



Eighth Sunday of the Year February 25 & 26, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM † Polly Godwin / Skippy Peterson

Sunday

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
10:30 AM Carolyn Hinton / R. & B. Fortunati

Monday

8:00 AM † Bruce Kittredge / Mary Kittredge

Tuesday

8:00 AM Fr. Charles McCabe / R. & B. Fortunati

Ash Wednesday ~ Fast & Abstinence; Almsgiving

8:00 AM † Karen Chambers / Altar Society

Thursday

8:00 AM † Peter Wright / Sherri Krueger

First Friday ~ Abstinence

8:00 AM Fr. Angel Paris / R. & B. Fortunati

First Saturday

8:00 AM Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 PM Fr. Thomas Murphy / R. & B. Fortunati

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

Visiting Priest: Rev. Charles "Chuck" McCabe

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, Pat & Sheila Clemens, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, **Barbara** & Elizabeth Edwards, Nicole Fehn, Jo Flynn, **June Henderson**, Shirley Joffrion, **Judy Jordan**, Mary Link, **Carl Lenz**, **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

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families
Living & Deceased Shields & Self Families
Living & Deceased Cretaro Family

† James E. Link
† Deacon J. Cretaro
† Anita Warriner
† Joseph LaManna
† Doris Mullek
† Frank Mullek, Jr.
† Mignon Kilday
† Joe Lacoy

Living & Deceased Kilday Family
Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families
Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Kearns & Patterson Families
Living & Deceased Lang & Pope Families
Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
The Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Holy Souls in Purgatory

This Week's Schedule

Monday	8:30 AM	Rosary Cenacle – 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
Thursday	9:00 AM	Altar Society Meeting – IM Hall
Thursday	4:00 PM	Choir Practice for Confirmation
Thursday	8:00 PM	Knights of Columbus
Friday	8:30 – 7:00 PM	First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion, Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up for adoration in the vestibule.
Friday	2:30 PM	Stations of the Cross



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 93 8:00 AM = 65 10:30 AM = 80 Total = 238

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Gift for February 19 = \$2,170.75

Maintenance = \$119.00

Svdp Collection ~ \$535.30 ~ Many thanks!

Special Second Collection – **TODAY** – Visiting Priests

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



"Coffee with the Padre"

The Faith Formation/Bible Class will be our March host. Everyone is invited to join us for good food and fellowship next Sunday from 9 to 10 AM. We truly appreciate all who offer food and help.

Many thanks to our Hospitality Hostess, Barbara Bennett, and her sidekick, Rose Hauser, for setting up, greeting and making our monthly socials so enjoyable.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 1 **"Souper Suppers,"** including music, every Wednesday during Lent – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
March 3 **K. of C. Lenten Fish Fry** every Friday at St. Bartholomew Parish – 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
March 4 **Lenten Day of Recollection** – St. Bartholomew Parish – 8:00 AM until noon
Guest speaker: Sr. Thérèse West

Gospel Reflections

DON'T BE ANXIOUS ~ People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on important things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust, and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

REMINDER ~ "Divine Mercy for America" Novena begins on the first day of **every** month. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany of the Saints for respect for the dignity of all life, sanctity of traditional marriage and families, and threat to our religious freedom – for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA for an end to abortion and God's Peace and Justice for the United States continues at 3:00 PM through February 28.

BINGO ~ Every Thursday ~ January through March at St. Thomas by-the-Sea Catholic Church in Orange Beach, AL. Early Bird games start at 5:30 PM - regular games start at 6:30 PM. Food Concession Kitchen open.

"LISTEN, LISTEN, LOVE, LOVE" is the motto for Kairos Prison Ministry that conducts three-and-a-half-day weekends at Fountain Prison in Atmore, AL twice a year. Both Kairos and Cursillo were founded by Catholic Laymen, with Kairos being ecumenical. After working many years in Kairos, I can truly say that it is the most rewarding ministry I have ever experienced. A team of about 35 people is formed, and meetings are held to prepare and bond the team. Our next meeting will be February 25. Call me if you would like to hear more: Don Roth, 251-968-4779.

CORRECTION: The current telephone number for Sr. Thérèse is 251-979-6515.

Church Cleaning – March 2017

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

March 4 & 5

Sat: 5:00 PM
Sun: 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Lectors

J. Edwards
B. Specht
T. Bryant

Ext. Ministers

J. Caudill / Sr. Thérèse
J. & N. Alemany
B. & Willie Zielinski

Gift Bearers

M. Miller / F. Wabnitz
S. McKinney / B. Brennan
J. & C. Crump

Ushers

F. Mullek / Sal Pinzone
Geiger / T. Shields
J. Crump / B. Jarveis

LENTEN "SOUPER SUPPERS" ~ 5:30 PM-7:00 PM - beginning on Ash Wednesday and on ALL Wednesdays during Lent in Immaculate Mary Hall **with delightful country and gospel music** from "Three Chords & the Truth." Each Wednesday we are asking for donations of five different soups or a donation of dessert (cake, cookies, pie, etc.). To let us know what you will bring and when you can help, please sign the schedule in the vestibule. Beverages and bread will be provided. Helpers to set up, serve and clean up are also needed. There is no charge, but a donation is suggested. For more info, call Rose Hauser at 251-961-3373.

Lenten Reminder

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FAST (one full meal for those 18 to 59) **and** TOTAL ABSTINENCE (no meat for 14 years and older). All other Fridays are days of abstinence only – no meat. There is no obligation to fast on weekdays of Lent, but voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

ARCHBISHOP VISIT AND CONFIRMATION

We are celebrating our Feast Day on March 19 with a visit from Archbishop Rodi, who will also confirm our confirmandant, Chase Boler, at the 10:30 AM Mass. Please pray to the Holy Spirit for him and his family. We will have a Pot Luck luncheon in Immaculate Mary Hall after Mass. Please call Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499 for details and if you would like to help.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICK-OFF RALLY IS SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017 at Planned Parenthood in Mobile. We cover the abortion site in prayer from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm from Ash Wednesday, March 1 through Palm Sunday, April 9. Msg. Warren Wall starts Rosary at 9:00 am. Please sign up with Mae or Chris Rehm at 251-554-2032 or www.40daysforlifecom/mobile.

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 designed to give parents, teens, husbands and wives a practical strategy for daily living focusing on their relationships with God, family, friends, church and community. Retreat 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.

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

My sins have been forgiven, yet still they bother me. Is that God's way– to make me pay now and not eternally?