



Fourth Sunday of Easter April 23-24, 2016

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM ✠ Arthur LaRoche / Florence Wabnitz
Sunday
8:00 AM Margie Schwieterman / R. & B. Fortunati
10:30 AM ✠ Canonization of Frederick Ozanum
Monday
8:00 AM ✠ Robert Stallworth / M. Schwieterman
Tuesday
8:00 AM Helen McCandless / McCandless
Wednesday
8:00 AM ✠ Joe & Isabel Mullek / McCandless
Thursday
8:00 AM Ditrinis Family / R. & B. Fortunati
Friday
8:00 AM Marc & Rosanne Gongola / McCandless
Saturday
5:00 PM ✠ Jerry Chubb / Patricia Chubb

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

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.



Paul Bruechner, Alane Burleson, Ginny Cook, Vincent Cooke, **Jim** & Dot Davis, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, Nicole Fehn, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, Antonieta Geronilla, **June Henderson**, Margaret Henson, **Marvin Jenkins**, **Judy Jordan**, **Margie Kings**, Joe Lacoy, Cece LaManna, Germaine LaPlante, Mary Link, Evan Linville, **Sara Manning**, Bob & Margaret Nail, **Vera Patterson**, Claire Patton, Marsha Porter, **Anita Sanford**, Ruth Sas, Margaret Schaff, Margie Schwieterman, Harriet Shields, **Rick Van Norden**, Bootsie Williams, Theresa Wilmeth

~ 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	✠ James E. Link	Living & Deceased Kilday Family
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families	✠ Deacon John Cartaro	Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families	✠ Anita Warriner	Living & Deceased Fehn Family
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families	✠ Joseph LaManna	Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families	✠ Doris Mullek	Living & Deceased Kearns & Paterson Families
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families	Mignon Kilday	Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
Living & Deceased Shields & Self Families		For the Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Living & Deceased Cretaro Family		The Holy Souls in Purgatory

This Week's Schedule

Monday	8:30 AM	Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall
Monday	6:00 PM	Parish Council Meeting – IMH
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	5:30 PM	RCIA Classes – IM Hall

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 72 8 AM = 56 10:30 AM = 92 Total = 220

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory gift for April 17 = \$2,050.00

Maintenance = \$137.00

CELEBRATE THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH

on St. Joseph the Worker Feast Day – May 1

10:30 AM Mass – Crowning of the statue of the Blessed

Virgin Mary and honoring Marriage Anniversaries of 25-50 Years of Life. Please sign your name on the sheet in the vestibule or call the office before April 27.

After Mass we will celebrate with a **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** in IM Hall and “Welcome Our New Parishioners.”

Bring your favorite dish. Parish will provide the meat.

TODAY'S READINGS (Sunday)

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas reported how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:21-27).

Psalms — I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — God's dwelling is with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel — This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
	or (for memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Gospel Reflections

THE WAYS OF LOVE ~ One can feel the energy of a young, growing church in today's first reading. For Paul and Barnabas, it's smooth sailing. For the sponsoring church at Antioch, good news. The second reading—a vision—offers a picture of triumph, pure and simple. We might paraphrase God's direct words to read: “Don't you see? I make all things new!”

The young church remains new and young to this day if and when it follows the command Jesus lays down in the Gospel: “Love one another.” The attitude and actions of love define the disciples and identify them with their master. Every person on this earth can be a disciple. For discipleship does not depend on learning or sophistication or age or arcane knowledge of secret cults. We are asked to study and practice the ways of love, right here and right now in the company of ordinary people.



“COFFEE WITH THE PADRE”

Host for May is our SVdP Conference. Everyone is invited to join us for good food and fellowship from 9 AM to 10 AM on the first and third Sunday of each month in IM Hall. To help our host groups, please sign the schedule on the table in the vestibule or call the office.

NOTE: There will not be a Coffee on May 1st.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is open from 9 AM to 11 AM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. A basket for nonperishable items is in the vestibule for your convenience or you may place them in the container in Immaculate Mary Hall. Thank you!

NOTE: On Tuesday, May 10, a representative from SMAP (Alabama Food Stamps) program will be in IM Hall to assist our St. Vincent DePaul Conference participants or anyone in need with applications and/or to answer any questions you might have.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COOKBOOK

Cookbooks are \$12.00 each and are an ideal gift or keepsake. They are available in the office, or contact Harriet Shields at 961-1611.



FALL YARD SALE ~ While spring cleaning, please save your “stuff.” For details, call Harriet Shields 961-1611.

NOTE: If anyone is homebound and would like to receive the Sacraments, please call church office.

<u>April 30/May 1</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ext. Ministers</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat: 5:00 PM	P. Marceau	M. Donovan / P. Marceau	P. Chubb / M. Graver	F. Mullek / J-H. Allen
Sun: 8:00 AM	B. Patton	B. & M. McCandless	B. Brennan / S. McKinney	R. Geiger/ B. Partridge
10:30 AM	M. Cote	T. Danson / K. Service	B. & W. Zielinski	J. Crump / B. Jarveis

“Many hands make light work.”

We are very grateful for those who are pitching in whenever and wherever they can, however, **more help is always needed, welcome, and greatly appreciated.** In this “Age of Volunteerism,” people are *making* time to serve others – somewhere! Our parish provides a variety of opportunities in which you can share your time, talent and treasure with us.

At this time we especially need two people (men/women) to volunteer to clean the church floor weekly for one month a year beginning May 2016. Please sign the Church Cleaning Schedule in the vestibule indicating which month you can help.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Frequent fliers today have many ways to accrue air miles, so one doesn't always have to endure long hours in cramped seats to earn free hours in cramped seats. In St. Paul's day, there were no such perks, nor would there have been any legal system for him to protest the shipwrecks he endured. He had other rewards in mind. The churches that he established in the catalogue of cities from today's first reading must have been very different from one another. Language, culture, customs, religious history, obstacles to community, social challenges, the places where they met, their clothing, their bread and wine, all distinct, particular to the area.

There were social customs as well: in a Christian household, the only place where a slave would be able to stand legally as an equal with the master would be at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways that people lived their Christian lives and how their worship reflected them. It is much the same today as a global Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into his body.

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

Do you think you're unimportant; does God really care? Will you get an answer when you go to Him in prayer?

It is hard to imagine with so many here below, That God has the time for you, His love for you to show. So by Faith you should stand and try to live each day, In the steps of Jesus who will guide you on your way.

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