



Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 27/28, 2019

Mass Intentions

Saturday – within the Octave of Easter

5:00 PM † Hordiy Pasika / Maria Berec

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Canonization of Frederic Ozanam/SVdP

10:30 AM † Brother Joseph Weiss OSB/Scott Family

Tuesday – Easter Weekday

8:00AM Communion Service

Wednesday – St. Joseph the Worker

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

Thursday – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM

First Friday – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Memorial Mass Association Members

First Saturday – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM In Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary

5:00 PM Dan Mulroy / SVdP Conference

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, Dan Mulroy, Stacey Burgos Rodgers and baby Harper, Bill Roman, 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

Table with 3 columns: Our Loved Ones, Deceased Families, and Living & Deceased Families. Lists names and intentions for the First Friday Memorial Mass Association.

This Week's Schedule

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Activity. Lists the weekly schedule including Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Bible Study, Choir Practice, and various meetings.



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 59 8:00 AM = 137 10:30 AM = 84 Total = 280

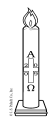
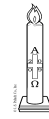
STEWARDSHIP for April 21, 2019

Offertory = \$2,949.00

Maintenance = \$60.00

Renovation Project = \$981.00

SVdP Collection ~ TODAY ~ Many thanks!



April 28 ~ HOLY HOUR ~ 2:30 PM

Devotions include Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Rosary and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A plenary indulgence may be obtained by going to Confession (within 8 days before or after), receiving Holy Communion on this day and praying for the intentions of our Holy Father, the Pope.

Welcome New Parishioner

Charlotte Mackey, 1713 Arcadia Dr., Foley, AL 36535

Please pray for Nollie Edwards, the son of Brad and Marie Edwards, who is making his First Holy Communion on May 5 at the 10:30 AM Mass.



IM HALL RENOVATION PROJECT – Many thanks to our parishioners who have already donated nearly \$100K to this extensive project. Our loan of \$50K from the Archdiocese of Mobile is still outstanding. We ask your continued support to reduce this debt.

MASSES in memory of or for the welfare of a loved one are available. To request a Mass, please call the office.

Gospel Reflections

DO NOT BE AFRAID ~ Did you notice? Today is called the "Second Sunday of Easter," not the "First Sunday after Easter." Our celebration of Easter is not over. These Sundays of Easter continue to present the mystery of Jesus Christ's victory.

The readings begin with the "signs and wonders" abounding in those earliest days. Sick people lay in the street, hoping that at least Peter's "shadow might fall on one or another of them." Then in a powerful passage from the book of Revelation, the visionary falls down "as though dead" upon seeing the victorious Christ. But Christ extends a gentle touch: "Do not be afraid . . . once I was dead, but now I am alive forever."

In the Gospel, that same Christ appears and breathes on the disciples, and gently leads Thomas to believe. This Christ—more powerful than any evil force, victorious over death itself—touches us and whispers, "Do not be afraid."



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT ~ In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear it proclaimed that many "signs and wonders" were performed in public by Christ's followers, a demonstration that produced two results. First, the people of Jerusalem outside the Christian community were awed by what the disciples were performing. And in the midst of all this amazement, many were being converted.

Good stewards know of the evangelizing power emanating from their daily acts of love, compassion, kindness and generosity. They believe that if they stay focused on Christ each day, every act has the power to transform a broken world. What "signs and wonders" will we perform today?

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

of Saint Joseph the Worker – May 5 after 10:30 AM Mass including May Crowning honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary and First Holy Communicant, Pot Luck Luncheon – bring your favorite dish – and our parish fundraiser raffle drawing for \$500, \$250 and \$100.

We are still offering a FREE RAFFLE TICKET for every \$25 donated. Contact the office or call Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499 or Mike Handzus at 828-489-4459

May Church Cleaning – Harriet Shields, Hannah Gale More help is needed! Please call the office.

Table with 5 columns: May 4/5, Sat, Sun, Lectors, Ext. Ministers, Gift Bearers, and Ushers. Lists names and roles for the May 4/5 celebration.

HAPPY EASTER FROM ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

Some of the best of SBCS, besides those mentioned last week, that happens during the last few weeks of school include May Crowning in which we honor Mary and all our First Communicants.

Enrollment for the 1019-1020 school year is NOW! Visit www.saintbenedict.net or call 251-986-8143.

Baldwin-Escambia ACCW Quarterly Meeting/Luncheon Thursday, May 16, 2019 ~ St. Joseph Catholic Church

Registration & Coffee–8:45 AM; Business Meeting–9:15 AM; Mass–11:00 AM; Lunch (\$13)–12 Noon in Parish Hall. Guest speakers: Sr. Margaret Harte PBVM, Phyllis Beam, CSS, Austin Gontarski, started "Lunch Backpacks for Kids."

Every April Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: you gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed and the cries of those who love them.

Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and take away our sins.

"Yes, my beloved people, God is merciful...if you sincerely repent and amend your life; if you forsake forever all those evil ways in order to follow Christ in self-denial and penance; if you really prepare for the life to come, rejoice, for here I present you the balm for all your wounds—the infinite mercy of God."