



Fifth Sunday of the Year February 4 & 5, 2017

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 PM † Betty Ohsowski / Debra Green

Sunday ~ World Day for Consecrated Life

8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro / Jo Ann Cretaro

10:30 AM Sick & Troubled Seeking Intercession of
Fredrick Ozanam / SVdP Conference

Monday

8:00 AM Herb & Mary Stenzel / R. & B. Fortunati

Tuesday

8:00 AM † Mary Ann Palmer / Florence Wabnitz

Wednesday ~ St. Josephine Bakhita

8:00 AM Bill & Willie Zielinski / R. & B. Fortunati

Thursday

9:00 AM † Laine Keller / Florence Wabnitz

Friday ~ St. Scholastica

8:00 AM † Joe Lacoy / Florence Wabnitz

Saturday ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

5:00 PM Dave & Betty Mullen / R. & B. Fortunati

For Mass intentions for a deceased loved one or for a special intention, contact the office at 251-962-3649.

Visiting Priests: Fr. Angel Paris OFM, Fr. Thomas Murphy

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.



Edith Scott Ashworth, Martha Broz, Pat Chubb, Pat & Sheila Clemens, Peter Colombaro, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, Barbara & Elizabeth Edwards, Nicole Fehn, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, **June Henderson**, Shirley Joffrion, Jackie Johnston, **Judy Jordan**, Mary Link, **Curtis Malone**, Ann-Marie Mann, Monk Manning, Richard Muller, Bob & Margaret Nail, Arthur Nichols, Richard Peterson, Jerome Radtke, Annie Rutledge, **Anita Sanford**, Harriet Shields, 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
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9:00 AM "Coffee with the Padre"

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 – 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 Meeting – IM Hall
(cancelled last week due to
Memorial Mass). All women
are welcome – please join us.



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 74 8:00 AM = 100 10:30 AM = 86 Total = 262

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Gift for January 29 = \$2,298.00

Maintenance = \$7.00

Special Second Collection – NEXT WEEK

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

(See Below)

End-of-Year Tax Report ~ Anyone needing their
contributions for 2016 may call the church office.

"Serving Those Who Serve" ~ The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved a special triennial collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) in November 2012. The AMS was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. Programs and services vital to the unique mission and ministry of the Archdiocese include *Vocations, Evangelization and Catechesis, Sacramental Records, Tribunal, and Veterans Affairs*. The AMS receives no funding from the military or the government and relies solely on private donors. It is imperative that the Catholic faithful who defend our religious freedom do not have to sacrifice theirs. Please be generous.

54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA for an end to abortion and God's Peace and Justice for the United States continues every day in church at 3:00 PM through February 28.

Gospel Reflections

GOD'S CALL ~ The person who has been "saved," who has "heard the good news of salvation," still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today's readings outline how the disciple is present in the world.

The outline begins with Isaiah: "Share your bread... shelter the oppressed...clothe the naked" (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them not in eloquence or wisdom, but by being with them in the "weakness and fear" of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God's light shine through their good deeds.

We disciples don't save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God's presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others.

~ **SANCTUARY FLOWERS** ~ If anyone would like to offer flowers for our altar in celebration of a special event or in memory of a loved one, please call the office.

BINGO ~ Every Thursday ~ January through March

at St. Thomas by-the-Sea Catholic Church in Orange Beach, AL. Early Bird games start at 5:30 PM and the regular games start at 6:30 PM. **Food Concession Stand Serves** hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and homemade soup or chili and desserts. **ALL** proceeds go to Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast, a home located in Elberta for homeless pregnant mothers.

"Saving One Life at a Time"

BAKE SALE AND MORE ~ February 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. hosted by the Altar Rosary Society of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Gulf Shores. Besides a delicious selection of homemade baked goods, there will be homemade candy and soups, mosaic pots and other craft items as well as a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing. The sale will be in the Parish Hall next to the church at 308 E. 22nd Ave. All sale proceeds will go to support the Altar Rosary Society's many charitable efforts.

Church Cleaning – February 2017

Restrooms, etc. – Charlene & Jason Crump

Floors/Pews – M. Fuller, B. Mullen, Donna Johnson

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Help is needed for **March and April**.

Feb. 11 & 12

Sat: 5:00 PM

Sun: 8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Lectors

P. Marceau

J. Zieman

M. Cote

Ext. Ministers

J. Caudill / Sr. Thérèse

B. & M. McCandless

B. & W. Zielinski

Gift Bearers

P. & J. Langan

J. & C. Williams

K. Service/ V. Patterson

Ushers

F. Mullek / Sal Pinzone

R. Geiger / B. Brennan

J. Crump / B. Jarveys

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL ~ If you have not returned your Catholic Charities envelope, please do so. It is our goal to have every family participate to the best of their ability. We ask that you be the light of Christ for those in need through your prayerful generosity. Please help us attain our goal of \$21,700 this year and obtain 100% participation.

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL students outperform others. Recently there have been several student successes that have emphasized the benefits of being in a small school that focuses on Christian values. Isabella Frye, a 7th grader, took third place in the Foley Lions Club International Peace Poster competition. The theme was "Celebration of Peace." Jacy Werner and McKenzie King, 8th graders, were first and second place winners in the Elberta VFW Post 5658 Patriot's Pen Youth Essay contest. The theme for the 2016-2017 year was "My Responsibility to America." We take pride in our students' successes and believe that they revolve around our school's mission – "Ora et Labora" – to love God and others through academic success and the support of family, friends, and parishioners.

"LOVE IS FOR GIVING" ~ Scholarship Fundraiser sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Columbus Council 2736 on February 10 at 6:30 PM at the St. John Paul II Center at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Foley. Tickets (\$15) include silent auction and social hour with heavy hors d'oeuvres. For more information, check the poster on the bulletin board or call Teresa Rhodes, (251) 928 7210, Yvette Klump, (251) 955-2944 or Diane Perdue, (251) 504-8904.

This event funds scholarships to St. Michael Catholic High School and is also for the benefit of St. Benedict Catholic School students.

"THE GIFT OF HOPE" – February 20 – Orange Beach Community Center. Eleven Baldwin County non-profit organizations that provide direct services to individuals and families in need will receive \$20,000 in grants from Michele's Hope at this event. Tickets (\$25) each, which include dinner and two adult beverages, may be purchased by calling Sally McKinney at 251-5961-2620. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Saint Benedict Catholic School Is Seeking Alumni for its newly established directory. If you are alumni, please e-mail mkellersbcs@gmail.com.

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

Life is what we make it; we can choose what we will do.

But through your tribulations, God is there for you.

So let Him in your heart; you will find strength for all.

With Him you can conquer things both great and small.