

## MASS OFFERTORIES

### Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

**4:00pm:** Howard Andrus; Bennie Louis Buller; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Florine Leger (3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary), Leger, Primeaux, Fontenot, Trahan, & Wild Family; Ruthvan (Rudy) Guillory; Isaac & Steven Leger, Courville Family

### Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

**7:00am:** Rosaire & Cheryl Veilleux, Bruce Piserell; Harry Gaspard; Vincent & Tillie Leonards; Gene & Nada Natali, Amy Natali, Wilfred & Bessie Zaunbrecher; Francis Roger Guillory

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

### Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

**7:30am:** Jerald & Nona Helms; Loranzy (birthday) & Agnes Leger, Everett Wild, Whitney Leger, Leger/ Daigle Families

### Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

**7:30am:** Bennie Louis Buller; Special Intention; R. L. Webb

### Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

**7:30am:** Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Isaac & Steven Leger; Special Intention; L.J. Bourque, Cormier & Fruge Families

### Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

**6:30pm:** Debbie Dubrock Trahan (7<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

### Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**7:30am:**

### Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

**7:00am:** Rosaire & Cheryl Veilleux, Bruce Piserell; Howard Andrus; Harry Gaspard; Gene & Nada Natali, Amy Natali, Wilfred & Bessie Zaunbrecher; Louis & Helen ( 1st anniversary) Zaunbrecher; Francis Roger Guillory

**9:30am:** Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Darrell & Sue DeRouen; Isaac & Steven Leger, Courville Family; All the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Monday:** Genesis 4:1-15, 25/Psalms 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mark 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Psalms 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mark 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22/Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mark 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Genesis 9:1-13/Psalms 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mark 8:27-33

**Friday:** 1 Peter 5:1-4/Psalms 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Matthew 16:13-19

**Saturday:** Hebrews 11:1-7/Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mark 9:2-13

### The Vocation Cross

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

### Inspiration for the Week- Live the Liturgy

Getting ahead in the world is something many see as important. Success, a comfortable life, and worldly securities are seen as what is needed to achieve happiness. Whether or not we like to admit it, these pursuits are operative in many of our lives. As much as we want to believe in the Gospel, we also find it hard not to cling to these other things. Unconditional trust in God must be first if we are going to perceive the kingdom of God. And while God does not want us to go out of our way to be miserable, Jesus clearly gives preference to those who are poor, hungry, weeping, marginalized, vulnerable, and despised. When people encounter these things, they touch God. It teaches us not to get too comfortable with our riches and that there is much more to true life than the stuff we find so important.

## 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, Raydena Sonnier, Angie Treadway, Sam Treadway, Kenneth Semar, 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 February Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis and Bishop Glen John Provost:**

### Pope Francis

Universal:

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

### Bishop Glen John Provost

For the sick, may God bring quick healing to them in their illness and for the dying, may He prepare them for the reward of eternal life.

## OFFERTORY GIFTS – Week Ending 2/10/19

Regular Collection	\$ 4435.55
Candles	\$ 67.00
Masses	\$ 650.00
Religious Education	\$ 745.00
Total	\$ 5847.55

### Next Second Collection:

**March 2-3, 2019-** Black & Indian Missions

We accept: 

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana, sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles, hosts its next retreat weekend, Friday through Sunday, March 1-3, 2019, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

The retreat is for both men and women who are suffering from the trauma and after-effects of abortion. These can include: eating disorders, difficulty with relationships, repeat abortions, substance abuse, depression, suicidal urges, anxiety/panic attacks, nightmares, emotional numbness, guilt, anger & fear of punishment from God.

If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please reach out by contacting Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or by e-mail at rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org.

### April 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

#### "Come and See" Retreat

Men, 16 years and older, are invited to a "Come and See" Retreat on April 12-14, at St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. The weekend is about how to discern God's call for your life, according to Father Jeffrey Starkovich, Director of Vocations and Seminarians. There is no cost to attend the retreat and transportation will be provided from Lake Charles and return.

Those interested can register at [lvocations@lcdioocese.org](mailto:lvocations@lcdioocese.org) or by contacting Fr. Starkovich at 337-725-3719.

## PARISH NEWS

### Women's ACTS Retreat

Please keep the Women's ACTS team and retreatants in your prayers during their upcoming retreat. The retreat is Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>. In back of the church is a prayer poster, please fill in your name next to a time slot, pull the tag off and pray for them during this time.

There is 64 hours of adoration and prayer between the surrounding church parishes.

### Office Notes

**1.** Contribution notices have been sent out for 2018. If you have not received yours or if there is a discrepancy in the numbers, please contact Julie Racca during office hours. Father may express genuine interest about your concerns if you approach him before or after mass, but it is likely he won't remember all the details by the time he gets to the office.

**2.** If you are new to our church, we are happy to have you! Please contact the office to register and officially become a member of Saint John Vianney.

### Palms Needed

Father needs your old palms ASAP! Please leave them in the front vestibule of the church.

### Greeters Ministry

A little over a year ago, we invited people to consider being greeter for our church. Hopefully you have been greeted warmly as you enter the church on the weekends and felt welcomed whether you are brand new to Saint John Vianney or whether your head has been bowed in prayer here for many years! We are again looking for people who may wish to take part in this ministry. If you are looking for a way to serve, this might be it! You can call Becky Schultz at 802-4951 or Judy Zaunbrecher at 274-9094 and we'll get you included on the rotation for the Mass time that works best for you.

### Celebration of Baptism

We welcome into our church family; Emersyn Kayte Bonsall, daughter of Adam Blake & Rebecca Champion Bonsall who is being baptized into the faith, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the blessing of the Lord be always upon Emersyn and may God watch over and cherish this child whom He is blessing with the grace of Baptism.

### Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

*Matthew 5:4* Our condolences to the friends and family of Francis Roger Guillory. We offer our prayers for peace, comfort, and healing as you mourn his loss. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

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

### April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:30 PM: Parish Lenten Mission-Recently-ordained Fr. Samuel Orsot who was baptized here as a baby at St. John Vianney, will give the mission consisting of a series of preached masses and a confessional service. Please save the dates now to ensure your calendar is open for this Lenten mission.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich... who are filled now... who laugh...when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor... you who are now hungry...when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?