



Third Sunday of the Year January 21 & 22, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM † Fran Bouchard, Jr. / Steve & Peg Misztal
Sunday
8:00 AM † Christopher McDonough / Bob & Sherri Krueger
10:30 AM Kathleen Logan / William Miller
Monday ~ Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro / Jo Ann Cretaro
Tuesday
8:00 AM Mary Stenzel / Tom & Harriet Shields
Wednesday
8:00 AM † Mary Herndon / Altar Society
Thursday
8:00 AM
Friday
8:00 AM
Saturday † Jerry Chubb / Patricia Chubb

For Mass intentions for a deceased loved one or for a special intention, contact the office at 251-962-3649.

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.



Martha Broz, Pat Chubb, Pat & Sheila Clemens, Peter Colombaro, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, Barbara & Elizabeth Edwards, Nicole Fehn, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, **June Henderson**, Shirley Joffrion, **Judy Jordan**, Mary Link, **Curtis Malone**, Monk Manning, Richard Muller, Bob & Margaret Nail, Arthur Nichols, Richard Peterson, Jerome Radtke, Annie Rutledge, **Anita Sanford**, Harriet Shields, Mary Stenzel, 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 John Cretaro
† Anita Warriner
† Joseph LaManna
† Doris Mullek
† Frank Mullek, Jr.
Mignon Kilday

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



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 80 8:00 AM = 63 10:30 AM = 89 Total = 232

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Gift for January 15 = \$2,673.05
Maintenance = \$101.00

SVdP Special Collection ~ \$383.45 ~ Many thanks!

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

Quarterly Offertory Envelopes ~ If you have not registered as a parishioner or are not receiving your offertory envelopes, please contact the office. Census registration cards for new parishioners and welcome envelopes for visitors are available in the vestibule.

Pray for Fr. Maria as he travels to India on February 23 for his vacation. If anyone is in need of the Sacraments, you may call the church office.

Please welcome our visiting priests: Rev. Angel Paris, who will be celebrating Mass January 23 through February 10, and Rev. Charles McCabe, retired, from Hanceville, AL, who will be with us and offer his services from February 11 through 26. Fr. McCabe will be staying at the rectory.

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

WELCOME ~ Thank you for attending Mass with us today. We welcome all our visitors and new members and invite you to join in the ministries of our parish by sharing your gifts and talents. If you are not currently a registered member and wish to be, please fill out a census registration card in the vestibule or contact the parish office. Offertory envelopes are mailed quarterly and are also available at the office.

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Joseph Mudavankunnel, MSFS, has a new e-mail address: jmudavan@gmail.com.

Gospel Reflections

A NEW DAY DAWNS ~ Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms though the streets of Nineveh scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing "by their actions" how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next Paul tells the Corinthians, "The world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live "as though" they aren't doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day has dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns, the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn't a new day dawn today for us as well?

Knights of Columbus Council #2736 Corporate Communion Breakfast

January 29 - 8:30 AM in IM Hall ~ All Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members and their families are invited.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY NEWS

A basket is provided in the vestibule and IM Hall for your nonperishable donations. Thank you!



PARISH COOKBOOK SPECIAL

One book is \$12, but if you buy two or more, they are only \$9 each. Great for birthday and wedding gifts! We still have about 100 to sell. Cookbook profit so far is \$800. Thank you to all who support this project. Books are available in the office, or call Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499.

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

January 25 – 9:15 AM – St. Agatha Parish, Bay Minette
Please call Sr. Therese at 251-279-7285 to carpool.

Church Cleaning – January 2016

Restrooms, etc. – Charlene & Jason Crump
Floors/Pews – Marlene Fuller, Jennifer Edwards
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.
ATTENTION: Please volunteer to help Marlene for one of the months from February through April.

January 28 & 29 Lectors

Sat: 5:00 PM J. Edwards
Sun: 8:00 AM B. Patton
10:00 AM R. Fortunati

Ext. Ministers

S. Williams / P. Hilderbrandt
B. & M. McCandless
T. Danson / K. Service

Gift Bearers

S. Peterson / B. Kuntz
B. & M. McCandless
B. & J. Johnston

Ushers

F. Mullek / Sal Pinzone
R. Geiger / B. Brennan
J. Crump / B. Jarveys

86th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal - 2017

Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday is next weekend, January 29. Every parishioner should have received a letter from Archbishop Rodi asking for your prayerful generosity. Please complete the envelope that was mailed to you and put it in the collection basket next weekend or feel free to drop it by the parish office. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA2017" to 41444 for a link. All the funds collected stay in the Archdiocese of Mobile. We ask that you be the Light of Christ for those in need. Jean Dempsey from the Archdiocese will speak at all the Masses this weekend. Please prayerfully consider supporting this appeal.

Saint Benedict Catholic School Is Seeking Alumni for its newly established alumni directory. Please e-mail mkellersbcs@gmail.com.

On another note (pun intended), SBCS is much in need of some musical instruments. A set of bongo drums would add to some of their musical endeavors. If you would like to dispossess yourself of a set, please call Marta Coward Glunt at 251-213-4417.

Living God's Word ~ Spiritual Reflection

Some things make us uncomfortable to discuss, but if churches won't talk about it, who will? Abortion, such a simple word, yet it is a word that brings uneasiness and difficulty and even pain. As a result, the church as a whole remains silent.

However... if churches won't talk about it, who will?

What hope does a woman have who finds herself in an unplanned pregnancy, other than to buy into the lies of those who are talking about this issue?

But Imagine... if churches will talk about the issue of abortion, the sanctity of ALL human life could be restored. Our world has an utter disregard for life, but we, as the Church, have an opportunity to show the value and worth for all life—not with judgment, but with grace and compassion. Then countless men and women could be set free from the chains of sin and shame. Marriages could be restored. Families could be rebuilt. Then together we could save the children of this generation and the next. What would happen if we were silent no more? It's time to talk about it.

*"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and the one who is wise saves lives." Proverbs 11:30*

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

When anger fills your soul and bitterness runs deep,
When days seem so long and nights you cannot sleep,
There is a place to go where all who go are blest.
It's in the arms of Jesus you'll find eternal rest.
Don't wait until tomorrow when today may be your last.
Lift all up to the One, on him your burdens cast.