

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God December 31, 2016 & January 1, 2017



Mass Intentions

Saturday ~ New Year's Eve - World Day of Peace

5:00 PM † Jerry Chubb / Patricia Chubb

Sunday ~ New Year's Day

9:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro / J. A. Cretaro

Monday

8:00 AM Mary Sullivan Jones / Deacon R. & H. S.

Tuesday ~ The Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 AM † Robert Stallworth / M. Schwieterman

Wednesday ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 AM Bryan Sullivan / Deacon / R. & H. Sullivan

Thursday ~ St. John Neumann

8:00 AM † Marie Schwieterman / M. Schwieterman

First Friday

8:00 AM Memorial Mass Association Members

First Saturday

8:00 AM Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 PM Isabelle Yaroch / Ashley 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 & Sheila Clemens, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, Barbara & Elizabeth Edwards, Nicole Fehn, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, **June Henderson**, **Judy Jordan**, Mary Link, **Curfis Malone**, Monk Manning, Richard Muller, Bob & Margaret Nail, Arthur Nichols, Richard Peterson, Annie Rutledge, **Anita Sanford**, 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	2:00 PM	Benedictine Oblate Holy Hour for vocations – Church Followed by fellowship – IM Hall
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
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 Epiphany "Pot Luck" Breakfast/Meeting All women of the parish are invited to join us.
Thursday	8:00 PM	Knights of Columbus at Council Home in Elberta
Friday	8:30 AM–7:00 PM	First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion, Benediction and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up for adoration. (See below)



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

6:30 PM = 105 9 PM = 42 9:00 AM = 66 Total = 213

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Gift for December 25 = \$3,080.75
Maintenance = \$10.00

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.

WELCOME ~ Thank you for attending Mass with us today. We welcome all our visitors and new members and invite you to join in the ministries of our parish by sharing your gifts and talents. If you are not currently a registered member and wish to be, please fill out a census card in the vestibule or contact the parish office. Offertory envelopes are mailed quarterly and are also available at the office.

Gospel Reflections

THE PRESENT ~ The story goes that some time ago a man punished his 5-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he became even more upset when the child pasted the gold paper to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift box to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy." The father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger glared again when he found the box was empty. He spoke to her in a harsh manner, "Don't you know, young lady, when you give a present there's supposed to be something inside the package?"

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was full." The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his little girl, and he begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later and it is told that the father kept that gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. And whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box and take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us as human beings have been given a golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends — and GOD. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA ~ for an end to abortion and God's Peace and Justice on the United States. Begins First Friday, January 6, every day at 3 PM in church through Tuesday, February 28, the day before Ash Wednesday.

Church Cleaning – January 2016

Restrooms, etc. – Charlene & Jason Crump

Floors/Pews – Marlene Fuller

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.

ATTENTION: Mary Stenzel is very sick and will not be returning this winter. Please volunteer to help Marlene for one of the months from January through April.

January 7 & 8

Sat.: 5:00 PM

Sun: 8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Lectors

P. Marceau

J. Zieman

R. Fortunati

Ext. Ministers

J. Caudill / Sr. Thérèse

J. & N. Alemany

T. Danson / K. Service

Christmas Flower Memorials ~ Many Thanks

Larry Bovat
Renetta Lutz
Lawrence Barrett
David Zielinski
James McCardle
Donell Trosclair
Phine Accomando
Henry Trosclair
Randy Rumbelow
Gene Wabnitz

Chubb & Burns Families
Sammy & Lawrence Roppolo
Gawn & Clarence Ard
Louiso Family
Walter & Mary Willett
All the Willett, Beverage, Mallon,
Ayres, Whalen, Dellerenta, and
Rimple Families
Danson & Sgambate Families
Elvin & Eleanor LeFebvre



"Epiphany Coffee with the Padre"

January 8 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Our January hosts are the CCD parents, teachers and students. Everyone is invited to join us for good food and fellowship from 9 AM to 10 AM.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY NEWS ~ Our St. Joseph Conference is again collecting food for their clients. A donation basket is provided in the vestibule and IM Hall for your convenience. Thank you!

The launch of the **World Apostolate of Fatima's U.S. Tour for Peace** is coming to our Diocese! The epic journey across the U.S. is to allow Our Lady of Fatima, the Queen of Peace, to claim her dominion over our country and to bring the message of Fatima, the Peace Plan from heaven, to the world in need.

January 9 at Cathedral Basilica of Immaculate Conception, 2 S. Claiborne St. in Mobile — Holy Mass will be at 12:10 p.m., Exposition before 11:00 a.m. and a talk at the conclusion of Mass. A bus from St. Margaret of Scotland in Foley will be leaving at 10 a.m.

Please call Mary Rivers for details at 1-251-929-3819.

TEEN SEARCH RETREAT ~ The Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry sponsors the SEARCH Retreat for high school teens on Friday, January 6 through Sunday, January 8, 2017 at Fort Faith in Ramer, AL. This retreat is "for teens, by teens." On a SEARCH retreat, young people experience a strong Catholic faith community, SEARCH team testimonies, small groups, prayer, sacraments, and more. Registration is \$100 and covers lodging, meals, and materials for the weekend; however, do not let cost be an issue as some scholarships are available. For more information and to register, call the Office of Youth Ministry, 251-433-4138, or visit www.ArchMobYouth.org/Search.



The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail
Lord, grant me compassion that I may be as forgiving of others as you are of me.

Gift Bearers

M. Miller / F. Wabnitz

S. McKinney / B. Brennan

J. Crump / C. Crump

Ushers

F. Mullek / Sal Pinzone

R. Geiger / B. Brennan

J. Crump / B. Jarveys