

**MASS OFFERTORIES**

**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm:** Ruthvan (Rudy) Guillory; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Billy & Joyce Derouen; Howard Andrus; Michael Arrant, Arrant, Racca, LeBouef, & Giles Families, Louanna (Pelet) Guidry; Cyril & Florine Leger, Whitney Leger, Everette Wild, Leger Family, Primeaux & Fontenot Family, Gavin Leger, Wes Trahan & Derrick Fontenot; A.D. & Cheryl, Romero & Harrington Family; Vergie & Ernest (birthday) Goodly (wedding anniversary); Garland Guidry (3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary)

**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00am:** Vincent & Tillie Leonards; Louis & Helen Zaunbrecher; Willie & Aline Hoffpaur, Femon & Eula Lognion; Rosaire & Cheryl Veilleux, Bruce Piserell; Pete & Anna Mae Primeaux, Primeaux & Broussard Families; Gene & Nada Natali, Amy Natali, Wilfred & Bessie Zaunbrecher

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

**Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm:** Special Intention; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville

**Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30am:** NO MASS

**Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**7:30am:** NO MASS

**Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:30am:** NO MASS

**Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:30am:** NO MASS

**Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm:** Mass for the Parishioners

**Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00am:** Clifford & Katin Broussard, Broussard & Primeaux Family; Derouen & Richard Families; Louis & Helen Zaunbrecher; Rosaire & Cheryl Veilleux, Bruce Piserell; Pete & Anna Mae Primeaux, Primeaux & Broussard Families; Gene & Nada Natali, Amy Natali, Wilfred & Bessie Zaunbrecher

**9:30am:** Robert & Lucille Hartwell, Hartwell & Scott Family; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Larry (Black-O) & Marie Conner, Norman & Vivian LaBove, Alice Benson, AJ LaBove, & Jimmy Dockins; All the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Monday:** Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Revelation 2:17]/Luke 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22/Psalms 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Revelation 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** Revelation 4:1-11/Psalms 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Luke 19:11-28

**Thursday:** Revelation 5:1-10/Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Revelation 5:10]/Luke 19:41-44

**Friday:** Revelation 10:8-11/Psalms 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Luke 19:45-48

**Saturday:** Revelation 11:4-12/Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Luke 20:27-40

**The Vocation Cross**

Our vocation cross will be taken by Sue Derouen this week. Let us pray with her for seminarians and an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**Vocation View**

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** - November 18, 2018

If we dare to trust God with our lives, great things happen. Give God your total self for, when the end of times comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. If you feel God may be calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon in His Church, call Fr. Jeffrey Starkovich, Vocation Director, Diocese of Lake Charles, 337-436-7223 or email vocations@lcdiocese.org.

**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:** Julian Arrant, Margaret Arrant, Sue Derouen, Isabella Arrant Duhon, Terry Guidry, Emerson Irvin, Trevor Kibodeaux, Lawrence Primeaux, Don Racca, Bridgette Sonnier, R.L. Webb, Wilton "Buck" Young

**Our Recovering:** Judy Leonards, Benny Lognion

**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, 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 November Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis and Bishop Glen John Provost:**

**Pope Francis**

Universal: In the Service of Peace  
That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

**Bishop Glen John Provost**

May God increase in each of us a genuine sense of stewardship, a respect for our environment, a generosity for the less fortunate, and a thankfulness for His many gifts.

**OFFERTORY GIFTS – Week Ending 11/11/18**

Regular Collection	\$ 4019.00
Masses	\$ 60.00
Bazaar	\$ 5250.00
PREP	\$ 125.00
Total	\$ 9454.00

**Next Second Collection:**

**November 24-25, 2018-** SJV Christmas Baskets

**December 1-2, 2018-** Bishop's Service Appeal



We accept:

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm - 9:00pm: Silencing the Christians**

We hear on the news of many Christians being kidnapped, tortured and killed. We hear through the media the silencing of Christians. We may be afraid to openly pray or talk about Christ for fear of harm. We must remember that our Lord and our God, Jesus Christ, chose to commend His spirit back to the Father. He stood for us and now the time has come for us not to have any fear to stand and proclaim His name as our Lord and Savior. This Evening of Reflection is to help you feel confident and renewed by the Spirit of God to face what the early Christians experienced with history repeating itself and to be at peace with it. To

register please call the Center at (337) 855-1232 or go to our website at stcharlescenter.com. Please register by Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> so that adequate arrangements can be made for supper. Suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Mass and Adoration for Healing**

5:30 pm - Rosary and Confession

6:00 pm - The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

7:00 pm - Eucharistic Exposition with Prayers for Healing

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Ave Maria Hall (across the street from the Cathedral), 935 Bilbo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601

**PARISH NEWS**

**Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**St John Vianney Office Closure**

Our office will be closed all this week for the Thanksgiving holiday. In case of an emergency, please call Julie Racca at 337-452-1418.

**Holiday Mass Schedule**

This week we will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please bring to mass with you, any bread items which you may be preparing this Thanksgiving Day, and Father John will bless them during mass!

Please note, there will be no other weekday masses this week. If you requested a mass intention for this week, it will be said on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00am-1:00pm: St John Vianney Senior Social**

Please join us at The Bell City Knights of Columbus Hall for coffee, lunch, and bingo!

**Focus on Religious Freedom**

**From Catholics for Freedom of Religion: www.cffor.org**  
**Pilgrims, Thanksgiving, & a Failed Experiment: Part 2**  
**"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."**  
**George Santayana, philosopher, poet, cultural critic**

Few Americans realize that New England's first form of government was collectivism (socialism) and practiced what Karl Marx would promote two centuries later as: "each produced according to his ability and each received according to his need." The Pilgrims, a pious and decent people, discovered that even the best men cannot thrive under an incentive-crushing system. Within two years of the First Thanksgiving, the colonists had reaped shortages and starvation.

Writing in the History of Plymouth Plantation, Gov. William Bradford said that with the survival of the colony at stake, they contemplated upon "how they might raise as much corn as they could, and obtain a better crop than they had done, that they might not still thus languish in misery." They decided to abandon the collectivist model of government in favor of a more free model. So - they "assigned to each family a parcel of land, according to the proportion of their number, for that end ..."

A happy Gov. Bradford wrote, "This had very good success, for it made all hands very industrious, so as much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been ... The women now went willingly into the field, and took their little ones with them to set corn; which before would allege weakness and inability; whom to have compelled would have been thought great tyranny and oppression."

Thus, the Pilgrims now wished to work because they got to keep, and then trade, the benefits of their labor. They discovered that freedom is a much greater stimulus than force.

"Instead of famine, now God gave them plenty," wrote Gov. Bradford, "and the face of things was changed, to the rejoicing of the hearts of many, for which they blessed God ... Any general want or famine hath not been amongst them since to this day."

(libertyunderfire.org; townhall.com; historyofmassachusetts.org; History of Plymouth Plantation)

**"Posterity - you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it."**  
**John Quincy Adams**

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING**

This year our parish has something special for which to be thankful. NO DEBT!!! We have officially paid off all of our debt for the renovations which took place in the Church a few years ago before I arrived. Last year once I had arrived I saw that the collections were doing very well and so I doubled our payment of the debt to 2000 a month rather than the 1000 a month we were paying previously. Furthermore, we had a great fair bazaar last year and an even more generous bazaar this year. Because of those two bazaars and their successes coupled with the bigger collections I was able to pay off the two loans taken out for the renovations.

Some advised that I pay down the debt more slowly so that we could use the low rate of 4% should we need to borrow money again in the future, but come to find out, the bank informed me recently that we cannot use the line of credit at that same rate again for new parish needs— we must pay the loan off completely and we would have to renegotiate a new interest rate if we were to borrow again. What is important is to realize it is not good to run a deficit at a parish, and it is not good to be in debt when not necessary.

So this thanksgiving we are thankful for all the generosity of our parishioners and not only that, but the fact that we are ABLE to give so generously. We have the health, the jobs, and the economic blessings to be able to give freely. These are all gifts from God.

We must keep in mind however, that the bazaar is still needed for our parish not as a bonus, but to help us cover expenses such as insurance, air conditioner and heating units should they break and other charges we may need to pay towards the diocese. As of now, we must pay in the near future for the insurance of our new windows which is included in the 13% assessment that is attached to their becoming a part of the immovable goods of the parish.

A parish bazaar should be seen as an "extra" for the parish but not as a necessary part of the operating costs for the parish. Keeping this in mind, we hope to continue to be generous and perhaps even more so in the regular collections of the parish. It is nice to know we are not paying money to interest, but able to save some money for future projects and development (for example if an air conditioning unit breaks or there are some repairs needed.) Money in the bank for these things is better than having to borrow.

