

## MASS OFFERTORIES

**Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm:** Howard Andrus; Robert Mhire; Vergie & Ernest Goodly; Irvin "TeTe" Jones (anniversary); Ruthvan (Rudy) Guillory; Alice Guidry; In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

**Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00am:** Mass for the Parishioners

**9:30am:** Bennie Louis Buller; Larry (Black-O) & Marie Conner, Norman & Vivian LaBove, Alice Benson, AJ LaBove, & Jimmy Dockins; Special Intention, Jaci Granger; All the Poor Souls in Purgatory; Marlene (5th anniversary) & Gabby Manuel; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Alice & Eugene Thompson, Richard & Paul Orsot, Blackie & Ronald Nunez, Orsot, Thompson, Ratliff, & O'Blanc Families Living & Deceased, Special Intention; Darrell & Sue DeRouen; Clifford & Katin (5<sup>th</sup> anniversary) Broussard, Broussard & Primeaux Family

**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**7:30am: No Mass**

**Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:30am:** Lee Anna Dubrock, Dubrock & LaCombe Family; Bill & Ann (14th anniversary) Foux

**Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:30am:** Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville

**Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30am:** DeRouen-Richard Family; Special Intention; Alice Guidry

**Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30am:**

**Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm:** Vergie & Ernest Goodly; Howard Andrus; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Cyril Leger (9<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Leger, Primeaux, Fontenot, Trahan, & Wild Family; Alice Guidry

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00am:** Rosaire & Cheryl Veilleux, Bruce Piserelli; Gene & Nada Natali, Amy Natali, Wilfred & Bessie Zaunbrecher; Alice & Eugene Thompson, Richard & Paul Orsot, Blackie & Ronald Nunez, Orsot, Thompson, Ratliff, & O'Blanc Families Living & Deceased, Special Intention; Harry Gaspard; Vincent & Tillie Leonards

**9:30am:** Mass for the Parishioners

**Monday:** Hebrews 5:1-10/Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mark 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Hebrews 6:10-20/Psalms 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mark 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17/Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mark 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Hebrews 7:25-8:6/Psalms 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mark 3:7-12

**Friday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Psalms 117:1bc, 2 [Mark 16:15]/Mark 16:15-18

**Saturday:** 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mark 3:20-21

**The Vocation Cross**

Our vocation cross will be taken by Mattie, Johnnie, & Kenzie Brassell this week. Let us pray with them for seminarians and an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**Inspiration for the Week- Live the Liturgy**

Did you ever consider that God takes great delight in you? We are by no means second or afterthoughts of God. As the master artisan, God takes delight in every fabric of our being and every single component of who we are. We are intentionally and lovingly designed! God gets much joy out of every child He creates, and He does not abandon us. God is definitely in charge! God can take a painful past or an apparent dead-end and turn it into a glorious future. He can transform nothing into something and is always eagerly ready to give us the gifts of faith, hope, and love. We are never bound by the past and never without options. All we have to do is listen to Him. Are we willing to give up the controls and allow Him to do what He does best?

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you would like to be added to either list or know of someone who needs to be added, please email Becky Schultz at sjv.beckyschultz@gmail.com (E-mail is best because it is in writing and has a date and a time attached to it, but if that would cause a hardship, you can call or text Becky at 337-802-4951.) Names received before noon on Tuesday will appear in that week's bulletin. Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed. If after the 2 weeks, you still need prayer, by all means, please send another message and we'll keep praying!

**Our Sick:** Margaret Arrant, Terry Guidry, Emerson Irvin, Lawrence Primeaux, Bridgette Sonnier, Angie Treadway, Sam Treadway, Kenneth Semar, R.L. Webb, Wilton "Buck" Young

**Our Recovering:** Daniel Landry

**Our Homebound and Shut Ins:** Jeanette Andrus, Julian Arrant, Floyd Baccigalopi, Joyce Conner, Fred Conner, Lillian Conner, Marie Guidry, James Keith Leger, Benny Lognion, Agnes Louviere, Leslie Hartwell, Juanita Nunez, Wyetta Nunez, Don Racca, Diane Thibeaux

**Our Nursing Home and Assisted Living Residents:** Leo Guidry, Bueleh Louviere, Rita Nunez, Ethel Racca, John & Kenora Theriot

**Our Military:** Brennan Arabie, Wesley Dugas, Trey Jarrell, Casey Laurents, Gavin Leger

**The January Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis and Bishop Glen John Provost:**

**Pope Francis**

Evangelization – Young People

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**Bishop Glen John Provost**

As the anniversary of Roe v. Wade occurs this month, may we persevere in our efforts to protect human life and work to end violence in our society.

## OFFERTORY GIFTS – Week Ending 1/13/19

Regular Collection	\$ 3689.00
Flowers	\$ 260.00
BSA	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Masses	\$ 370.00
Children's Missal's	\$ 20.00
Saint John Vianney Youth Group	\$ 509.00
Total	\$ 4923.00

**Next Second Collection:**

**February 2-3, 2019-** Religious Education

We accept: 

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm – 9:00pm: Do Not Let the Sun Set on Your Anger**  
Men today seem to be wrestling more and more with anger. If you are one of those men; it's time to ask yourself this question: "Why do I get angry in the first place?" The answer may surprise you: Anger is a normal human emotion. We get angry because we are human beings. Come and spend the evening in a testosterone friendly setting and begin to understand, not only where your anger may be coming from, but how to effectively manage it. Deacon Soileau recently spent the last two years of his twenty-six-year correctional career helping some of the angriest men in society cope with their anger. If you seem to be

angry more than you're happy; if you have frequent or occasional outbursts at home; if work, news, society, family and friends sometimes bring you to the boiling point or even if you have the slightest bit of anger... come, have a relaxing meal and put your anger to rest. No sharing or role playing necessary! To register please call the Saint Charles Center at (337) 855-1232 or visit our website at stcharlescenter.com. Please register by Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> so that adequate arrangements can be made for supper. Suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

**Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>****6:00pm – 9:00pm: Let the Children Come to Me**

(And Bring Your Parents Too) Family Eucharistic Adoration Presented by Fr. Whitney Miller and Deacon Brian Soileau Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – 9:00pm. The family that prays together, stays together. Imagine how true that becomes for the family who prays together in front of Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Parents, have you ever wanted to spend time in the Adoration Chapel, but never could because the chapel wasn't exactly "kid friendly?" Well, here is your chance to spend time with Jesus in Adoration and bring the little ones along. To register please call the Saint Charles Center at (337) 855-1232 or visit our website at stcharlescenter.com. Please register by Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> so that adequate arrangements can be made for food and refreshments to be provided. Suggested donation is \$25.00 per family.

## PARISH NEWS

**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

In observance of Martin Luther King Holiday, the office will be closed and there will not be Mass on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup>****Women's ACTS Retreat**

Registration will be after all masses the weekend of January 26<sup>th</sup> for the St. Raphael Women's ACTS Retreat. The retreat is open to parishioners of St. Raphael & St. John Vianney. It will be February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Dry Creek Baptist Camp. Cost is \$275.00. A deposit of \$100 is requested at registration. Scholarships are available for those who would be prevented from attending due to fees. All are invited to meet with ACTS women after the mass. Forms must be emailed or turned in to the St. Raphael church office by 4pm January 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Melissa Leonards @ 337-274-8152.

**Focus on Religious Freedom**

From Catholics for Freedom of Religion ([www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org))

*"Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freedom of speech."* Benjamin Franklin

How to Crush Free Speech:

**Facebook:** Evangelist Franklin Graham was suspended from Facebook for 24 hours at the end of December for his stand on biblical beliefs that were posted in 2016. Graham accused the social media giant of actively "censoring free speech."

Even though his account was restored, the suspension raises serious questions as critics ask, if Facebook is willing to block one of the most prominent Christian leaders in the world, then what's next?

**Apple:** Apple pulled a Christian app from its App Store after a small group of 356 LGBT petitioners demanded the app be removed. The app from the online store is designed to help individuals struggling with same-sex attraction.

After its victory intimidating Apple, Wayne Besen, director of the LGBT group said, "We demand that Google and Amazon immediately stop selling and promoting this app ..."

Something to think about: Is freedom of choice in the consumer marketplace becoming an illusion?

*"Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth."* John F. Kennedy

**Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

We will continue to observe an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every month on the first Thursday of the month. In addition, we will be adding an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all other Thursdays immediately following the 7:30 am Mass.

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.** *Matthew 5:4* Our condolences to the family and friends of Alice Guidry. We offer our prayers for peace, comfort, and healing as you mourn her loss. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

11:00 am-1:00 pm: Senior Social

## IN THE AREA

**Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>****11:00am-1:00pm: Bar-b-que Dinners**

Want someone else to cook Sunday Dinner? The Knights of Columbus in Iowa will be selling bar-b-que dinners, including ½ chicken, rice dressing, potato salad, and beans. Dinners are \$10 per plate and can be picked up at the Iowa KC hall from 11-1.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When you think of being Catholic, what do you think of? Perhaps you grew up with your only associations being fasting, nuns with rulers, and "Catholic guilt." Our faith can sometimes have the connotation of restriction and absence, not abundance. Who is God in your life? Is He the divine law-giver, the judge punishing the rule-breakers? These are certainly attributes of God. But the laws don't exist for themselves alone. They exist to help us love one another as God loves us. And this loving God is the author of abundance and joy.

Did you hear today's Gospel? "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Here at this wedding, Jesus would perform "the beginning of his signs...and so reveal his glory." This first sign isn't a miraculous healing. He didn't raise someone from the dead. He kept a party going! "There were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons...the water...had become wine." The wine has run out. Jesus creates somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons to help his friend save face. We may not have such momentous miracles in our lives, but God is watching out for us. The string of green lights when you're running late. The sale on the replacement appliance you need. The friend who calls at just the right time. These are the little moments of God's abundance. We just need to look for them!

Not only does Jesus surprise, but the guests point out to their host: "You have kept the good wine until now." The divine wine is better than the earthly variety. God's goodness is better than what we can grasp at for ourselves. Isn't that how it always goes?