



Thirtieth Sunday of the Year
October 27/28, 2018

Mass Intentions



Saturday – St. Paul of the Cross
 5:00 PM †Richard Peterson / Lori NeSmith

Sunday – Priesthood Sunday
 8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
 10:30 AM †David Duchac / Barbara Kuntz

Tuesday
 8:00 AM †Msgr. Timothy Deasy / Anonymous

Wednesday – All Hallows Eve (Halloween)
 8:00 AM †David Duchac / Tracey Bryant

Thursday – All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)
 8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
 6:00 PM †Deacon John Cretaro / Fr. Maria

First Friday – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
 8:00 AM Memorial Mass Association Members

First Saturday – St. Martin de Porres
 8:00 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
 5:00 PM †David Duchac / Donna Johnson

To request a Mass in memory of or for the welfare of a loved one, please call the office.

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.



Juanita Baena, **Bill Brennan**, Berkleigh Cirilli, Ginny Cook, Allen & Gwen Dretzka, **Barbara Edwards**, Jim Edward, Jo Flynn, Richard Fortunati, **Diane Geiselman**, Myrtle Graver, June Henderson, **Susan Henderson**, **Valerie Hines**, Judy Jordan, **Bud Kaechele**, **Mercedes Carol Knutson**, Brenda McCord, Curtis Malone, Bob & **Margaret Nail**, Vera Patterson, Claire & Bill Patton, Paul Peschel, Loretta Roy, John & Dotsie Santa Cruz, George Schaff, Ann Scott, Sheila Scott, Harold Shockley, Dave Woodford

~ Prayer Requests ~

Terry Danson – 251-961-2165 or tsdanson@gmail.com

If you or someone you know is homebound, ill, due to have surgery or is in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor or to receive the sacraments, please call the rectory or the office.



54-DAY NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION continues every day at 3:00 PM through Tuesday, November 6.

This Week's Schedule

Monday 6:00 PM Parish Council – IM Hall
 Wednesday 9:00 AM Bible Study – IM Hall
 Wednesday 10:30 AM Choir Practice – Church
 Wednesday 4:30 PM **NO** CCD Classes
 Friday 8:30 AM **NO** Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall
Thursday 10:30 AM Altar Society Meeting – IM Hall
 Thursday 8:00 PM Knights of Columbus meeting at Council Home, Elberta
 Friday 8:30 AM–6:00 PM First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion, Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Please sign on sheet in vestibule.**
 First Saturday 8:00 AM First Saturday Devotions Followed by Filipino reception in IM hall. All are invited.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 48 8:00 AM = 54 10:30 AM = 63 Total = 165

STEWARDSHIP for October 21, 2018

Offertory = \$2,127.00

Renovation = \$375.00

Propagation of the Faith = \$371.00

Special Collection – TODAY – Hurricane Michael

Requested by the Archdiocese of Mobile

IMMACULATE MARY HALL RENOVATION ~ We ask each parishioner to prayerfully consider pledging (or re-pledging) to the renovation work of our parish hall. Please use the **"Parish Renovation Project"** envelopes. **Thank you for your continued support!**

NOVEMBER IS HOLY SOULS MONTH

Envelopes are in the pews. Please fill in the names of the beloved deceased members of your families and friends and return them in the offertory basket with your donation. They will be placed on the Altar and included in our prayers during November.

Visiting a cemetery is a Corporal Work of Mercy. **Visitation Mass** at our **Prince of Peace Cemetery** in Elberta is Sunday, November 4 at 3:00 PM.

Gospel Reflections

RECOGNIZING JESUS ~ The star of today's Gospel is a panhandler. Bartimaeus is blind, yes, but he is probably also homeless and filthy, a real nuisance to respectable citizens. Even so, it is Bartimaeus who recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, places all his faith in him, throws aside everything he has (his cloak), begs him for mercy, receives new vision, and follows Jesus on the way to suffering and death in Jerusalem. How desperate will we have to get before we can do the same?

A Stewardship Moment ~ After healing the blind man in today's Gospel, Jesus told him to go and be on his way. But the man chose to follow Jesus. Being a disciple of Jesus is a choice. The stewardship way of life likewise involves a choice, in fact many choices. We choose to be grateful, we choose to live generously, and we choose to trust that God will always provide for our needs. These are three choices central to the stewardship way of life. What choices will we make this week that give witness to our decision to follow Christ?

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT RENEWAL

Please pick up your **"Stewardship Commitment Renewal Card"** at church entrances—TODAY. Pray about your choices and return it in the offertory collection basket or bring it to the office. Sharing your time and talent and your continued support of our Church family is very much appreciated.

BOX OF JOY – PARISH SERVICE PROJECT

Use the provided gift box or any shoebox (12" X 5"). Follow **ALL** instructions on pamphlet and "Gift Ideas" sheet for folding and filling boxes. Include \$9 check (no cash please) for **each** box in the provided envelope and return it to the office or library in IM Hall by November 5. If necessary, secure lid with rubber band or string—**PLEASE DO NOT USE TAPE.**

Church Cleaning – November 2018

Patrick Marceau

More help is needed. Please check the weekly schedule. Contact the office if you'd like to help or if you are unable to clean as scheduled.

"Coffee with the Padre between the Masses"



~ next Sunday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM ~ hosted by members of our SVdP Conference in the double classroom in Immaculate Mary Hall. Everyone, including our visitors, is invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"What is the Church if not the assembly of all the saints?" wrote the fifth-century bishop Niceta. Each Sunday, in the Profession of Faith, we express our belief in the communion of saints, the one body—with Christ as its head—made up of "those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified and the blessed in heaven." We are not alone!

The preface for All Saints begins, "For today by your gift we celebrate the festival of your city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother." What astounding words! All Saints Day (like every solemnity) is nothing less than the festival of the fullness of the paschal mystery, our dying and rising in Christ. Of course, now in autumn the mystery comes "clothed" in glorious autumnal garb and so we celebrate our Easter faith with signs of the harvest, signs of nature's dying, signs of the "homecoming" that happens naturally when the weather gets cold and families find themselves together more often. While the dying can point to our own mortality, the homecoming reminds us of the mystery of our own resurrection with Christ.

A SAINTLY DEFINITION – *The saint does everything that any other decent person does, only somewhat better and with a totally different motive.*



All Catholic Churches in the U.S. celebrate October as **Respect Life Month** to proclaim the immeasurable value of every person from conception to natural death. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops assists by creating resources to help people "understand, value and become engaged with supporting the God-given dignity for every person—which naturally leads to protecting the gift of every person's life" through its Respect Life Program. The theme for the 2018-19 program is "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent" and highlights the call to **build a culture of life as missionary disciples — VOTE "LIFE" NOVEMBER 6TH.**

First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail	† Jim & Mary Link	James D. & Mary Lou Chunn Partridge & Family
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families	† Deacon J. Cretaro	Living & Deceased Lacey & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families	† Doris Mullek	Living & Deceased Kearns & Patterson Families
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families	† Margaret A. Mullek	Living & Deceased Pope & Lang Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families	† Joe Lacey	Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families	† A.M.S. Warriner	The Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Living & Deceased Shields, Self & Chambers Families	Mignon Kilday	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Living & Deceased Cretaro & Kilday Families	Jo Anne Cretaro	Intentions of the President of the USA

<u>Nov. 1</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ext. Ministers</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Thurs: 8:00 AM 6:00 PM	H. Shields M. Cote	J. & N. Alemany M. Donovan / S. Williams	Ushers' Choice Ushers' Choice	R. Geiger / S. Pinzone F. Mullek / B. McCandless
<u>Nov. 4/5</u>				
Sat: 5:00 PM	C. Puglisi	M. Donovan / J. Caudill	Ushers' Choice	F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
Sun: 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	H. Shields B. Johnston	J. & N. Alemany K. Service / P. Hilderbrandt	Sally McKinney Ushers' Choice	R. Geiger / B. McCandless J. Hilderbrandt / B. Jarveis