



## Second Sunday of the Year

January 17 2016

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday – Sanctity of Human Life Day

8:00 AM Mark & Robin Warriner / Scott Family  
10:30 AM Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

#### Monday

8:00 AM Debbie Lundy (birthday) / Fortunati

#### Tuesday

8:00 AM

#### Wednesday

8:00 AM

#### Thursday

8:00 AM

#### Friday

8:00 AM

#### Saturday

5:00 PM † May Richardson/Barbara K., Cece L., Fy S.

#### Sunday

8:00 AM Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish  
10:30 AM

There are dates available for Mass intentions for a deceased loved one or for a special intention. Please contact the office.

**Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Please welcome** this week's celebrant, Fr. Richard Reque, OSB, from Saint Bernard Abbey in Cullman. Fr.. Richard Altenbaugh will be back to celebrate our weekend Masses and hear confessions.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

*Kindly pray for our parish family and all those who are journeying in a special way with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.*



Larry Bovat, Paul **Bruechner**, Patricia Caudill, Deacon Pat Clemens, Ginny Cook, Ed Dubin, Ed & Eleanor Feeney, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, Antonieta Geronilla, **June Henderson**, **Dot Holman**, **Marvin Jenkins**, **Margie Kings**, Barbara Kuntz, Joe Lacoy, Cece LaManna, Germaine LaPlante, Mary Link, Evan Linville, Monk Manning, Monroe Matheny, **Sara Manning**, Mary Miller, Bob & Margaret Nail, **Vera Patterson**, **Marvin Peterson**, Claire Patton, Marsha Porter, Sr. M. D. Richardson, **Babe Rohan**, **Anita Sanford**, Ruth Sas, Margaret Schaff, Kristie Toohey, **Rick Van Norden**, Bootsie Williams, Mary Woods

#### ~ Prayer Requests ~

Terry Danson – 251-961-2165 or tsdanson@gmail.com

### This Week's Schedule

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	<b>"Coffee with the Padre"</b>
Monday	8:30 AM	Rosary Cenacle
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Adult Faith Formation Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Catechism Class – IM Hall
Thursday	5:30 PM	RCIA Classes – IM Hall

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 83 8 AM = 62 10:30 AM = 80 Total = 225

#### STEWARDSHIP

Offertory gift for January 10 = \$2,495.00  
Maintenance = \$120.00

### Extraordinary Holy Year – The Jubilee of Mercy

The origin of the Christian celebration of the Jubilee finds its roots in the Old Testament period. The Law of Moses prescribed a special year for the Jewish people (Lev. 25: 10-14). The goat's horn, called a Yobel in Hebrew, was used as a trumpet that would sound to announce the Jubilee. Yobel is the origin for Jubilee. The celebration of this year also included the restitution of land to the original owners, the remission of debts, the liberation of slaves, and "rest," or the land that left it inactive for one year. Through the Gospels, Jesus presents himself as the One who brings the old Jubilee to completion because he has come to "preach a year of the Lord's favor." (Lk 4:18-19).

The Roman Catholic tradition of a Holy Year is a great event held approximately every 25 years and is dedicated to the forgiveness of sins and the punishment due to sin. The Catholic Jubilee tradition began in 1300 during the pontificate of Pope Boniface VIII. Since that time, the Church has celebrated 26 ordinary and three extraordinary Jubilee Years. A Jubilee is a year of reconciliation between our adversaries, conversion, and a time to receive the Sacrament of Penance. Furthermore, it is a time of solidarity, hope, justice, and commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with all people. A Jubilee Year is, above all, the year of Christ who brings life and grace to humanity.

*If you are ill or know someone who is ill, due to have surgery, or is in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor, please call the rectory.*

## Gospel Reflections

### A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see*, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult "public life" at his baptism by John. Today's Gospel reading tells us of his "first sign," providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The cause of Church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to "lighten up" is good medicine because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, "Let us pray," a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.

### 85th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal

You should have received a letter from Archbishop Rodi with a pledge card in the mail this past week inviting your support for Catholic Charities. This appeal supports more than 30 ministries within the Archdiocese of Mobile. Please confirm the accuracy of the information on the card you received, mark it with your intended pledge, place it in the collection basket next week, or drop it by the parish office this week.

### Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) Baldwin Deanery Quarterly Luncheon

January 20 – 9:30 AM – Christ the King Church, Daphne. To carpool and for more information, please call Margie Schwieterman at 251-256-0123.

### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS PORK ROAST DINNER

January 24, 2016 – 11 AM to 2 PM – K of C Hall, Old Foley Rd and US Hwy 98, Elberta – Dine in or carry out. Tickets are available after all weekend Masses.



**"Coffee with the Padre"** – Thank you to the CCD Class and also their helpers who hosted for January. Our host for next month is the Altar Society. If you would like to help any of the host groups, please let us know by signing the schedule on the table in the vestibule or calling the office. All are invited to join us "between the Masses" for fellowship every 1st and 3rd Sunday in the Parish Hall.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY** ~ We are again collecting food. Please place your nonperishable items in the container provided in the classroom in Immaculate Mary Hall. Thank you for your generosity. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 9 to 11 AM, we distribute food to anyone who has a need.

**NOTE:** We are still collecting canceled stamps, box tops, labels, can pop tops, ink cartridges and greeting cards in the containers provided in the double classroom.

**Quarterly Cursillo Gathering** ~ Ryan's Steakhouse, 2301 S. McKenzie St., Foley, at 12:45 p.m., January 18, 2016. Come one, come all to those who are members and those who want to know more about Cursillo. For more information, please contact Diane Perdue, 251-504-8904, or d.c.perdue7@gmail.com.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Information to be put in the bulletin must be in the office by the Monday before the weekend that it needs to be in the bulletin.

We are very grateful to Tom Kuklish, who has offered to print and fold them at a minimal cost. Let Tom know how much you appreciate his help.

**Justice** is to extend or receive the kindness that one deserves. To extend or receive greater kindness than one deserves is **Mercy**.

*"Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly."* Micah 6:8

### The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

The greatest shall be last,  
And the least shall be the first.  
Hunger for God's Love—  
His Word will quench your thirst.

**NOTICE:** The auditorium, kitchen and rooms in Immaculate Mary Hall are available for rent. For more information, please contact the office.

### First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail	† James E. Link	Living & Deceased Kilday Family
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families	† Deacon John Cartaro	Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families	† Anita Warriner	Living & Deceased Fehn Family
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families	† Joseph LaManna	Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families	† Doris Mullek	Living & Deceased Kearns & Paterson Families
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families	Mignon Kilday	Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
Living & Deceased Shields & Self Families		For the Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Living & Deceased Cretaro Family		The Holy Souls in Purgatory