



## Fourth Sunday of the Year

January 31, 2016

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday – Catholic Schools Week

8:00 AM K. of C. Council #2736 & Families  
10:30 AM Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

#### Monday

8:00 AM Patricia Hanolt / R. & B. Fortunati

#### Tuesday – The Presentation of Our Lord

8:00 AM †Vincent Schwieterman / Margie S.

#### Wednesday

8:00 AM Sick & troubled seeking intercession of  
Frederick Ozanam

#### Thursday

8:00 AM Living members of Alemany & Rosado  
Families / John & Nancy Alemany

#### First Friday

8:00 AM Joseph & Rebecca McCandless

#### First Saturday

8:00 AM Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary  
5:00 PM Thanksgiving to St. Joseph / Anonymous

#### Sunday

8:00 AM Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish  
10:30 AM †Ed Feeney / Altar Society

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**

**Visiting Priests:** Fr. Angel Paris - weekdays  
Fr. Richard Altenbaugh - weekends

#### 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, Pat  
Chubb, Deacon Pat Clemens, Ginny Cook, Ed Dubin,  
Eleanor Feeney, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, Antonieta  
Geronilla, **June Henderson**, **Dot Holman**, **Marvin  
Jenkins**, **Margie Kings**, Barbara Kuntz, 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, 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

### 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

Sunday	9:00 AM	<b>K of C Communion/Breakfast</b> IM Hall – members & families
Monday	8:30 AM	Rosary Cenacle
Tuesday	8:30 AM	SVdP Meeting – IM Hall
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Adult Faith Formation Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Choir Practice – Church
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Catechism Class – IM Hall
Thursday	8:30 AM	Altar Society Meeting – IMH All women are welcome.
Thursday	5:30 PM	RCIA/Faith Formation–IM Hall
Thursday	8:00 AM	K of C & Auxiliary Meeting at Council Home. For more info, call Bill Patton at 850-607-7151 or Peg Slevin at 961-3055.
Friday	8:30 – 7:00 PM	First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion, Benediction and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. <b>Sign up for adoration in the vestibule.</b>
Saturday	8:00 AM	First Saturday Devotions

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 107 8 AM = 74 10:30 AM = 80 Total = 261

#### STEWARDSHIP

Offertory gift for January 24 = \$1,998.00

Maintenance = \$135.00

Special collection - **next weekend** - for visiting priests

### 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.

~ Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance with the  
intention of shunning a sinful way of life;

~ Participate at Mass and receive Holy Communion  
within a reasonable period after making one's  
Confession;

~ Pass through the Jubilee Door of Mercy;

~ Pray the Creed and a prayer for the Intentions of  
the Holy Father;

~ And for this Jubilee year of Mercy, perform a  
Corporal Work of Mercy.

~ It is recommended, but not required, to recite the  
Jubilee Year Prayer written by Pope Francis.

## Gospel Reflections

### AN ONGOING MISSION

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are  
amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each  
other, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

Surely the people know who he is: the carpenter's  
son, the young man who had learned in this very  
synagogue, the boy down the street.

Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in  
a new way. When he compares himself to the  
ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha, the tensions grow.  
The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a  
new mission for God's people: the good news of the  
scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the  
Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature  
of love. Love does not come to an end. In today's  
readings, we are reminded that like love, Jesus'  
mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the  
crowd of persecutors and moves on to new  
challenges. We are called to this same perseverance  
in the name of love.

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Tuesday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the  
blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles?  
In the first years of the Church, worship was often at  
night, and candles and torches were carried from place  
to place within the worship space as needed. Candles  
were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when  
people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in  
large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But  
even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean  
light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the  
partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees,  
gathered and fashioned by human hands into something  
beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the  
candle surrenders itself, almost as if it were pouring  
itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The  
candle of baptism, placed into our hands and carried  
again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If  
you would save your life, you must lose it. You must  
pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled  
with the light of his love.

#### Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday - TODAY

Our goal is that all parishioners participate to  
the best of their abilities. Please return your envelope  
and save our Parish Chair a phone call. The basic  
pledge is \$504 per year, and our parish goal is  
\$21,700.

If you are unable to give the basic pledge,  
please give what you can; no amount is too big or  
too small. Envelopes are available in the pews and  
at church entrances. Please address questions to our  
Parish Chairpersons, Harriet and Tommy Shields, at  
251-961-1611. God bless you for your generosity.

**St. Joseph Parish Cookbook** will make  
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. The expected delivery date is the  
end of April, **but don't wait**—they'll go fast!



**"Coffee with the Padre"** – Next week our  
host will be the Altar Society. All are invited  
to join us from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM for fellowship on  
the first and third Sundays of each month in IM Hall.

This is **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**, a national  
celebration established to promote and celebrate  
Catholic schools. This year's theme is **Catholic Schools  
– Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.**

- \* Monday - Open House at St. Benedict School 9 AM  
to 2 PM. Celebrating municipal communities and  
first responders by writing them thank-you notes.
- \* Tuesday – Celebrating students with dress-down  
day and movie.
- \* Wednesday – Celebrating our nation: students will  
create Valentine's Day cards for veterans at Wm F.  
Green Veterans Home.
- \* Thursday – Celebrating vocations with a luncheon  
for priests and deacons of our supporting parishes.
- \* Friday – Celebrating parents and volunteers with  
a classroom visit and talent show in gym at 1 PM.

#### SAVE THE DATE ~ Valentine Dinner & Dance

February 14, 2016 – 5:00 PM – St. Bartholomew Parish  
Hall sponsored by Council 2736 Knights of Columbus  
and Ladies Auxiliary. Tickets are available after Mass  
or call Pea Slevin at 961-3055.

#### "Now and at the Hour of Our Death"

#### Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

Presentation – February 7, 2016 – 4:00 PM in the Parish  
Hall of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Gulf Shores.

### Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

We are offered the gift to adore our Lord in the Most  
Blessed Sacrament this Friday. There should be at  
least two people in the church at all times. Adoration  
gives us the opportunity to be face to face with our  
Lord in silent adoration and prayer or to simply keep  
Him company, just as we would a dear friend.

#### REMINDER ~ "Divine Mercy for America" Novena

begins on the first day of each 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

Saint or sinner, which will it be?

One is hard, the other easy.

You may not reach the mountain high,

But at least you can try.

So do your best and try each day,

And let God show you the way.