



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 5-6, 2016

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM Christian Lundy (Birthday) / Fortunati
Sunday
8:00 AM Sherri Cook (Birthday) / R. & B. Fortunati
10:30 AM †Kathleen Gradwell (Anniv.) / S. Barnett
Monday
8:00 AM Bobbie & Johnnie Floyd / Hilderbrandt
Tuesday
8:00 AM Jason Todd / J. & P. Hilderbrandt
Wednesday
8:00 AM John & Connie Chubb / Patricia Chubb
Thursday
8:00 AM †Sr. Francis Ann, RSM / R. & B. Fortunati
Friday - Abstinence
8:00 AM Teri Feathers / J. & P. Hilderbrandt
Saturday
5:00 PM †Lori Pollock / Paul & Sharon Damico

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 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, Patricia Caudill, Pat Chubb, Obdulia & Dan Coffey, Ginny Cook, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, Eleanor Feeney, Nicole Fehn, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, Antonietta Geronilla, **June Henderson**, Margaret Henson, **Marvin Jenkins**, **Margie Kings**, Stuart King, Jack & Carole Kinsler, Joe Lacoy, Cece LaManna, Germaine LaPlante, Mary Link, Evan Linville, Curtis Malone, Monk Manning, Monroe Matheny, **Sara Manning**, Bob & Margaret Nail, **Vera Patterson**, Claire Patton, **Marvin Peterson**, Sal Pinzone, Sandra Pollock, Marsha Porter, Sr. M. D. Richardson, **Babe Rohan**, **Anita Sanford**, Ruth Sas, Margaret Schaff, Mary Smith, 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 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

Sunday	9:00 AM	"Coffee with the Padre"
Sunday	2:00 PM	Benedictine Oblate Holy Hour for vocations – Church Followed by fellowship – IM Hall
Monday	8:30 AM	Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Adult Faith Formation Bible Study – Genesis
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Choir Practice – Church
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Catechism Class – IM Hall
Wednesday	5:00 PM	"Souper Supper" – IM Hall
Thursday	5:30 PM	RCIA/Faith Formation – IM Hall "Catholic Christianity"
Friday	2:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	6:30 AM	Parish "Year of Mercy" Pilgrimage to Mobile Cathedral

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 103 8 AM = 78 10:30 AM = 101 Total = 282

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory gift for February 28 = \$2,451.00

Maintenance = \$.00

2nd Collection – **today** - Catholic Relief Services

End-of-Year Tax Report ~ Anyone needing their contributions for 2015 may call the church office.

LENTEN REMINDER

Good Friday is a day of FAST (one full meal for those 21 to 59) **and** TOTAL ABSTINENCE (no meat for those over 14). **ALL** other Fridays are days of abstinence only – **no meat**. There is no obligation to fast on weekdays of Lent, but voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Gospel Reflections

PASSAGES

The point of today's first reading is fulfillment. The forty-year trek of the Israelites is over; they now camp in the Promised Land and celebrate the Passover. The manna that has sustained them in the desert ends; from now on they will eat of the produce of the land. Our Eucharist—the manna of our journey—will end when we enter heaven.

Paul, in the second reading, speaks of change. The old order has passed away: all is new. Reconciliation has been secured in Christ. The message has to be proclaimed everywhere by the ambassadors for Christ.

The beautiful parable of the prodigal son is given to us by Christ in answer to the criticism of the Pharisees, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Jesus tells the story not to illustrate some vague human ideal of being broadminded or tolerant. He wants us to identify the father with God—a God who reaches out across rules, regulations, and even common sense to embrace and to forgive.

As part of our observance of the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, several parishes in our archdiocese will be participating in "**The Light Is On for You**" – special days of reconciliation on the five middle Wednesdays of Lent. Check the bulletin board.

Offering envelopes are in the pews. Please make checks payable to "**St. Joseph Altar Society**," specify for Easter Flowers and place in the offertory collection.



LENTEN "SOUPER SUPPER" ~ March 9 – 5:00 PM
Immaculate Mary Hall – A variety of soups will be offered with bread, dessert and drink. Large bowl – \$5.00, Small bowl – \$2.50. Come join us!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COOKBOOK

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

REMINDER ~ "Divine Mercy for America"

Novena begins on the first day of each month. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany of the Saints for respect for the dignity of all life, sanctity of traditional marriage and families, and threat to our religious freedom – for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

March 12-13

Sat: 5:00 PM

Sun: 8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Lectors

B. Specht

S. Williams

H. Shields

Ext. Ministers

M. Donovan / P. Marceau

J. & N. Alemany

T. Danson / K. Service

Gift Bearers

B. LaRoche / M. Miller

V. & P. Cooke

J. & C. Crump

Ushers

F. Mullek / S. Pinzone

R. Geiger / B. Partridge

J. Crump / B. Jarveis

◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◆

March 12 – 6:30 AM – Our Parish "Year of Mercy" Pilgrimage to Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Mobile.

NOTE: If anyone is interested in participating in our Pilgrimage to the Cathedral, please sign the sheet on the table in the Narthex or contact the office and give your name before March 10.

March 16 – 4:30 PM – CCD Children's Confession

March 21 – 5:00 PM – Penance Service – Church

How Will You Celebrate the Jubilee?

Pope Francis asks each of us to celebrate by showing to others the mercy that God constantly extends to all of us. Here are a few things you can do: **Contemplate Mercy, Don't Judge or Condemn, Forgive, Listen to God's Word, Go on a Pilgrimage, Recognize the Need for Mercy, Practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, Change Our Hearts.** The ultimate goal of the year of mercy is to help us change our hearts and our lives so we can become conduits of God's mercy in everything that we say and do.

ANNUAL LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 11 & 28 ~ 5:00 - 7:30 PM

Saint Bartholomew Benedictine Hall
Adult \$8/Child \$4. For more information, see bulletin board or call Bill Patton at 850-607-7151.



"COFFEE WITH THE PADRE"

Hosts this month are the Adult Faith Formation Classes. 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. We are looking for more volunteers who wish to help our host groups. Please let us know if you would like to help by signing the schedule on the table in the vestibule or by calling the office.

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

It's easy to be fruitful when things are going right, But what about the times when things are dark as night? It's in those times of trouble, true faith can sure be found. It's our trust in Jesus that keeps us heaven bound. So no matter what may be, keep your eyes upon the One Who will love you and will help you – God's one and only son.

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