

Repent,
the
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of
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is
at hand



Third Sunday of Lent March 23/24, 2019

Mass Intentions



Saturday
5:00 PM † Barbara Edwards / Altar Society

Sunday
8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
10:30 AM All Missionary Priests of USA / Fortunati

Tuesday
8:00AM Bob & Jill Caudill / 60th Anniversary

Wednesday
8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro / Fr. Maria

Thursday
8:00 AM † Joe & Isabel Mullek / McCandless

Friday
8:00 AM Richard Fortunati / Barbara Fortunati

Saturday
5:00 PM James Lundy / R. & B. Fortunati

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, June Henderson, Brad Jarveis, **Bill Johnston**, Judy Jordan, Bob & **Margaret Nail**, Vera Patterson, Claire & Bill Patton, Mike Wilcox, 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, Rev. David P. Carucci, Berkleigh Cirilli, Jim Edward, Barbara Kuntz, Irene Lipscomb, Brenda McCord, Stacey Burgos Rodgers and baby Harper, Bill Roman, Tommy Resmondo, Dan Smith, **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

Wednesday 9:00 AM Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday 10:30 AM Choir Practice – Church
Wednesday 4:30 PM CCD Classes – IM Hall
Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM – "Souper Supper"- IM Hall
Friday 2:30 PM Stations of the Cross

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 82 8:00 AM = 48 10:30 AM = 87 Total = 217
STEWARDSHIP for March 17, 2019
Offertory = \$2,306.00
Maintenance = \$20.00
Renovation Project = \$418.00
Second Collection–Next Week–Catholic Relief Services
Special Second Collection – last week = \$417

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

Pray for the Dead

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Barbara Edwards, wife of James Edwards. Our sympathy to their family. Funeral services were held in Virginia on March 19. May her soul rest in peace.



LENTEN "SOUPER SUPPER" ~ 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Every Wednesday - March 13 through April 10

We will need six different soups each week (bread and beverages are provided). Please sign the sheet in the vestibule to let us know what you are bringing and when you can help. **Helpers:** please indicate if you wish to **set up or clean up**. There is no charge, but a donation is suggested. For more information, call Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499.

Encounter Lent ~ With **CRS Rice Bowl** as our guide, become companions on the journey that changes lives. **Pick up your Rice Bowl** at all church entrances.

Observing the season of Lent is a special and serious obligation for Catholics as we strive for spiritual renewal in preparation for the celebration of the saving passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

Gospel Reflections

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT ~ In today's Gospel reading, Jesus urges his listeners to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." He also offers several examples of putting mercy into action. Listeners can then reason their way into how to put the values of the Gospel reflected in these imperatives into practice in other situations. Good stewards look for opportunities to exercise God's mercy toward others. They realize that in doing so their own experience of God's mercy not only becomes more profound, but affirms their hope of seeing the Lord face to face one day. How have we experienced God's mercy in our lives? How might our thinking, attitudes, words and actions reflect God's mercy on someone else today?

PARISH FEAST DAY FUNDRAISER – Have you gotten your tickets yet? We are giving away a **FREE RAFFLE TICKET** for every \$25 donated for our Parish Fundraiser. The drawing for the three prizes, \$500, \$250 and \$100, will be at our Pot Luck luncheon after the 10:30 AM Mass on May 5 celebrating the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, which is May 1. For more information, check with the church office or contact Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499 or Mike Handzus at 828-489-4459.

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Cookie Krehling, 3rd Grade homeroom and Intermediate Math and Religion instructor, was named the Perdido Bay Optimist Teacher of the Year and will be receiving recognition and a monetary award. Mrs. Blaire Ellenburg (Middle School Science and Math) received a \$1,000 grant from the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation to purchase Raspberry Pi, a small credit-card-sized microprocessor used in coding for her Engineering Club.

Camp Invention is June 10-14, 8:00 am–2:30 pm for ALL students in grades 1-6 and 7-9. Space is limited! If interested, go to invent.org/camp to register for the St. Benedict School location or visit our website: www.saintbenedict.net/events.

Only three weeks left until the German Fest, Raven Run, and Raffle. Buy your tickets now! Visit our website: www.saintbenedict.net/events/german-fest.

Church Cleaning – March 2019

Mary Stenzel and Marie Manley

March 30/31

Sat: 5:00 PM
Sun: 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Lectors

H. Gale
J. Zieman
B. Johnston

Ext. Ministers

S. Williams / J. Caudill
J. & N. Alemany
B. & W. Zielinski

Gift Bearers

P. & J. Langan
C. Puglisi / D. Oshana
K. Service

Ushers

F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
T. Shields / Substitute
Jarveis / J. Hilderbrandt

Fish Fry Fridays

Knights of Columbus Council #2736
22736 Old Foley Road, Elberta, AL
April 5 & April 12 from 4 PM to 7 PM
Adults \$8 / Children \$4 – 50/50 raffle



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES 5TH ANNUAL CRAWFISH/BBQ

– **Sunday, April 28 – 1 PM to 6 PM** – Knights of Columbus Hall grounds at St. Patrick School in Robertsdale. Featuring authentic Louisiana cooking, live music, silent auction, door prizes and fun and games for the kids. All-you-can-eat tickets (\$35 per person – children under 12 eat FREE) are available by calling Sally McKinney at 251-961-2529 or go to www.eventbrite.com. Advance sales only.

FAITH LESSON ~ The word "mercy" comes from the Latin *merces*, which means "reward." Mercy is God's undeserved gift for those who show mercy. May we always remember that God offers mercy to all, but it can only be accepted by those who show mercy to others.

As you continue your Lenten journey, spend time in contemplative prayer each day. Ponder the things of God by reading Scripture, spiritual books, and meditating on God's will for your life.