

Fifth Sunday of the Year
February 9/10, 2019



Mass Intentions



Saturday
5:00PM † Mary Miller / Jean Schneider
Sunday – St. Scholastica
8:00 AM † Fr. Edward Markley, O.S.B.
10:30 AM † Skippy Peterson / Barbara Kuntz
Tuesday – Lincoln's Birthday
8:00AM Communion Service
Wednesday
8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro
Thursday – St. Valentine's Day
8:00 AM Communion Service
Friday
8:00 AM † Bill Brennan / Barbara Kuntz
Saturday 28509
5:00 PM † Bud Berube / Jarveis Family

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**, 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" Strempele

Assisted Living: 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, **Rosa Linda Torio**, 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

Tuesday 8:30 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 = 62 8:00 AM = 53 10:30 AM = 70 Total = 185

STEWARDSHIP for February 3, 2019

Offertory = \$2,1470.00

Maintenance = \$256.00

Renovation Project = \$606.00

SVdP Collection = \$347.00 ~ Many thanks!

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

IMMACULATE MARY HALL RENOVATION ~ The balance is \$27,903. We ask all parishioners to participate. Donation envelopes are in your offertory packets, at church entrances and in the pews. Thank you for your continued support to reach our goal!

Please welcome our Msgr. Theodore Hay, who will be with us from February 6 through February 22.

2019 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL – If you have not returned your Catholic Charities envelope, please do so now. The parish goal is to have every family make a pledge to the best of their ability by turning in an envelope no matter how small the amount. Please help our parish meet our goal this year to obtain 100 percent participation. Envelopes are at church entrances and also in the pews. All the funds collected stay in the Archdiocese of Mobile.

WELCOME ~ Thank you for attending Mass with us today. We welcome all our visitors and new members and invite you to join in the ministries of our parish by sharing your gifts and talents.

If you are not a registered member and wish to be, please fill out a census card in the vestibule or contact the parish office. Offertory envelopes are mailed quarterly and are also available at the office.

We invite our visitors to sign the guest book in the vestibule.

Gospel Reflections

GOD'S SUMMONS ~ Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips," he said. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats, then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me."

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything.

What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God's messenger?

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT ~ In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, we get a glimpse of a model for Christian stewards to follow. Within the temple, God's voice shakes the foundations and causes the natural world to shake and tremble. The Lord asks: "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah replies to the call of God for service with immediacy and enthusiasm: "Here I am, send me!" There is no hesitation. There are no excuses, contingencies, or "what-ifs." Good stewards know that responding to the Lord's call to serve is never easy, never simple to grasp, never designed for ready comfort and success. But the call needs a response. What about us? What does it take to shake us into an enthusiastic response? To say to God: "Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

REMINDER: The FundRays Coupon Books are available NOW for your discounted dining and entertainment pleasure! They are good from April to October 2019. Spend \$15 and save hundreds!

BAKE SALE and MORE ~ February 16, 2019 – 8 AM – 2 PM Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Gulf Shores. Sponsored by the Ladies' Altar Rosary Society. The event includes a Basket Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, **homemade** baked goods, candy, chili, soups, craft items and mosaic pots.

Church Cleaning – February 2019

Marlene Fuller and Mary Stenzel

<u>Feb. 16/17</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ext. Ministers</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat: 5:00 PM	C. Puglisi	J. Caudill/ S. Williams	K. Galvano	F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
Sun: 8:00 AM	J. Zieman	J. & N. Alemany	B. Bovat / H. Gale	B. Partridge / P. Zaborny
10:30 AM	B. Johnston	K. Service / P. Hilderbrandt	B & J. Johnston	B. Jarveis /J. Hilderbrandt

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

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED at CSS in their Thrift Shop. They have received so many donations in January that they will need more volunteers to help sort and hang merchandise. Call **Peggy Peterson** at **251-947-3877.**

Saint Scholastica (480-543)

Saint Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict, considered the founder of monasticism in the Western Church. She, too, lived a monastic life and would visit her brother once a year at a house just outside the walls of his monastery. According to Saint Gregory the Great, on her last visit, Scholastica must have sensed she was nearing death. She asked her brother to spend the entire night talking about "the delights of the spiritual life." He refused, saying, "I simply cannot stay outside my cell." She bowed her head and prayed, and immediately a violent storm with lightning and rain erupted, and Benedict was forced to remain with her.

Saint Gregory the Great commented: "It is not surprising that she was more effective than he. Since as John says, 'God is love,' it was absolutely right that she could do more, as she loved more."

It was the power of love that transformed Jesus' death on the cross into life. Love is the greatest power in the world because as John wrote, almighty God who created and redeemed and sustains the world is love. (1 John 4:8, 16). In love's image and likeness, I, too, am made by love and for love.

BINGO ~ Every Thursday ~ January through March at St. Thomas by-the-Sea Catholic Church in Orange Beach. 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 in Elberta, Alabama, caring for homeless pregnant mothers.