



Second Sunday of Advent December 3 & 4, 2016

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM ✠ Edwin Lee Peters / Ashleigh Riis

Sunday
8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
10:30 AM ✠ Deacon John Cretaro / JoAnne Cretaro

Monday
8:00 AM ✠ Robert Self / Tommy & Harriet Shields

Tuesday
8:00 AM ✠ Bouchard, Barlow, Harlem, Misztal, Costa Families / Steve & Peg Misztal & Families

Wednesday
8:00 AM ✠ Thomas Bouchard / S. & P. Misztal

Thursday – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
8:00 AM SVdP Society, Church, Pope, USA
7:00 PM ✠ Joe Grady / Ashleigh Riis

Friday
8:00 AM ✠ Anita Warriner / Scott Family

Saturday
5:00 PM ✠ Joe Grady / 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, **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**, Stephen Sas, Mary Stenzel, George & Margaret Schaff, **Rick & Pat Van Norden**, Cece Vaness, Sr. Thérèse West

~ 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

TODAY at all Masses	
Sunday 9:00 AM	Parish Council Election - VOTE
Sunday 2:00 PM	"Coffee with the Padre"
	Benedictine Oblate Holy Hour for vocations – Church
Sunday 3:00 PM	Followed by fellowship - IM Hall
	<u>Christmas Songfest</u> – Lillian Community Club
Monday 8:30 AM	Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall
Tuesday 8:30 AM	SVdP Meeting – 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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 64 8 AM = 52 10:30 AM = 84 Total = 200

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Gift for November 27 = \$1,773.00

Maintenance = \$0.00

Archdiocese for The Military Services, USA = \$674.00

Special Collection – **TODAY** – Hurricane Relief

Second Collection – next weekend – Retired Religious

(envelopes are in the pews)



Christmas Flower Envelopes are in the pews. Please fill one out and place it in the offertory collection. Thank you for all you do to help beautify our church.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Joe Lacoy. Our sympathy to his wife, Mary, and their family. May his soul rest in peace. **Also** pray for the soul of our Ruth Sas. Our sympathy to her husband, Steven, and their family. May her soul rest in peace. Arrangements for the Memorial Masses will be announced later.

◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◆

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
	7:00 PM Music by "The Filipino Carolers"
Dec. 19	5:00 PM Advent Parish Confessions

The Season of Advent

The word "advent" comes from the Latin **adventus** meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly of something having great importance.

Of the sacred seasons of the Church Year, Advent is the first, observed during the first four weeks of each new Church year and leading to the celebration of Christmas.

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of God into our world and our lives. Celebrating Advent focuses on promise and fulfillment, darkness and light, hope and joy in anticipation of God's presence with us.

Advent is celebrated not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit and in anticipation of his final coming at the end of time.

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 Robertsedale. Please place items in the container provided in the vestibule or bring them to IM Hall during office hours. Monetary donations are also accepted – make checks payable to CSS. For more information call Sally McKinney.



CSS CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM

Many thanks to all who participated!

CSS ONE HARVEST FOOD MINISTRIES ~ December Menu flyers are available in the vestibule. For more information, call Phyllis Beam at 251-947-2384.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

We are facing a new deadline for printing. Information to be put in the bulletin must be in the office **before** the Monday of the weekend that it needs to be in the bulletin; otherwise it will not be in bulletin until later.

Church Cleaning Calendar – December

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

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

Dec. 10 & 11

Sat.: 5:00 PM

Sun.: 8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Lectors

C. Puglisi

P. Marceau

H. Shields

Ext. Ministers

J. Caudill / Sr. Therese

B. & M. McCandless

T. Danson & K. Service

Gift Bearers

P. & J. Langan

J. & N. Alemany

B. & J. Johnston

Ushers

F. Mullek / Sal Pinzone

R. Geiger / S. Hillestad

J. Crump / B. Jarveis

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES of Mobile is pleased to announce that seminarians from St. John Vianney Seminary will be here in late January 2017. For the past several years, our Archdiocese has been blessed to have seminarians come and serve in our community. They are interested in serving homeowners, parishioners and non-parishioners who might need minor home repairs such as caulking, patching or painting, minor flooring, siding, door and window repairs as well as yard clean-up. Those who are referred will be contacted for an assessment of need, and services will be provided by the seminarians in conjunction with Catholic Social Services. Please contact Joseph Bayer at 251-434-1550, or email jbayer@mobarch.org.

Saint Benedict Catholic School PERFORMANCE CHOIR

invites all supporting parish members to join them in their Advent Celebrations at one of their many activities:

TODAY – 3:00 PM –	Lillian Community Songfest
Dec. 6 – 6:00 PM –	"All About That Baby" – St. Benedict School Musical - 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

SAINT BENEDICT SCHOOL NEWS ~ The final week of the first semester at St. Benedict Catholic School will be filled with all sorts of fun and educational activities. The Performance Choir will be sharing their Christmas spirit at Westminster Senior Living Community in Spanish Fort with a concert for independent living residents and caroling in the assisted living and nursing home wings. All classes will be celebrating the birth of Jesus with class parties and Mass. In addition to these activities, students will be collecting baby items for the 13 children now living at Mary's Shelter. We are happy to share our love through song and deed with those in our surrounding community.

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.

Joy is prayer – Joy is strength – Joy is love – Joy is the net of love by which we can catch souls."

—Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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.