



## First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday

8:00 AM Gilman Sullivan (birthday) / Fortunati  
10:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

#### Monday

8:00 AM † Larry Bovat / Altar Society

#### Tuesday

8:00 AM Michael Wall / J. & P. Hilderbrandt

#### Wednesday

8:00 AM Kim Wall / J. & P. Hilderbrandt

#### Thursday

8:00 AM Special Intention / Anonymous

#### Friday - Abstinence

8:00 AM Damien Jenkins / J. & P. Hilderbrandt

#### Saturday

5:00 PM Special Intentions / Anonymous

#### Sunday

8:00 AM Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish  
10:30 AM † Bruce Kittredge / Mary Kittredge

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 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.



Paul **Bruechner**, Patricia Caudill, Pat Chubb, Ginny Cook, Diane Dickerson, Ed Dubin, Eleanor Feeney, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, Antonieta Geronilla, **June Henderson**, Margaret Henson, **Marvin Jenkins**, **Margie Kings**, Stuart Kings, Joe Lacoy, Cece LaManna, Germaine LaPlante, Mary Link, Evan Linville, Monk Manning, Monroe Matheny, **Sara Manning**, Mary Miller, Bob & Margaret Nail, **Vera Patterson**, Claire Patton, **Marvin Peterson**, Sal Pinzone, Sandra Pollock, Marsha Porter, Sr. M. D. Richardson, **Babe Rohan**, **Anita Sanford**, Ruth Sas, Margaret Schaff, Kristie Toohey, **Rick Van Norden**, Bootsie Williams

*Pray for the Dead*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Larry Bovat, who died last week. Our sympathy to his wife, Betty, and their family. May his soul rest in peace.

### ~ Prayer Requests ~

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

### 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 Cartaro  
† Anita Warriner  
† Joseph LaManna  
† Doris Mullek  
Mignon Kilday

Living & Deceased Kilday Family  
Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families  
Living & Deceased Fehn Family  
Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families  
Living & Deceased Kearns & Paterson Families  
Living & Deceased Altar Society Members  
For the Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith  
The Holy Souls in Purgatory

### This Week's Schedule

Monday	6:00 PM	Parish Council Meeting
Monday	8:30 AM	Rosary Cenacle
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Adult Faith Formation
		Bible Study - Genesis
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Choir Practice – Church
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Catechism Class – IM Hall
Thursday	5:30 PM	RCIA/Faith Formation – IM Hall
		Catholic Christianity
Friday	2:30 PM	Stations of the Cross



### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 92 8 AM = 75 10:30 AM = 81 Total = 248

### STEWARDSHIP

Offertory gift for February 7 = \$3,246.31  
Maintenance = \$441.00  
Special Collection = \$455.34

**End-of-Year Tax Report** ~ Anyone needing their contributions for 2015 may call the church office.

### ◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◆

#### Lenten Day of Reflection

March 21 – 8 AM – St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Watch future bulletins for additional information.

#### LENTEN REMINDER

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FAST (one full meal for those 21 to 59) **and** TOTAL ABSTINENCE (no meat for those over 14). 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.

### Extraordinary Holy Year – The Jubilee of Mercy

The Jubilee Indulgence is received by having passed through the Door of Mercy and fulfilling conditions for obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence.

*“Through indulgences the faithful can obtain the remission of temporal punishment resulting from sin for themselves and also for the souls in purgatory.”*  
(CCC, no. 1498)

*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

### PASSING THE TEST

“Test” is a four-letter word. Spelling tests, driving tests, SATs, all bring a knot to the stomach. Tests are something we would rather forgo, but also something we must undergo. Lent, too, is a four-letter word and is also a kind of test, for the only way to Easter is to pass through Lent.

Today's reading from Deuteronomy commends Israel for its faith in the God who saves. No matter the tribulation, Israel's faith enables it to persevere. This faith/test theme also appears in the reading from Romans. Paul boldly asserts that faith in Christ will see the believer through any trial.

The Gospel passage makes it clear that even Jesus was tested. It describes a test, a struggle between good and evil, that dramatically demonstrates Jesus' faith in the power of God's life in him. This power enables him to overcome temptation. This power is with all of us who celebrate the test of Lent, a power enabling us to pass with flying colors.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: With these three “pillars” of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year at the end of our journey is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH COOKBOOK

An ideal gift or keepsake. Preorders and gift certificates are available by contacting Harriet Shields at 961-1611. Information is also available in the church office. Cookbooks are \$12.00 each. The expected delivery date is the end of April, **but don't wait**—they'll go fast!

## Welcome New Parishioners

Anne DuFault, 5811 Sandview Dr., Pensc. FL 32507  
Shirley Joffrion, 409 Tampico Way, Pensc. FL 32506

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL DRIVE

If you have not returned your Catholic Charities pledge envelope, please take a few minutes now to complete it. The parish goal is to have every family participate to the best of your ability. We ask that you show your love for others through your prayerful generosity to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal and help St. Joseph Parish meet our goal of \$21,700.



### “COFFEE WITH THE PADRE”

is hosted by the Altar Society this month. Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship from 9 AM to 10 AM on the first and third Sunday of each month in IM Hall. We are looking for more volunteers who wish to help our host groups. Please let us know if you can help by signing the schedule on the table in the vestibule or by calling the office.

### ANNUAL LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY

February 19 & 26; March 4, 11 & 28 ~ 5 - 7:30 PM

Saint Bartholomew Benedictine Hall in Elberta  
Adult \$8.00/Child \$4.00. For menu, see bulletin board or call Bill Patton 850-607-7151. Proceeds benefit Saint Benedict Catholic School, Knights of Columbus Council #2736 and St. Bartholomew Catholic Church.



### Men's Conference – CALLED TO LEAD

February 18, 2016 at Corpus Christi Parish in Mobile. Featured speaker is Danny Abramowicz, former NFL star, who currently appears on EWTN's “Crossing the Goal.” An evening of faith and fellowship includes dinner, Mass, and an opportunity for confession. For tickets and more information, please visit [www.corpuschristiparish.com](http://www.corpuschristiparish.com).

### “Cruisin’ with the Crooner” – Thursday, February 23

~ 5:30 PM ~ Orange Beach Community Center ~  
Sponsored by “Michele's Hope,” an organization who will present \$22,000 to eight area agencies that help those in need. Ticket includes buffet dinner, two adult beverages, and entertainment with the music of the '40s and '50s for listening and dancing. For more information, see the bulletin board. Please call Sally McKinney at 251-961-2620 for tickets (\$25).

### PRAYER FOR SOMEONE WHO NEEDS FORGIVENESS

*“Lord, lead [him, her, me, etc.] in the ways of Thy Light and Thy Love and give [them, etc.] the power to follow. Amen.”* From Fr. Richard's Sermon, Jan. 30, 2016

### The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

Anger hurts not you alone, but all who care for you. Be careful what you say, and be careful what you do.

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