



**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
January 5/6, 2019

**Mass Intentions**



**Saturday**  
5:00 PM † Lawrence K. Donovan / Mick & Susan Donovan

**Sunday**  
8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners  
10:30 AM † Mary Miller / Lillian Women's Club

**Tuesday**  
8:00AM † Mary Miller / St. Joseph Altar Society

**Wednesday**  
8:00 AM Catholic Extension Society

**Thursday**  
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**Friday**  
8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro

**Saturday**  
5:00PM † Lawrence K. Donovan / Donovan

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.



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

**Homebound:** Juanita Baena, Loretta Roy, Dotsie Santa Cruz, Jo Flynn, Skippy Peterson, 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, Brenda McCord, Bill Roman

**~ 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 Lacoy & 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 Lacoy	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**

Sunday 2:00 PM Benedictine Oblate Holy Hour for vocations followed by fellowship in IMH Classroom

**Monday 6:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting-IMH**

Tuesday 9-11 AM SVdP Food Pantry – IM Hall

Wednesday 9:00 AM Bible Study – IM Hall

Wednesday 10:30 AM Choir Practice – Church

Wednesday 4:30 PM CCD Classes – Church

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

5:00 PM = 50 8:00 AM = 48 10:30 AM = 52 Total = 150

**STEWARDSHIP for December 30, 2018**



Offertory = \$1,725.00  
Maintenance = \$50.00  
Renovation Project = \$351.00



**"RAISING THE ROOF" Project** ~ Balance due is \$31,346. Thanks for your continued support to reach our goal!

**Our Pastor, Fr. Maria**, will be leaving for India on January 13, 2019 and will return on February 22. Our visiting priest for January will be Rev. Angel Paris, and Msgr. Theodore Hay will be with us in February. There will be **no Mass** on Tuesdays or Thursdays; however, we will have a Communion Service on those days.

**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL NEWS ~ "OUR FAITH IN ACTION"**

A feature-length presentation on EWTN – January 6 at **3:30 PM** tells the spiritually uplifting, personal stories of our Vincentian members. The spirit and charisma of a 400-year-old French saint lives on through the examples of charity by nearly 100,000 dedicated men and women of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Look** St. Joseph's SVdP Conference will again be collecting nonperishable food in January for our participants. We will also be meeting twice a month — on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:30 AM.

**Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women  
Baldwin Deanery Quarterly Luncheon Meeting**

January 10 – 9:15 AM – Our Lady of the Gulf, Gulf Shores, AL. Guest speaker: Rev. Msgr. Michael Farmer, VG. To carpool call Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499.

**Gospel Reflections**

**FINDING GOD** ~ The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world who stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and new life. Like them, we return home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

**STEWARDSHIP – Annual Renewal ~ Calling All Cards**

It's not too late to fill out and return your Renewal Commitment card. Thank you to all who have made their commitment to support our parish and its ministries.

**ALL Liturgical Ministers:** Please renew your 2019 commitment to serve by turning in a Renewal Commitment card. **ATTENTION:** NEW ushers and gift bearers are asked to continue to check the **current updates** in the bulletin and on the vestibule board.

**Lord Teach Me to Pray**

**Deepen Your Prayer Life: Help Others Do the Same!**

On January 26, 2019, St. Thomas-by-the-Sea Church in Orange Beach will host a Facilitator Training-Retreat for the "Lord Teach Me to Pray" prayer series. There is no charge. Come discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! You are also invited if you are simply interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and this prayer series. For information and registration, contact Mrs. Carol Weiler at (504)439-5933 or carolweiler@cox.net, or download a registration form at [www.lordteachmetoprayer.com](http://www.lordteachmetoprayer.com).

**December K of C 50/50 Raffle Ticket Winners –  
Florence Wabnitz, Margaret McCandless**

**Church Cleaning – January 2019**

Marlene Fuller and Karen Service

<b>Jan. 12/13</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ext. Ministers</b>	<b>Gift Bearers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Sat:</b> 5:00 PM	Hanna Gale	P. Hilderbrandt / S. Williams	Kerrie Galvano	F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
<b>Sun:</b> 8:00 AM	H. Shields	J. & Nancy Alemany	Betty Bovat	Mike & Marge Handzus
10:30 AM	R. Fortunati	K. Service / P. Hilderbrandt	B. & J. Johnston	B. Jarveis / J. Hilderbrandt

**Christmas ~ Not Just a Day ~ It Is a Season!**

The Christmas season begins with the feast of The Nativity of Jesus on December 25 and continues until the feast of The Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 13. Within the Christmas Season we celebrate the feasts of The Holy Family, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and The Epiphany of the Lord. Please keep this in mind by keeping up your Christmas decorations and even by listening to beautiful Christmas music throughout the entire season.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 BC, Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding in extra days as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January, and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11. When the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian Calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

**CURSILLO NEWS:** Starting in 2019 we will meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:30 AM. Instead of a potluck, we will have a sign-up for people to bring a finger food for all. The goal is to stay within one hour. Meetings are usually held in the John Paul 2 Center at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Foley. Questions? Email Derrick and Diane Perdue at [d.c.perdue7@gmail.com](mailto:d.c.perdue7@gmail.com).

"We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmastime, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another."  
~Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta