The restrictions of space force us to be in only one place at one time. Regarding dimension, we know there is our world, but there is also heaven, hell and purgatory, yet we can't cause ourselves to go to any of those other dimensions of our own power—we're stuck right here in our dimension of earthly existence.

God, on the other hand, Who created time, space and dimension, isn't at all limited by those factors. He sees all of time simultaneously—from the beginning of time to the end of time, and all events in between. Because He is omnipresent, God is present in every space He created, and He keeps those spaces in existence by an act of His holy will. The same is true of dimension. God keeps our earthly dimension, heaven, hell, and purgatory in existence by His holy will and is present in all of them by the mere fact He created them and holds them in existence.

When we are present at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is a re-presentation of the sacrifice He made to God on our behalf on the cross, we are in the physical presence of Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Holy Trinity, both on the altar and in the tabernacle. Because we are with Him, in a mystical way we are also present with Him through the entire redemption of mankind. This means we are simultaneously present in the upper room when He instituted the Eucharist, in the Garden of Gethsemane during His agony, with Him during His scourging and crowning with thorns, standing with Him as He is condemned to death...for us...walking along side of Him while He carries His cross to Golgotha, and standing at the foot of the cross while He dies for our sins—all while standing, sitting and kneeling as the priest celebrates the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This is a monumental miracle!

We Catholics are taught we are to have the same dispositions at Mass we would have had if we had been standing at the foot of the cross with the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John. Now you know why we're supposed to have those same dispositions, if I have done well in explaining this miracle of the Mass. This is why it is so important—not just important, but demanded by God the Father!—that we show the proper signs of respect during the Mass. This is why we kneel and genuflect at the appropriate times and in the proper manner. This is why we are to be silent at anytime we are in the church where the tabernacle rests and the Mass is celebrated, even if the Mass isn't being celebrated. This is why we don't wave and hug and kiss during the sign of peace. This is why we dress modestly for Mass, not exposing thighs, cleavage, and bare shoulders. This is why we are supposed to wear our "Sunday best" in the presence of the King. This is why we are to make certain we are in a state of grace, free of serious sin, before we go to Communion, availing ourselves of Confession if we are not in a state of grace.

Of all the religions in the world, ours is the only one where God actually comes to be with His people. God became man. The God-Man preached to us how He wants us to live, then left His holy Church to be our guide in His physical absence. He sacrificed every drop of His blood to redeem us from sin...then did the most remarkable thing of all by allowing us to share in His divine nature through reception of the Holy Eucharist, when the God-Man physically enters into and abides with man.

The two miracles of the Mass are the Holy Eucharist and His allowing us to be with Him at Its institution and throughout His Passion. These are the most amazing, remarkable miracles in the history of mankind. We know this because this is What We Believe...Why We Believe It.

Do you have other questions about the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? All you have to do is get on your computer and go to JoeSixpackAnswers.com to learn more.

ST. JOAN OF ARC JULY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NO MASS	2 5:30 P.M. Mass	3 6:30 A.M. Mass 9:15 A.M. Rosary at SFN	4 Office Closed 9:00 A.M. Solemn Requiem Mass	5 <u>Priestly Vocations for The Diocese of L.C.</u> 12:05 P.M. Mass	6 9:00 A.M. Mass 4:30 P.M. Mass
7 7:30 A.M. Mass 10:00 A.M. Mass 6:00 P.M. Holy Hour	8 6:30 A.M. Mass	9 NO MASS NO LAS 6:00 P.M. Prison Ministry	10 6:30 A.M. Mass 9:15 A.M. Rosary at SFN 5:30—7:30 P.M. Adoration 6:00 P.M. Holy League	11 6:30 A.M. Mass	12 <u>Sanctification of the Family</u> 6:30 A.M. Mass	13 4:30 P.M. Mass
14 7:30 A.M. Mass 10:00 A.M. Mass 5:00 P.M. Ultreya 6:00 P.M. Holy Hour	15 6:30 A.M. Mass 6:00 P.M. KC	16 NO MASS	17 6:30 A.M. Mass 9:15 A.M. Mass at SFN	18 6:30 A.M. Mass	19 <u>Sanctification of the Clergy</u> 6:30 A.M. Mass	20 4:30 P.M. Mass
21 7:30 A.M. Mass 10:00 A.M. Mass	22 NO MASS 9:30—11:45 A.M. VBS Grades 1-5	23 9:30—11:45 A.M. VBS Grades 1-5 12:05 P.M. Mass	24 6:30 A.M. Mass 9:15 A.M. Mass at SFN 9:30—11:45 A.M. VBS Grades 1-5 5:30 P.M.—7:30 P.M. Adoration 6:00 P.M. Holy League	25 9:30—11:45 A.M. VBS Grades 1-5 11:00 A.M. VBS Closing Mass	26 <u>Increase in Vocations for Religious & Consecrated Life</u> 6:30 A.M. Mass	27 4:30 P.M. Mass
28 7:30 A.M. Mass 10:00 A.M. Mass 6:00 P.M. Holy Hour	29 6:30 AM. Mass	30 NO MASS 6:00 P.M. Prison Ministry	31 6:30 A.M. Mass 9:15 A.M. Rosary at SFN	AUGUST 1 5:30 P.M. Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral		

SAVE THE DATES

High Mass & Adoration at SJoA

Friday, June 28th at 5:30 P.M.; Adoration until 9:00 P.M.

Diocesan Ordinations at the Cathedral

Saturday, June 29th at 10:00 A.M.

Solemn Requiem Mass at SJoA

Thursday, July 4th at 9:00 A.M.

SJoA Vocation Bible School

Monday, July 22nd – Thursday, July 25th; 9:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral

Thursday, August 1st at 5:30 P.M.