



Fourth Sunday of the Year January 28 & 29, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM † Jerry Chubb / Patricia Chubb
Sunday ~ Catholic Schools Week
8:00 AM Knights of Columbus Council
10:30 AM Mary Kittredge / William Miller
Monday
8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro / Jo Ann Cretaro
Tuesday
8:00 AM Missionaries of the Heralds of Good News/
Richard & Barbara Fortunati
Wednesday
8:00 AM † Vincent Schwieterman / M. Schwieterman
Thursday ~ The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas Day
8:00 AM Cece LaManna
First Friday ~ Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats
8:00 AM Memorial Mass Association Members
First Saturday
8:00 AM Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 PM † Betty Ohsowski / Debra Green

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.



Edith Scott Ashworth, Martha Broz, Pat Chubb, Pat & Sheila Clemens, Peter Colombaro, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, Barbara & Elizabeth Edwards, Nicole Fehn, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, **June Henderson**, Shirley Joffrion, **Judy Jordan**, Mary Link, **Curtis Malone**, Ann-Marie Mann, Monk Manning, Richard Muller, Bob & Margaret Nail, Arthur Nichols, Richard Peterson, Jerome Radtke, Annie Rutledge, **Anita Sanford**, Harriet Shields, Mary Stenzel, Margaret Schaff, Sr. Thérèse, **Rick** & Pat Van Norden, Cece Vaness

~ Prayer Requests ~

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

If you know of someone or if you are homebound, ill, due to have surgery, or in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor or receive the sacraments, please call the rectory or the office.

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

Sunday 8:30 AM K of C Corporate Communion
Breakfast – IM Hall
Monday 8:30 AM Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall
Wednesday 9:00 AM Adult Faith Formation
Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday 10:30 AM Choir Practice
Wednesday 11:30 AM Chair Aerobics – IMH
Wednesday 4:30 PM Catechism Class – IM Hall
Thursday 8:30 AM Altar Society Meeting – IM Hall
Thursday 8:00 PM Knights of Columbus meeting
at Council Home, Elberta
Info: Bill Patton, 850-607-7151
Friday 8:30 AM–7:00 PM First Friday Sacred Heart
Devotion, Benediction and
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament. **Please sign up for
adoration in vestibule.**
Saturday 8:00 AM First Saturday Devotions
followed by breakfast - IM Hall
Everyone is invited.



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 63 8:00 AM = 73 10:30 AM = 80 Total = 216
STEWARDSHIP
Offertory Gift for January 22 = \$1,806.00
Maintenance = \$.00

End-of-Year Tax Report ~ Anyone needing their contributions for 2016 may call the church office.

Quarterly Offertory Envelopes ~ If you have not registered as a parishioner or are not receiving your offertory envelopes, please contact the office. Census registration cards for new parishioners and welcome envelopes for visitors are available in the vestibule.

54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA for an end to abortion and God's Peace and Justice for the United States continues every day in church at 3:00 PM through February 28.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

We are offered the gift to adore our Lord in the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament this Friday. 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. There should be at least two people in the church at all times.

Gospel Reflections

GOD'S WAYS ~ If we itemized the top eight things that bring us happiness, what items might show up on the list? A hefty bank account? A Caribbean cruise or African safari? A shopping mall marathon? Season tickets for the hometown team? A new car? If we already have some of these things, most likely we know they don't bring us true happiness. Fact is, they probably bring us more aggravation—items to return or repair, one more object for people to argue over. Today's scriptures point us toward the things that bring us true joy. The words of all three passages conflict with our society's conviction that fortune, fame, and power are the sought-after treasures of life. God's ways are not the ways of our popular culture, after all, and today's readings help point us in the right direction.



"Coffee with the Padre"

Thank you to the Altar Society, who is our February host. Everyone is invited to join us for good food and fellowship next Sunday from 9 AM to 10 AM. **We extend our appreciation** also to those who bring the delicious food and offer their help.

BINGO ~ Every Thursday ~ January through March at St. Thomas by-the-Sea Catholic Church in Orange Beach, AL. Early Bird games start at 5:30 PM and the regular games start at 6:30 PM. **Food Concession Stand Serves** hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and homemade soup or chili and desserts. **ALL** proceeds go to Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast, a home located in Elberta for homeless pregnant mothers.

BAKE SALE AND MORE ~ February 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. hosted by the Altar Rosary Society of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Gulf Shores. Besides a delicious selection of baked goods for sale, there will be homemade candy, homemade soups, mosaic pots and other craft items as well as a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing. The sale will be in the Parish Hall next to the church at 308 E. 22nd Ave. All proceeds from the sale will go to support their many charitable efforts.

Church Cleaning – February 2017

Restrooms, etc. – Charlene & Jason Crump
Floors/Pews – Marlene Fuller, Betty Mullen
A schedule is posted on the bulletin board. If you are not able to keep your commitment, call Harriet Shields.
Instructions are posted on cabinet door in sink closet.
PLEASE NOTE: Help is needed for **March and April**.

Feb. 4 & 5

Sat: 5:00 PM
Sun: 8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Lectors

S. Henkel
L. Willis
T. Bryant

Ext. Ministers

M. Donovan / P. Marceau
J. & N. Alemany
B. & J. Johnston

Gift Bearers

M. Miller / F. Wabnitz
S. McKinney / B. Brennan
J. & C. Crump

Ushers

F. Mullek / Sal Pinzone
R. Geiger / B. Brennan
J. Crump / B. Jarveis

Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday - TODAY

Each parishioner is asked to prayerfully consider making a pledge. The basic Pledge is \$540.00 per year. We ask that everyone complete and return a pledge envelope and give whatever they can. No amount is too big or too small. Please help St. Joseph Parish meet our goal this year of \$21,700 and obtain 100% participation. God bless you for your generosity.

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 29 to February 4

This year's theme is *Faith, Knowledge and Service*. During this week, students will honor the military, make posters to show why they love their school, show how they appreciate their teachers, learn about vocations and also celebrate the student body through a talent show. Archbishop Rodi will celebrate Mass on February 3. Last week two students won the SBCS Spelling Bee and will represent SBCS at the Archdiocesan Bee on February 2.

"LOVE IS FOR GIVING" ~ Scholarship Fundraiser sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Columbus Council 2736 on February 10 at 6:30 PM at the St. John Paul II Center at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Foley. Guest speaker Todd Sylvester is a dynamic Catholic speaker and high school Youth Minister at St. Lawrence in Fairhope. For more information, check the poster on the bulletin board or call Teresa Rhodes at 251-928-7210.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

According to the Acts, while Blaise was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat.

In many places on the day of his feast, the blessing of St. Blaise is given. Two candles are consecrated, generally by a prayer, and then are held in a crossed position by a priest over the heads of the faithful, or the people are touched on the throat with them. At the same time, the following blessing is given: *"May Almighty God at the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, preserve you from infections of the throat and from all other afflictions."* Then the priest makes the sign of the cross over the faithful.

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

If your anger gets you down – stop and pray.
If you always wear a frown – stop and pray.
For nothing can be worse than anger's ugly curve,
So turn your face to the ground – and start to pray.