



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

Mass Intentions

Sunday

8:00 AM Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

10:30 AM † Steve Kuntz / Family

Monday – Memorial Mass

10:00 AM † Ted Geraets / Family

Tuesday

8:00 AM Janell Chubb Quarderer / Pat Chubb

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Thursday

8:00 AM Stephen McCandless / Family

First Friday

8:00 AM Memorial Mass Association Members

Saturday

8:00 AM Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary

5:00 PM Mary Jo Carlisle / B. & M. McCandless

Sunday

8:00 AM † Bouchard, Barlow, Harlan & Misztal families / Steve & Peg Misztal

10:30 AM Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

Please contact the secretary 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, Susan Henderson, Dot Holman, Margie Kings, Joe Lacey, Cece LaManna, Germaine LaPlante, Mary Link, Monk Manning, Sara Manning, Mary Miller, Bob & Margaret Nail, Vera Patterson, Marvin Peterson, Sandra Perkins, Claire Patton, Marsha Porter, Sr. M. D. Richardson, Babe Rohan, Anita Sanford, Ruth Sas, Margaret Schaff, Kristie Toohey, Rick Van Norden, Bootsie Williams

~ 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 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

Cartaro

† Anita Warriner

† Joseph LaManna

† Doris Mullek

Mignon Kilday

Living & Deceased Kilday Family

Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families

Living & Deceased Fehn Family

Living & Deceased Lacey & 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

Wednesday 9:00 AM

Wednesday 10:30 AM

Wednesday 4:30 PM

Thursday 6:30 PM

Thursday 8:30 AM

Thursday 8:00 PM

Friday 8:30 – 7:00 PM



Faith Formation – Bible Study

Choir Practice – Church

Catechism Class – IM Hall

RCIA Classes – IM Hall

Altar Society Meeting – IMH

Christmas Party - Pot Luck

All women are welcome.

Knights of Columbus and

Auxiliary Meeting at Council

Home, Elberta. For more info,

call Bill Patton at 850-607-7151

or Peg Slevin at 961-3055.

First Friday Sacred Heart

Devotion, Benediction and

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament. **Please sign up for**

adoration in the vestibule.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 71 8 AM = 74 10:30 AM = 78 Total = 223

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory gift for November 22 = \$2,087.50

Maintenance = \$119.00

Campaign for Human Development = \$433.73

SVdP Special Second Collection - TODAY

◆ MARK YOUR Calendar ◆

Dec. 6 – 3:00 PM Christmas Song Fest – Lillian Community Club (see article)

Dec. 8 (Holy Day) Feast of Immaculate Conception

Dec. 12 – 6:00 PM Christmas Dinner Party – IM Hall
Check future bulletins for information.

Welcome New Parishioners

Jack and Carole Kinsler, 1908 Torres Lane, Lillian, 36549

Kathleen Logan, 292 Buena Vista Circle, Lillian, 36549

Pray for the Dead

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Stanley Armit, who died this past week. Our sympathy to his wife, Theresa, and their family. May his soul rest in peace. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Memorial Mass for Ted Geraets will be Monday, November 30, at 10:00 AM. with burial at Barrancas at 11:45 AM. May his soul rest in peace.

Gospel Reflections

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

GIFTS for CSS CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM



must be returned **TODAY**. For more information, call Sally McKinney at 961-2610 or email dennism@gulftel.com.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SONG FEST

December 6 – 3:00 PM – Lillian Community Club
There will be nine churches participating. We have a group of singers representing our parish. **PLEASE come and support their efforts.** Saint Benedict Catholic School Performance Choir will also be performing. This event is sponsored by Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church. If you like, you may bring a "goodie" for the reception after the singing. They will also be collecting food for the poor.

KEEPSAKE PARISH COOKBOOK REMINDER ~ We will be collecting recipes until December 31. Collection sheets are available on the table in the vestibule. For more information, please call Harriet at 251-961-1611.



SINGERS ARE NEEDED for our **Christmas Eve Prelude** before the 9:00 PM Mass. If you can help, please call the office or Kim Kaminski at 850-458-0304 to set up a time and date for practice.

TO BE Options for Pregnant Women

Please return your "Baby Bottles" to church or IM Hall when full so they can be picked up December 5 & 6.

Catholic Social Service Food Pantry

December is our month to provide nonperishable food for the CSS food pantry in Robertsdale. Please place items in the container provided in the vestibule. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please make checks payable to CSS. For more information, call Sally McKinney at 961-2620.

Our Congratulations to Mr. Tom Shields, who has been selected as the honoree from St. Joseph Parish to receive the Christ the King Medal. The honor was conferred last Sunday by Archbishop Thomas Rodi at the Christ the King Celebration during the 11:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral-Basilica of Immaculate Conception in Mobile. This medal is given to those who are recognized for exemplary service to their parish community.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Please pick up a ballot today in the vestibule and **VOTE**. Return ballots next weekend and place them in the containers provided at church entrances. **Your participation can make a difference!** We thank you for your interest in helping our parish grow. For more information, call Bill Patton at 961-1611.



Christmas Flowers - Please fill out an envelope located in the pews and return them in the offertory collection. Thank you for all you do to beautify our church.



"Coffee with the Padre" – Thank you

to our SVdP Conference for hosting this month's Breakfasts. Our Parish Council will be the host in December. 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 Immaculate Mary Hall.

53RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Parish, Foley, AL – December 5 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Enjoy Spaghetti Dinners plus other food and items, including Silent Auction. **See poster on bulletin board** for list and time of events.

Offertory Envelopes ~ If you are a new parishioner or are not receiving envelopes, they are available in the office. Please call the office for information.

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.

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

Thank you, Lord, for answering prayers

Though the answers be "No."

For you do what's best for me,

Your love for me to show.

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