

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Don Fontenot, Keith LeJeune, Sonja Billodeux, Harrison Harmon, Ophelia Frank

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Remy & Taylor Fly., Liv. & Dec., Mark Foreman, Jr. Fly., Fr. Fred Russi, Ryan Rozas Fly., Clifford “Nookie”, Dorothy & Bryant Montou

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019

NO MASS

TUESDAY JULY 23, 2019

12:05 P.M. MASS – Roselyn Victorian

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Joe, Katherine, Ray & Louis Karam

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019

11:00 A.M. MASS – Togeal & Elizabeth Goodly

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019

6:30 A.M. MASS – Frank Mougeot

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019

4:30 P.M. MASS – Frank Meaux, Evelyn Sandell, Rodney & Jerry Bushnell, Sonja Billodeaux, Elias & Verlise Thibodeaux, Joseph Bergeron, Savannah & Curley Gradney, Sr., Oleta & Alia Thibodeaux, Native & Batsille Chatman, Harrison Harmon, M/M Sidney Gradney, Paul Gradney, Audry Gradney, Enola Bellard, Liz Goodly Fly., Samuel Papillion, Betty Shamir Fly., Steven Cezar Fly.

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. MASS – Carol & Keith Deshotel, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Fr. Fred Russi, Ryan Rozas Fly., Clifford “Nookie”, Dorothy & Bryant Montou

Last Weekend Collection	\$2,443.75
Maintenance Fund to Date	\$28,154.95
2nd Collection – Maintenance Fund	\$1,019.00

Vocations Candle and Cross – Mrs. Phielomone Goodly

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 Dunneho, 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, Patricia 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, Octavia Reeves & Fly., Leah Rexrode, Don & Debra Rider, Eugene Rider, Salis & Janice Rider, Ann Rooney, Fr. Fred Russi, Pat Abshire Savant, Jona Sharp, 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 Vizona, Hannah and Linda Voeller, Bruce Walker, Mary LaFleur Ware, Dwayne Warren, Linda Weldon, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Safe Environment

All parish personnel, including volunteers, CCD teachers, VBS and youth group volunteers who have on-going, unsupervised contact with minors will need to update their Safe Environment Training began July 1, 2019. It is available on the diocesan safe environment website at [safeandsacred-lcdiocese.org](http://safeandsacred-lcdioocese.org).

Vacation Bible School

SJoA Vacation Bible School “Parachute With the Angels”, will be held July 22 – July 25 from 9:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. Grades 1 – 6 are welcome to attend. Monetary donations as well as donations of the following items are appreciated: Fruit rollups, pudding snack packs, strawberries, watermelon, grapes, cheese cubes, Chex mix, stick pretzels, marshmallows, small round pretzels, Twizzlers. This program is free to attend. Call the rectory for more information.

Cursillo Schedule

Women’s Cursillo: Aug. 8 – 11 Men’s Cursillo: Sept. 12 – 15

Women’s Cursillo: Oct. 10 – 13

Women’s 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.

Farewell for Seminarian Josh Page

SJoA will have coffee, milk, juice and donuts in the hall after both Masses on Sunday, August 4, 2019. This will be the last weekend our Seminarian, Josh Page, will be at SJoA. Come by and wish him well as we send him off to continue his studies.

This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ **Sunday, July 21st** – NO Holy Hour
- ❖ **Wednesday, July 24th** – Adoration 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; Men’s Holy League 6:00 P.M.

Commissioning a Solemn High Red Vestment Set!

Now that we’ve received the solemn set of black vestments, we need to fill in the next vestment “gap”. SJoA needs a solemn set of red vestments. I have already received a substantial donation toward this. Now I’d like to ask you to consider making a donation for a new solemn set of red vestments. Donations of any size will be accepted. Please be sure to put “Red Vestments” in the memo line of your check. Thank you!

WHAT WE BELIEVE...WHY WE BELIEVE IT

Jimmy and Carrying the Cross

Jimmy was a twelve year old boy, ordinarily good and obedient to his parents. But one afternoon his mother told him he couldn't go swimming. Jimmy went swimming anyway, and his mother found out. When Jimmy returned, his mother told him how disappointed she was over his disobedience. Jimmy told her he was sorry, and that he wouldn't do it again. His mother said, "Well, Jimmy, I forgive your disobedience, but I still have to punish you. You can't ride your bike for a week."

Jimmy thought of a way to cut down his punishment. After dinner, he offered to dry the dishes for his mother. This was very unusual, if you knew Jimmy. His mother saw right through the plan, but she was good about it and when he finished told him, "Jimmy, you've been a good boy by drying the dishes for me, so I'll take off some of your punishment. I'll reduce your punishment from a week to four days."

God is a very merciful God. In fact, He's perfectly merciful; because He is...well, perfect. But because He is perfect, He must also be perfectly just. A fallacy of non-Catholic Christianity that has crept into Catholic thinking is, when God forgives sin He also forgets. In other words, it's wrongly believed that when God forgives sin He also pardons the temporal punishment due to those sins. But this isn't true. That would make God neurotic, imperfect. There still has to be a price paid for the offense, and this is a sense of justice God has given even to us, as imperfect as we are. After all, that is the whole premise behind our criminal justice system. If a criminal went before the judge and said he was sorry, it wouldn't be right if the judge simply said, "That's okay. The People forgive you. Go on home."

The same is true of God. He most certainly forgives when we unburden ourselves of our sins and ask forgiveness in the confessional, but He still demands justice. Mortal sins forgiven in the confessional release us from eternal punishment in hell, but both mortal and venial sins that are forgiven still have the price of temporal punishment to be paid. There are only two places where that temporal punishment can take place: here on earth in this life or in purgatory. Most of us don't pay the full price of our sins in this life, so we end up paying for it in purgatory.

Purgatory is like hell, but with two differences. The first difference is that we only remain in purgatory until the debt is paid and we are purified until we are perfect. The other difference is that our punishment is most intense when we arrive, but it lessens as we get closer to perfection. Therefore, it makes sense to do all we can to make reparation for our sins so as to escape the temporal punishment of purgatory as best we can. This is best done by the gaining of an indulgence.

Indulgences remit all or part of our temporal punishment by doing good works prescribed by the Church. There is a partial indulgence, which remits a portion of the temporal punishment due to forgiven sin. There is also a plenary indulgence, which remits all the temporal punishment due to forgiven sin. To gain a plenary indulgence, the penitent not only performs the prescribed work, but also fulfills the usual conditions of going to confession and receiving Communion within eight days prior to or after the indulgenced act. What Jimmy did was tantamount to a partial indulgence. He did a good work for his mother, and she in turn took away part of the punishment he deserved for his disobedience. There is no doubt that Jimmy could have had all his punishment abolished if he'd done something much bigger, something truly extraordinary, which would have been like a plenary indulgence.

Being in a state of grace, praying, and performing good works to gain indulgences will remit the punishment due to forgiven sin, but there is more we can do, as is seen in the following story.

A French servant girl waited on her old and sickly mistress for many years. The rich lady once told her that she'd left large amounts of money and property to her family members in her will, including even her most distant relatives. The servant girl, who was both poor and faithful to her mistress, expected some such gift herself, but learned from her mistress that she wasn't even in the old lady's will.

Shortly before her mistress died, she gave the girl a crucifix made of painted plaster. She said, "Ann, this is the gift I leave you as a sign of my love and appreciation for all you've done for me over the years." Ann thanked her mistress, but she was terribly disappointed. "Only a crucifix," she thought.

Ann hung the cross over her bed and prayed before it each night before retiring. But as she prayed, she couldn't help but feel some bitterness and resentment about so meager a gift. One night she thought, "I've been faithful to my mistress all these years, yet all I get from her is a cross. She gives great amounts of money and property to all these other people who haven't even been to visit her or cared about her in the least. Oh God, is that just? Don't I deserve more for all my work and patience and the care of this woman?"

Her bitterness led Ann into a fit of anger. She jerked the crucifix from the wall and smashed it onto the floor in a thousand pieces as she shouted, "I don't want your gift, Madame Beauvilliers! There is your cross in pieces at my feet!" As Ann looked at the pieces on the floor, her eyes widened. There on the floor among all the broken pieces of the crucifix were many beautiful diamonds!

"Good God!" she cried, burying her face in her hands. "Good God, have mercy on me. Forgive me for having been so ungrateful, rude and bitter."

Ann ran from her room to apologize to her mistress. She knocked at the door of the bedroom, but there was no answer. She went into the room and approached the bed, only to find her aged mistress dead.

In this story, Ann felt bitter and angry because she felt unjustly treated by her mistress. It was only when she discovered the diamonds that she realized her mistress had indeed treated her well. We are all like Ann far more often than we like to think.

None of us like to experience difficulties in life. We become upset, impatient or angry over the crosses God allows to come our way, especially when they seem unjust. That merely shows how foolish and ungrateful we can be! When God sends us a cross to bear, He is really sending us a handful of diamonds. Those crosses are gifts to help us get to heaven. If, instead of being impatient or angry about a cross, we were to patiently bear it and offer it back to God as a gift in reparation for our sins and the sins of the world, we would not only accomplish the remission of some of our temporal punishment, but we'd also grow in holiness in the sight of God and man. So don't waste any of your suffering. Thank God for it, and offer it back to Him in reparation for the offenses made against Him by the world and yourself.

SAVE THE DATES

SJoA Vocation Bible School

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

Farewell for Seminarian, Josh Page

Sunday, August 4th after both Masses

Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral

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