



First Sunday of Lent March 4-5, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM Fr. Thomas Murphy / R. & B. Fortunati
Sunday
8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro / Jo Ann Cretaro
10:30 AM † Living & Deceased Parishioners
Monday
8:00 AM † Karen Chambers / M. & B. McCandless
Tuesday
8:00 AM † Harry Fletcher / M. & B. McCandless
Wednesday
8:00 AM † Mary Jiskra / Sherri Krueger
Thursday
8:00 AM † Karen Chambers / Steve & Peg Misztal
Friday ~ Abstinence
8:00 AM † Dennis McKinney / Sally McKinney
Saturday
5:00 PM † Karen Chambers / SVdP Conference

Dates are available for Mass intentions. Please call the office at 251-962-3649 to request your intentions.

Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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.



Edith Scott Ashworth, Martha Broz, Pat Chubb, Ken Cote, Pat & Sheila Clemens, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, **Barbara** & Elizabeth Edwards, Nicole Fehn, Jo Flynn, **June Henderson**, Shirley Joffrion, Jackie Johnston, **Judy Jordan**, Mary Link, **Curtis Malone**, Ann-Marie Mann, Richard Muller, Bob & Margaret Nail, Arthur Nichols, Richard Peterson, Jerome Radtke, Annie Rutledge, **Anita Sanford**, George & Margaret Schaff, Sr. Thérèse, **Rick** & Pat Van Norden, Cece Vaness

~ Prayer Requests ~

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

If you know of someone or if you are homebound, ill, due to have surgery, or in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor or receive the sacraments, please call the rectory or the office.

First Friday Memorial Mass Association

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

This Week's Schedule

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| Sunday | 9:00 AM | "Coffee with the Padre" |
| Sunday | 2:00 PM | Benedictine Oblate Holy Hour for vocations – Church Followed by fellowship – IM Hall |
| Monday | 8:30 AM | Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall |
| Tuesday | 8:30 AM | SVdP Meeting – IM Hall |
| Wednesday | 9:00 AM | Adult Faith Formation Bible Study – IM Hall |
| Wednesday | 10:30 AM | Choir Practice |
| Wednesday | 11:30 AM | Chair Aerobics – IMH |
| Wednesday | 4:30 PM | Catechism Class – IM Hall |
| Wednesday | 5:30 PM | " Souper Supper " – IM Hall (see below) |
| Thursday | 4:00 PM | Choir Practice for Confirmation |
| Friday | 2:30 PM | Stations of the Cross |

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 78 8:00 AM = 61 10:30 AM = 84 Total = 223

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Gift for February 26 = \$2,100.75

Maintenance = \$70.00

Visiting Priest Collection = \$396.00

Second Collection – **TODAY** – Black & Indian Missions

Special second collection – NEXT WEEK – SVdP

End-of-Year Tax Report ~ Anyone needing their contributions for 2016 may call the church office.



"Coffee with the Padre" Thank you to our host today. Come join us the first Sunday of each the month after 9:00 AM Mass for good food and fellowship.



LENTEN "SOUPER SUPPER" ~ 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Wednesdays during Lent in Immaculate Mary Hall with delightful country and gospel music from "Three Chords & the Truth." To let us know if you would like to bring a soup or dessert or to help, please check the schedule in the vestibule. Beverages and bread will be provided. There is no charge, however, a donation is suggested. For more information, please call Rose Hauser at 251-961-3373.

Tommy and Harriet Shields would like to thank all who have expressed their sympathy with prayers, etc., on the death of Harriet's daughter, Karen Chambers.

Lenten Reflections

What is Lent? Lent is the annual preparation for Easter observance calling us to *reform our lives and to open our hearts* to the spiritual blessings God has promised to bestow on us. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins.

What must I do? According to the Church's Canon Law, all healthy Catholics from ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on all other Fridays of Lent. Youth 14 and older are also to abstain from meat on those days. "Fasting" means that no more than one main meal is eaten daily, while in the same day no more than two partial meals are eaten that together don't equal the one main meal.

What should I do? Take the necessary steps to get yourself on the road to conversion and spiritual renewal. To help you do this, the three main Lenten disciplines urged are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are invited during Lent to practice these disciplines often. But these aren't just chores we must do because the Church strongly urges them; they are above all opportunities to grow in faith and in love for God.

Why prayer, fasting and alms? The Lenten basic practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are rooted in Jesus' original guidance about how to be his disciples that we find in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt Ch. 5-7). The Catechism of the Catholic Church I (#1966-1972) also reminds us that Jesus here outlines for us the new law which, if we embrace and implement it, will lead us more surely to the interior renewal and growth in holiness and perfection that Jesus expects of us as his disciples.

Should I set Lenten goals? Absolutely. Reflect prayerfully about your Lenten resolutions before making them. Then make yourself a list. But be modest. You may be setting yourself up for disappointment if you set unrealistic goals. And doing a little with love and devotion is spiritually more beneficial than trying to do much but doing it halfheartedly.

Church Cleaning – March 2017

Restrooms, etc. – Charlene & Jason Crump
Floors/Pews – Marlene, Barbara B., William Edwards
A schedule is posted on the bulletin board. If you are not able to keep your commitment, call Harriet Shields.

March 11 & 12

Sat: 5:00 PM

Sun: 8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Lectors

S. Henkel

J. Zieman

M. Cote

Ext. Ministers

M. Donovan / P. Marceau

B. & M. McCandless

B. & Jackie Johnston

Gift Bearers

P. & J. Langan

J. & C. Williams

K. Service / V. Patterson

Ushers

F. Mullek / Sal Pinzone

R. Geiger / T. Shields

J. Crump / B. Jarveys

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 18 Liturgy meeting for Confirmation & Easter at 9:00 AM in the church.
March 19 St. Joseph Feast Day - Archbishop Rodi visit and Confirmation at 10:30 AM Mass followed by Pot Luck luncheon. Bring your favorite dish. Meat/beverages provided.
March 26 Healing Mass
April 2 Seder Meal after 10:30 AM Mass
April 9 "Coffee with the Padre" – 9:00 AM-10:00 AM
April 10 Parish Confession – 5:00 PM

"CIRCLE OF CARE" ~ If anyone is in need of a ride to the doctor, store church, etc., please call our contact person, Sr. Thérèse at 251-979-6515 or the office. We are also looking for more people who are interested in helping with this ministry. For more information, check the "Circle of Care" cards in the vestibule.

ANNUAL LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7 ~ 5 PM - 7:30 PM

Saint Bartholomew Benedictine Hall, Elberta Adult \$8/Child \$4. For menu items, call Bill Patton, 850-607-7151. Proceeds benefit Saint Benedict Catholic School, Knights of Columbus Council #2736 and St. Bartholomew Catholic Church.



OUTBACK WEEKEND ~ March 10-12, 2017 ~ Camp Grace, 11081 Wanda Dr., Mobile ~ The Men of St. Joseph (MOSJ) offer this unique, spirit-filled, adventurous retreat weekend experience, which includes the celebration of Mass, adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The cost to attend is \$295 for a husband/wife or parent/teen pair... **AND NOW engaged couples!** If this fee presents a problem for you, we have scholarships readily available. Register now at www.mosjoutback.com.

PRAYER FOR SOMEONE WHO NEEDS FORGIVENESS

"Lord, lead (name) in the ways of Thy Light and Thy Love and give (name) the power to follow. Amen."

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

We look at things from start to end
with points along the way.
But within God's Holy realm,
tomorrow can be today.
For time and space have no bounds,
no beginning and no end,
For here is there, and there is here,
and God – He's always been.
As deep in thought we ponder His Majesty to know
Only one thing even matters when we die –
where will we go?