



Third Sunday of the Year
January 26/27, 2019

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00PM † Mary Miller / Norman & Rose Miller
Sunday – National Catholic School Week
8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro
10:30 AM † Skippy Peterson / Altar Society
Tuesday
8:00AM Communion Service
Wednesday
8:00 AM † Skippy Peterson / B. & M. McCandless
Thursday – St. John Bosco
8:00 AM Communion Service
First Friday
8:00 AM Memorial Mass Association Members
First Saturday – Presentation of the Lord
8:00 AM Communion Service
5:00 PM † Mary Miller / Norma Luff

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.



Parishioners: Bob Caudill, Ginny Cook, **Barbara Edwards**, Richard Fortunati, June Henderson, Brad Jarveis, **Bill Johnston**, Judy Jordan, Curtis Malone, Bob & **Margaret Nail**, Mary Lou Partridge, Vera Patterson, Claire & Bill Patton, David Woodford

Homebound: Juanita Baena, Loretta Roy, Dotsie Santa Cruz, Jo Flynn, George Schaff, Mary Smith, Charles "Buddy" Stempel

Assisted Living: Allen & Gwen Dretzka, Paul Peschel

Non-parishioners: **Diane Geiselman, Susan Henderson, Valerie Hines, Bud Kaechele, Mercedes Carol Knutson**, Berkleigh Cirilli, Jim Edward, Barbara Kuntz, Brenda McCord, Bill Roman, Ann Scott, Sheila Scott, Art Treinen

~ 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.

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
Living & Deceased Gardner & Donovan Families		

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 9:00 AM Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday 10:30 AM Choir Practice – Church
Wednesday 4:30 PM CCD Classes – Church
Friday 8:30 AM–6 PM First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion, Benediction and Adoration **Please sign up for Adoration in vestibule.**



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 66 8:00 AM = 50 10:30 AM = 81 Total = 197

STEWARDSHIP for January 20, 2019

Offertory = \$2,453.00

Maintenance = \$5.00

Renovation Project = \$188.00

SVdP Collection ~ NEXT WEEK ~ Many thanks!

Anyone needing **Year-End Statements** may call the church office or e-mail office.stjoseph@yahoo.com.

IMMACULATE MARY HALL RENOVATION ~ Balance \$29,222. Thank you for your continued support to reach our goal!

Please welcome our visiting priests, Rev. Angel Paris through February 3 and Msgr. Theodore Hay from February 6 through February 22.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL SUNDAY – TODAY

Please complete your pledge envelope included in the letter from Archbishop Rodi and place it in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office. Envelopes are also in the pews. All the funds collected stay in the Archdiocese of Mobile.

Pray for the Dead

We extend sympathy to the family of our Bill Brennan who passed away last week. Funeral arrangements will be made in Iowa. May his soul rest in peace.

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Howard Moussier, OSB, former pastor of St. Bartholomew. Our sympathy to his Benedictine family at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. May his soul rest in peace.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES for January 7 are posted at all church entrances.

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.

A Stewardship Moment ~ Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke offers us the first words of Jesus as he begins his public ministry. The words reflect his understanding of his Spirit-anointed mission. His words are his "Mission Statement." Good stewards rejoice in being followers of Jesus. They realize that Jesus' commission is their commission as well. They embrace it and adopt it as their own. We, too, have "glad tidings" to bring to a suffering world. This year, how will we fulfill Christ's commission in the world in which he has placed us, using the gifts he has entrusted to us?

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS
Catholic Schools Week Begins January 27

The benefits of a Catholic education have been studied and well documented. Results show that students who attend Catholic schools receive a challenging, high-quality academic experience in a supportive environment with an emphasis on Catholic values and college preparation. The self-discipline developed by students along with learning to accept responsibility and to respect others work together to create excellent, lifelong learners.

Please look for St. Benedict Catholic School's display in your parish. Celebrate with us by attending Mass with Archbishop Rodi on Monday at 8:30 AM, visiting during our Open House Wednesday from 9 AM to 2 PM, or seeing our CSW Talent Show on Friday from 1 PM to 2 PM.

Church Cleaning – February 2019

Marlene Fuller and Mary Stenzil

Feb. 2/3	Lectors	Ext. Ministers	Gift Bearers	Ushers
Sat: 5:00 PM	L. McGourty	Sr. Thérèse / J. Caudill	Ushers' Choice	F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
Sun: 8:00 AM	H. Shields	K. Galvano / M. Manley	Ushers' Choice	B. Partridge / P. Zaborny
10:30 AM	T. Bryant	K. Service / Pat Hilderbrandt	Ushers' Choice	B. Jarveis / J. Hilderbrandt

"Coffee with the Padre between the Masses"



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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ~ To offer flowers for our altar in celebration of a special event or in memory of a loved one, please call Hannah Gale at 850-766-1645.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's Feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the Church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. For the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism placed into our hands and carried again and again speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

JOB OPENING: Catholic Social Services Thrift Shop in Robertsedale is in need of a part-time clerk starting at 3 hours Monday-Friday. Need to be able to work cash register, help customers, lift 50 pounds, keep racks straight and help shop manager. Call 947-3284 for an appointment.

"...affliction produces endurance; and endurance, proven character; and proven character, hope. And hope does not disappoint..." ~ Romans 5:3-5

"The endurance of darkness is preparation for great light." ~St. John of the Cross

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." ~St Francis of Assisi