



### Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30/31, 2019

#### Mass Intentions

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

**Sunday**  
8:00 AM Edgina "Gina" Harold & Jo-Marie Lisa/  
Kim Kaminski  
Living & Deceased Parishioners

10:30 AM  
**Tuesday**  
8:00 AM Bill & Kristy McCandless / McCandless

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

**Thursday**  
8:00 AM Joe & Rebecca McCandless

**First Friday**  
8:00 AM Memorial Mass Association Members

**Saturday**  
8:00 AM Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary  
5:00 PM Stephen McCandless / McCandless

#### 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  
 Thursday 9:00 AM Altar Society Meeting-IM Hall  
 Thursday 8:00 PM Knights of Columbus/Auxiliary meeting at Council Home  
 Friday 8:30 AM-6 PM First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up for Adoration in vestibule.

**Friday 2:30 PM Stations of the Cross**  
 3:00-6:00 PM Adoration/Benediction (con't)  
 First Saturday 8:00 AM First Saturday Devotions and reception hosted by Filipino Prayer Group.



#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 58 8:00 AM = 47 10:30 AM = 90 Total = 195  
**STEWARDSHIP for March 24, 2019**  
 Offertory = \$4,959.00  
 Maintenance = \$10.00  
 Renovation Project = \$143.00  
 Second Collection – **Today** – Catholic Relief Services  
**(envelopes are in the pews)**

Anyone needing **Year-End Statements**, please call the church office or e-mail [office.stjoseph@yahoo.com](mailto:office.stjoseph@yahoo.com).

**IM HALL RENOVATION PROJECT** – We are pleased to announce that last week we wrote our final check to Thomas Roofing for work completed. We now have only our \$50K Archdiocesan loan outstanding. Many thanks to our parishioners who have already donated nearly \$100K to this extensive project.



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

We 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 or when you can help. There is no charge however a free will offering is suggested. For more information, call Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499.

#### Gospel Reflections

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** ~ Today we hear one of the most beloved stories in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Reconciliation is a prominent theme. Seeing the younger son returning to him, the son who left the family and squandered his inheritance, the compassionate father runs to embrace him. Jesus offers a vision of a loving God who is merciful and forgiving when we, through our own sinfulness, leave his presence and then through repentance, return to him. The remainder of the Lenten season offers an opportunity to reflect on God's compassion and our need for reconciliation. Consider celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation and experience God's loving embrace and forgiveness.

**PARISH FEAST DAY FUNDRAISER** – We are giving away a **FREE RAFFLE TICKET** for every **\$25** donated to 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 **Saint 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.

#### "Coffee with the Padre between the Masses"



~ Next Sunday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM ~ hosted by our Bible Study Class in IM Hall. Everyone, including our visitors, is invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship.



Offering envelopes are in the pews. Please make checks payable to **"St. Joseph Altar Society,"** specify for Easter Flowers and place them in the offertory collection.

**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 and return them by Palm Sunday.

#### SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Only three weeks left until the German Fest, Raven Run, and \$20,000 Grand Prize Drawing. Check the bulletin board and flyers in the vestibule for schedule of activities/food. Buy your tickets now! Visit our website: [www.saintbenedict.net/events/german-fest](http://www.saintbenedict.net/events/german-fest).

#### Church Cleaning – April 2019

Karen Service and Marie Manley

#### April 6/7

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

#### Lectors

S. Henkel  
H. Shields  
T. Bryant

#### Ext. Ministers

P. Hilderbrandt / Sr. Therese  
K. Galvano / Marie Manley  
W. Zielinski / K. Service

#### Gift Bearers

E. & N. Fehn  
S. McKinney / B. Bovat  
M. & K. Cote

#### Ushers

F. Mullek / S. Pinzone  
B. Partridge / 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



#### ~ FASTING TIPS ~

Are You Looking for Ideas to Help with Your Lenten Experience?

Offer your fasting up for someone who needs spiritual strength. Archbishop Fulton Sheen called this type of suffering a "spiritual blood transfusion" that can enliven the soul of those for whom we suffer. Think about that person every time you are tempted to break your fast, then overcome it and know that your efforts are making a difference with the help of the Holy Spirit. May Jesus give us His presence this Lent so that we can be a gift to others:

*Fast from judging others; **fast on kindness.***  
*Fast from unrelenting pressures; **fast on trusting God.***  
*Fast from self-concern; **fast on compassion.***  
*Fast from personal anxiety; **fast on hope.***  
*Fast from discouragement; **fast on encouragement.***  
*Fast from criticism; **fast on affirmation.***  
*Fast from complaining; **fast on complimenting.***  
*Fast from social media; **fast on prayer and silence.***  
*Fast from resentments; **fast on forgiveness.***  
*Lord, give us the grace to keep our fast so that we can truly celebrate Easter. Amen.*

#### 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 Robertsedale 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 FREE). Advance sales only. Call Sally McKinney at (251) 961-2529 or go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

#### FAITH LESSON ~ Tips for Seeking FORGIVENESS

If you are aware of something you have done to harm others, try taking these first steps:

#### ~ DO YOU NEED FORGIVING? ~

- 1) Go to confession.
- 2) Pray for the person you offended and ask for God to help bring peace between you both.
- 3) Reach out to the person you offended and ask them for forgiveness.

#### ~ DO YOU NEED TO FORGIVE? ~

- 1) Pray for the person who offended you and for God to help bring peace between you both.
- 2) Reach out to the person who offended you and forgive them.