



Third Sunday of the Year January 24, 2016 Mass Intentions

Sunday

8:00 AM Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish
10:30 AM Fr. Joseph Mudavankunnel, MSFS /
Richard & Barbara Fortunati

Monday

8:00 AM Elizabeth P. Fayard /Pat & Joyce Langan

Tuesday

8:00 AM William & Christie McCandless

Wednesday

8:00 AM Stephen McCandless /B. & M. McCandless

Thursday

8:00 AM Thomas Gardner / James Ellsworth &
Barbara Van Wagner

Friday

8:00 AM †Deceased Alemany & Rosado Families

Saturday

5:00 PM †Jerry Chubb / Patricia Chubb

Sunday

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

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

Please welcome this week's celebrant, Fr. Angel
Paris. Fr. Richard Altenbaugh will be celebrating all
weekend Masses in January.

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, Antonietta
Geronilla, **June Henderson**, **Dot Holman**, **Marvin
Jenkins**, **Margie Kings**, Barbara Kuntz, Joe Lacoy

Pray for the Dead

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Ed
Feeney, whose Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday
at 10:30 AM at Little Flower Catholic Church in
Pensacola. Our sympathy to his wife, Eleanor, and
their family. May his soul rest in peace.

~ Prayer Requests ~

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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

Monday 8:30 AM Rosary Cenacle

Wednesday 9:00 AM Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study – IM Hall

Wednesday 4:30 PM Catechism Class – IM Hall

Thursday 5:30 PM RCIA Class – IM Hall

NOTE: Beth Bush is facilitator for the class until Fr. Maria
returns. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 108 8 AM = 74 10:30 AM = 88 Total = 270

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory gift for January 17 = \$2,086.00

Maintenance = \$63.00

Extraordinary Holy Year – The Jubilee of Mercy

Jubilee Door of Mercy ~ The initial rite of the
Jubilee is the opening of the Holy Door. This door is
one which is only opened during the Holy year at
the Major Basilicas of Rome. For those not able to
make a Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome, each
Diocesan Bishop is able to designate churches in his
diocese that are Holy Year Pilgrimage Churches.
These churches will contain a designated door as
the Jubilee Door of Mercy.

The rite of opening the Holy Door illustrates
symbolically the idea that during the Jubilee, the
faithful are offered an “extraordinary pathway”
toward salvation.

The opportunity for people to pass through a
Jubilee Door of Mercy not only offers them the
extraordinary opportunity to gain the Jubilee Year
indulgence, but also the opportunity to live the
Jubilee as a pathway of conversion.

The Cathedral-Basilica in Mobile is one of six
Door of Mercy sites designated by Archbishop Rodi
in our Archdiocese. Others include St. Peter Parish
and St. Jude Parish in Montgomery, Holy Redeemer
Parish in Eufaula, St. Martin of Tours Parish in Troy
and Our Lady of the Gulf Parish in Gulf Shores.

*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.*

Gospel Reflections

TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches
out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge
by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be “a
year acceptable to the Lord.” And Jesus surely didn't
mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days
facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the “arrival” of God's
favor, it was a message for all time, for every year.
Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people
gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as
though for the first time. They listened and then fell to
the ground and wept. But the prophet said, “Today is
holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep.”

The “year acceptable to the Lord” is this year. The
day that is “holy” is this day. The time to listen is now.
What sort of year will you have? What sort of day?
God's help is always here. What you do with each
day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you
but listen to and act on God's word.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The song of the angels, “Holy, Holy, Holy,” resounds
from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread
belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred
creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note.
Music and a sense of God's presence have always been
inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this
song as the priest names the reasons for our praise.
“Heaven and earth are full of your glory,” and we are not
passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic
prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but
gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be
suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are
called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the
full range of newly discovered vocal abilities. Soon we
get shushed and hushed into quiet and given lots of
messages that our voices are unwanted and that we need
to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is
overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear
us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven,
everyone's in the choir; why not start practicing now?

85th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal

January 31 is Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday. Our
goal is that all parishioners will participate to the best
of their abilities. Please return your envelope and
save our Parish Chair a phone call. If you are unable
to give the basic pledge, please give what you can;
no amount is too big or too small. Place it in the
collection basket or drop it by the parish office this
week. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews.
God bless you for your generosity. Deacon George
Yeend will speak at all Masses today. Please address
questions to our Parish Chairpersons, Harriet and
Tommy Shields, at 251-961-1611.

St. Joseph Parish Cookbook News



Our treasured collection of recipes from
many outstanding cooks has been sent to
the publisher. This cookbook will make an ideal gift or
keepsake. **Preorders and gift certificates are available
by contacting Harriet Shields at 961-1611.** Information will
also be available in the church office. Expected delivery
date is the end of April, **but don't wait**—they'll go fast!



“Coffee with the Padre”

– Thank you to
the CCD Class, who were our hosts and
also their helpers for January. Next month our host is
the Altar Society. 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 “between the
Masses” for fellowship every 1st and 3rd Sunday in
Immaculate Mary Hall.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Please place nonperishable items in the container
provided in the classroom in IM Hall. Because January
is Catholic Charities month, our next door solicitation
will be February 21. Thank you for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus Council #2736

Corporate Communion Breakfast

January 31 - 8:30 AM in IM Hall ~ All Knights and
Ladies Auxiliary members and their families are invited.

Justice is to extend or receive the kindness
that one deserves.

Mercy is to extend or receive greater kindness
than one deserves.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

~ Feed the hungry ~ Visit the sick
~ Give drink to the thirsty ~ Visit the imprisoned
~ Shelter the homeless ~ Bury the dead
~ Clothe the naked ~ Give alms to the poor

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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Information to be put in the bulletin must be in the
office by the Monday before the weekend that it needs
to be in the bulletin.

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

There'll be no Peace on Earth
Until the Son of Man returns.
Seek ye all from God above
As in your heart love burns.

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