



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 27, 2015

### Mass Intentions

**Sunday**  
8:00 AM Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish  
10:30 AM Father Maria (Ordination Anniversary)  
/ Bill & Claire Patton

**Monday**  
8:00 AM ✠ Steve Kuntz / Mick & Susan Donovan

**Tuesday**  
8:00 AM ✠ Stanley Armit / Erika Windhost

**Wednesday**  
8:00 AM ✠ Darlene Hasselback / Ernie Hasselback

**Thursday**  
8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Kuntz (Anniversary) / Family  
**First Friday ~ The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother  
of God – Holy Day of Obligation**

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Parishioners  
7:00 PM ✠ Stanley Armit / Lida Muench

**First Saturday**  
8:00 AM ✠ Reparation to the Immaculate Heart  
of Mary

5:00 PM ✠ Stanley Armit / Mary Denine

**Sunday**  
8:00 AM ✠ Robert Stallworth  
10:30 AM Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

Please contact the office for Mass intentions for a  
deceased loved one or for a special intention.

**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.*



Larry Bovat, Paul **Bruechner**, Patricia Caudill, Deacon  
Pat Clemens, Ginny Cook, Ed Dubin, Ed & Eleanor  
Feeney, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, Antonieta Geronilla,  
**June Henderson**, **Dot Holman**, **Margie Kings**, Joe  
Lacoy, Cece LaManna, Germaine LaPlante, Mary  
Link, Monk Manning, Monroe Matheny, **Sara  
Manning**, Mary Miller, Bob & Margaret Nail, **Vera  
Patterson**, **Marvin Peterson**, Claire Patton, Marsha  
Porter, Sr. M. D. Richardson, **Babe Rohan**, **Anita  
Sanford**, Ruth Sas, Margaret Schaff, Kristie Toohey,  
**Rick Van Norden**, Bootsie Williams, Mary Woods

### ~ Prayer Requests ~

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

### This Week's Schedule

Sunday 11:30 AM **50+ Wedding Anniv. Reception**  
Everyone is invited – IM Hall  
Monday 8:30 AM Rosary Cenacle  
Friday **8: 30-6:00 PM** Sacred Heart Devotion,  
Benediction and Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament.  
**Please sign up for adoration  
in the vestibule.**  
Saturday 8:00 AM First Saturday Devotions  
followed by breakfast in IM  
Hall. All are invited.



### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 83 8 AM = 60 10:30 AM = 87 Total = 230

### STEWARDSHIP

Offertory gift for December 20 = \$2,529.00  
Maintenance = \$125.00

### Our Special Thanks and Appreciation

To all who in any way helped to prepare the church  
and our *liturgical celebrations for Christmas*: sacristans,  
extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors,  
altar servers, music ministers, gift bearers, ushers,  
carolers, cleaners and decorators. Thank you to those  
who filled in where they saw there was a need.

### Christmas Flower Memorials ~ Many Thanks

Larry Bovat	Betty & Elmer Halgren	Louiso (F)
Gene Wabnitz	Fred & Wylene Scott	Tina Carlino
Lawrence Barrett	Rich & Beverage (F)	Chubb & Burns (F)
Andrew B. Cecil	Gladys & Harold Ayres	Fred Scott Family
Doris Mullek	Bess & Walter Kings	Whalen & Mallon
Ophelia Mullek	Sophie & Earl Clayville	Fuller & Roemer
Frank Mullek, Jr.	Olivene & Joseph Lacoy	Bennett Parents
Mary Lou	Mary & John Clancy	Danson & Sganbach
Berkeley Smith	Robert Service, Jr. & Sr.	Howard & Rita
Marti Coluccio	George & Evelyn Baumet	Neumann
Bruce Kittredge	Walter & Mary Willett	Chad DeRamus
Philip T. Bingert	Margaret Ann Mullek	Claire & Paul
Theresa Bingert	Adolf & Christine Schneider	Sullivan
William Wheeler	Fronie & Ben Furmanski	Mary Jo Johnson
Bush godchildren	Susan & Joseph Radtke	Williams & Garney
Omer Lee Richards	Homer, Dorothy & John Rocker	Family



*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

#### HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so  
strong and durable that we use it to describe all  
that is best about human gatherings. We speak of  
the family of nations, of our church and parish  
families. The greatest compliment we can pay a  
friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at  
home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is  
tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of  
three people who lived in the shadow of each  
other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it  
right,” but they always tried to. These three  
“amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got  
lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures  
to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking  
the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—  
to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home  
with his parents.

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today’s feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us  
this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting  
schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the  
limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to  
the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only  
to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with  
the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at  
his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious  
center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people  
gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for  
daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to  
journey to the temple to participate in the offerings  
and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could  
only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse  
of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the  
normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely  
grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in  
Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey  
to holy places that is a symbol of our life’s journey to  
God—and a sense of connection to important events  
in our family history. During the Christmas season,  
many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family  
homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where  
we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a  
beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are  
few better days than this in our calendar for spending  
time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage  
to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left  
behind!



#### Altar Society Epiphany “Potluck”

**Breakfast ~ January 7 at 8:45 a.m.** in IM  
Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome.  
Please bring some food to share. For more  
information, call Margie Schwieterman at 256-0123.



**“Coffee with the Padre”** – Thank you to  
the Parish Council for hosting this past  
month. Next month the CCD Class will be our  
host. If you would like to help **any** of the host  
groups, please let us know by signing the  
schedule on the table in the vestibule or calling  
the office. All are invited to join us for fellowship  
every 1st and 3rd Sunday in the Parish Hall.

**KEEPSAKE PARISH COOKBOOK REMINDER ~** We will  
be collecting recipes until December 31. Recipe  
sheets are available on the table in the vestibule.  
Please fill one out for each recipe and return them  
in the tray provided. **We need at least 50  
participants** to have cookbooks printed. For more  
information, please call Harriet at 251-961-1611.

#### Catholic Social Service Food Pantry

This is the last week to provide nonperishable food  
for the CSS food pantry in Robertsdale. Please place  
items in the container provided in the vestibule. You  
may also bring them to Immaculate Mary Hall and  
put them in the blue container in the classroom.  
Monetary donations are also accepted. Please  
make checks payable to CSS. For more information,  
call Sally McKinney at 961-2620.

#### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS PORK ROAST DINNER

January 24, 2016 – 11 AM to 2 PM – K of C Hall –  
Old Foley Rd and US Hwy 98, Elberta – Dine in or  
carry out. Tickets on sale after the weekend Masses.  
Whole roasts are available (pre-sale only) for \$25.

For additional information, please check the  
flyer on the bulletin board or contact Jim Spencer at  
850-384-5037 or spencerjkn@gulftel.com.

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE – December 31

St. Patrick Parish, 23035 Highway 59N, Robertsdale  
Live music by City Rhythm & Dancing – 8:30 PM -  
12:30 AM. \$15 per person 21 and up. B.Y.O.B. and  
snacks. For more info, please call 251-947-5054.

#### The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

I can't make right the wrong I've done,  
But can ask forgiveness from God's only Son.  
So forgive me Lord the error of my ways,  
And guide me through my remaining days.

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

### First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail	✠ James E. Link	Living & Deceased Kilday Family
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families	✠ Deacon John	Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families	Cartaro	Living & Deceased Fehn Family
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families	✠ Anita Warriner	Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families	✠ Joseph LaManna	Living & Deceased Kearns & Paterson Families
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families	✠ Doris Mullek	Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
Living & Deceased Shields & Self Families	Mignon Kilday	For the Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Living & Deceased Cretaro Family		The Holy Souls in Purgatory