



First Sunday of Advent November 26 & 27, 2016

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM ✠ Jerry Chubb / Patricia Chubb
Sunday
8:00 AM Dede Daves & family / R. & B. Fortunati
10:30 AM ✠ Living & Deceased Parishioners
Monday
8:00 AM ✠ Paty Daves / R. & B. Fortunati
Tuesday
8:00 AM In Thanksgiving of God's Angels
Wednesday
8:00 AM Spiritual well-being of India /Anonymous
Thursday
8:00 AM ✠ Joe Grady / Ashleigh Riis
First Friday
8:00 AM Memorial Mass Association Members
First Saturday
8:00 AM Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 PM ✠ Edwin Lee Peters / Ashleigh Riis

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 Clemens, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, Barbara & Elizabeth Edwards, Nicole Fehn, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, Rhetta Giuli, **June Henderson**, Margaret Henson, **Judy Jordan**, Joe Lacoy, Cece LaManna, Mary Link, Curtis Malone, Monk Manning, Bob & Margaret Nail, Richard Peterson, Annie Rutledge, **Anita Sanford**, Nan Santine, Stephen & Ruth Sas, George & Margaret Schaff, **Rick** & Pat Van Norden, Cece Vaness, Sr. Thérèse West, Pat Wheeler

~ Prayer Requests ~

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

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.

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 All are welcome to attend
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Choir Practice – Church
Wednesday	11:30 AM	Chair Aerobics – IM Hall
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Catechism Class – IM Hall
Thursday	8:30 AM	Altar Society Meeting – IMH All women are welcome.
Thursday	8:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Meeting Council Home, Elberta.
Friday	8:30–7:00 PM	First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion, Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign in for adoration in vestibule.
Sunday (Dec. 4)	9:00 AM	"Coffee with the Padre"



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 75 8 AM = 44 10:30 AM = 81 Total = 200

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Gift for November 20 = \$2,173.00

Maintenance = \$110.00

Campaign for Human Development = \$286.85

Special Collection – **TODAY**

Archdiocese for The Military Services, USA

(envelopes are in the pews)

Special Collection – **next week** – Hurricane Relief

HURRICANE RELIEF ~ Last month Hurricane Matthew devastated parts of Haiti and other locations in the Caribbean and inflicted serious and widespread damage in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. Help is needed to rebuild homes and churches in affected areas. Donations may be sent to Office of the Archbishop, 400 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36602 or placed in the collection basket.

◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◆

Dec. 4	3:00 PM	Community Christmas Songfest – Lillian Community Club
Dec. 8	8 AM & 7 PM Mass	– Feast of Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
Dec. 17	6:00 PM	Christmas Dinner Party – IM Hall
Dec. 19	5:00 PM	Advent Parish Confessions

Gospel Reflections

GETTING READY ~ Today marks the beginning of another liturgical year. The tone of today's readings casts us in the role of students learning solemn lessons. The reading from Isaiah sets the stage, calling us up a mountain to receive the Lord's instruction. In this passage we study peace.

Then Paul steps forth with sober admonitions. We have to wake up; the day is almost here. Live honorably in the light. Paul reminds us that we really do know the time in which we are living.

Finally, Matthew presents Jesus the storyteller. Just imagine, Jesus tells us, what it was like in Noah's time. He paints a vivid picture of ordinary people living ordinary lives and ignoring the warnings that Noah heeded. Totally unconcerned, they were destroyed. How will it be any different for us? No one knows when the Lord will come. But we have been warned.

Perhaps we find such sobering scriptures unappealing and threatening. But within them there is promise. We are to live in the light with nothing to hide. We are to be ready.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SONGFEST

December 4 – 3:00 PM – Lillian Community Club - Nine churches participating including St. Joseph. Come and support our choir's efforts. Bring a "goodie" for the reception if you can. They are also collecting food for the poor to distribute to area food pantries.



SINGERS ARE NEEDED for the Christmas Eve Prelude before our 9:00 PM Mass. If you can help, please call the office or Kim Kaminiski at 850-458-0304 to set up a time and date for practice.

Catholic Social Service Food Pantry

December is our month to provide nonperishable food for the CSS food pantry in Robertsdale. Place items in the container provided in the vestibule.

GIFTS FOR CSS CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM must be returned today. For additional information, contact Sally McKinney at 961-2620 or dennism@gulftel.com.

Church Cleaning Calendar – December

Restrooms, etc. – Charlene & Jason Crump
Floors/Pews – Mary Stenzel and Marlene Fuller

A calendar is posted on the bulletin board. If you are not able to keep your commitment, call Harriet Shields.

Nov. 26 & 27

Sat.: 5:00 PM

Sun.: 8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Lectors

P. Marceau

B. Patton

H. Shields

Ext. Ministers

J. Caudill / Sr. Therese

B. & M. McCandless

B. & W. Zielinski

Our Congratulations to ~ Hannah Gale, who was selected as St. Joseph's honoree to receive the Christ the King Medal, which was conferred last Sunday by Archbishop Thomas Rodi at the Christ the King Celebration during the 11:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral-Basilica of Immaculate Conception in Mobile. This medal is given to those recognized for exemplary service to their parish community.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Election ballots are available today. Please pick one up and **VOTE for 3 candidates**. Return the ballots next weekend in containers provided at church entrances. Thank you for your interest in helping our parish grow!

Saint Benedict Catholic School PERFORMANCE CHOIR invites all supporting parish members to join them in their Advent Celebrations at one of their many activities:

Dec. 3 – 11:00 AM or 1:00 PM – St. Margaret's Christmas Bazaar

Dec. 4 – 3:00 PM – Lillian Community Songfest

Dec. 6 – 6:00 PM – "All About That Baby" –

St. Benedict School Musical in Gym

Dec. 7 – 7:00 PM – St. Benedict School Band –

St. Michael Catholic High School

Dec. 10 – 2:00 PM – Ginny Lane Restaurant –

The Wharf in Orange Beach

54th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Parish, Foley, AL – December 3rd from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Spaghetti dinners plus other food and items including Silent Auction.

WINTER CONCERT ~ St. Michael Catholic High School presents "Sounds of the Season" December 7 at 7 PM in SMCHS Gym. Admission is FREE and open to the public. See poster on the bulletin board for more information.

ADVENT – *Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush rather than a last-minute rush. This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue forever what we make them in this world.* –John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

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.

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

Grant me grace to know my sins and grace to try each day,
To live a better life for you, for this dear Lord I pray.

Gift Bearers

M. & H. Gale

J. Williams / B. Bovat

B. & J. Johnston

Ushers

F. Mullek / Sal Pinzone

R. Geiger / B. McCandless

J. Crump / B. Jarveis