



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6/7, 2019

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM Stephen McCandless / McCandless

Sunday
8:00 AM Fr. Mariadoss / Bill & Claire Patton
10:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday
8:00AM Fr. Maria (Birthday) / Parishioners

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

Thursday
8:00 AM † Skippy Peterson / Florence Wabnitz

Friday
8:00 AM † Holy Souls in Purgatory / F. Wabnitz

Saturday
5:00 PM † Mary Miller / Florence Wabnitz

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.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday	9:00 AM	"Coffee with the Padre"
Sunday	2:00 PM	Benedictine Oblate Holy Hour for vocations followed by fellowship
Tuesday	9-11 PM	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 – IM Hall
Wednesday	5:30-6:30 PM	– "Souper Supper" – IM Hall
Friday	2:30 PM	Stations of the Cross

Monday, April 15 – 5:00 PM – Parish Confessions

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND
5:00 PM = 73 8:00 AM = 53 10:30 AM = 78 Total = 204

STEWARDSHIP for March 31, 2019
Offertory = \$2,308.00
Renovation Project = \$169.00
Catholic Relief Services = \$391.00
Second Collection – NEXT WEEK – Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe & Africa
(envelopes are in the pews)

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



LAST LENTEN "SOUPER SUPPER"

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – April 10

The last couple of weeks we have received a variety of 10-12 delicious soups with cornbread and many yummy desserts enjoyed by 50-60 hungry customers. If you would like to provide a soup, dessert or help, please sign the sheet in the vestibule. A goodwill offering is suggested. **A big thank you** to all who support and take an interest in this parish event.



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 ~ Pick up your Rice Bowl at all church entrances and **return by Palm Sunday**.

Gospel Reflections

FORGIVEN ~ Today's liturgy continues the message of forgiveness and reconciliation that we heard last week. The Church seems to be doing its utmost to deliver one simple message: "Your sins are forgiven!" What good news this is!

Isaiah declares that God's saving action on our behalf is not something trapped in the past, but here and now. Paul urges us to recognize that true life is not "won" by following laws, however strictly, but is a free gift of God. Thus, our focus must be on the future, not on past misdeeds. Our eyes must be on the prize of life forever with God.

In the Gospel, Jesus is challenged to demonstrate that he is a law-keeper, but he knows that this is a trap. If he counsels mercy, he will be declared an opponent of the law. If he follows the law and condones its punishment, he will be denounced as an inciter to murder. Jesus decides to do neither. Instead, he turns the tables and invites the crowd to forgo "legality" for the sake of forgiveness and reconciliation.

The Paschal Triduum of the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of the Lord

These are the most sacred days of our Church year. Please make every attempt to join in the services.

Holy Thursday – 6:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper including Washing of Feet followed by Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until 10:00 PM

Good Friday – 8:30 AM – 12 PM (Noon) – Adoration
5:30 PM – Stations of the Cross
6:00 PM – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

Holy Saturday – 7:30 PM – Easter Vigil – Night Watch of the Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday – 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

PARISH FEAST DAY FUNDRAISER – 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 Saint Joseph the Worker, which is May 1. For more information, contact the office or call Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499 or Mike Handzus at 828-489-4459.

April Church Cleaning – Karen Service and Marie Manley

<u>April 13/14</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ext. Ministers</u>
Sat: 5:00 PM	C. Puglisi	J. Caudill / Sam Williams
Sun: 8:00 AM	J. Zieman	B. & M. McCandless
10:30 AM	M. Cote	B. & J. Johnston

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CEMETERY NEWS

Prince of Peace Cemetery in Elberta belongs to St. Joseph and St. Bartholomew parishes. One of the requirements is that the owners come by and check their plot periodically. The flowers are often allowed to dry up and are blown everywhere by the wind. It is also requested that the flowers be placed in a permanent container on the stone or somewhere it does not need to be mowed. We appreciate anyone who might want to help with this ministry to keep our cemetery beautiful.

TREASURERS FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussy willows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate His passion?

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES 5TH ANNUAL CRAWFISH/BBQ

Sunday, April 28 – 1 PM to 6 PM – 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.

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." –Mother Teresa

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		