

*The Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year*  
September 7/8, 2019



*Mass Intentions*

**Saturday**  
5:00 PM Fred & Jewel Nail / B. & M. Nail

**Sunday— Grandparents Day**  
8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners  
10:30 AM † Canonization of Frederick Ozanam / St. Joseph SVDP Conference

**Tuesday**  
8:00 AM Fred M. Scott (birthday) / Scott Family

**Wednesday**  
8:00 AM † Jose' & Carrie Garley / B. & M. Nail

**Thursday – The Most Holy Name of Mary**  
8:00 AM † Elizabeth Jennings / B. & M. Nail

**Friday – St. John Chrysostom**  
8:00 AM † Fred Nail, Jr. / B. & M. Nail

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

**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, Rhett Giuli, June Henderson, Brad Jarveis, **Bill Johnston**, Monroe Matheny, Bob & **Margaret Nail**, Vera Patterson, Claire & Bill Patton, Charles "Buddy" Stempel, Mike Wilcox, David Woodford

**Homebound:** Juanita Baena, Loretta Roy, Dotsie Santa Cruz, Patricia Henderson, George Schaff, Mary Smith

**Assisted Living:** Allen & Gwen Dretzka, Paul Peschel

**Non-parishioners:** Diane Geiselman, Susan Henderson, Bud Kaechele, Rev. David P. Carucci, Berkleigh Cirilli, Clayton Karston, Irene Lipscomb, Dan Mulroy, Bill Roman, Rosa Linda Torio, Mark Smith, Art Treinen

*What serious planning are you doing to follow Jesus?*

**~ 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**

Tuesday	8:30 AM	SVdP Food Pantry – IMH
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Choir Practice – Church
Thursday	5:30 PM	Finance Council Meeting – Immaculate Mary Hall
<b>Every Day</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Rosary Novena</b>

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

5:00 PM = 67 8:00 AM = 69 10:30 AM = 58 Total = 194

**STEWARDSHIP for September 1, 2019**

Offertory = \$2,285.00  
Renovation Project = \$495.00  
Maintenance = \$306.00  
Second collection – **NEXT WEEK** – Catholic University (envelopes are in the pews)  
**SVdP Special Collection ~ \$413.00 ~ Many thanks!**

**ACCW PRIESTS' BURSE CLUB APPEAL SUNDAY ~ TODAY**

Burse Club dues help support our seminarians' education. Envelopes are in the pews and at church entrances. Please return them next week. For more information, call Hannah Gale at 850-766-1645. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and for holy priestly vocations.

**MUSIC MINISTRY** ~ We welcome anyone who likes to sing, cantor at our Liturgy or play an instrument to come and join our choir group. We have some musical opportunities coming up and would like you to be informed if you wish to participate. All new members are welcome to join us. Call Kim Kaminski (850)384-8941 or email Kaminski\_K@msn.com.

**FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL MASS ASSOCIATION**

It is not too late for **Membership Dues** that were due September 1. An annual offering of \$50 is requested for each intention to be remembered at the Masses celebrated on ALL First Fridays of the year. To renew your membership or become a new member, place your intention and money in an envelope and put it in the offertory collection, drop it off at the office, or mail it.

**THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

is Monday before the weekend to be in the bulletin.

**Gospel Reflections**

**ATTITUDE CHANGE** ~ Today's readings ask us to re-think our attitudes and ways. The passage from the book of Wisdom reminds us that when it comes to understanding, even the wisest person barely scrapes the surface of things.

In Paul's provocative little letter to Philemon, the apostle praises Philemon for his understanding of the social order—which included slavery—and for his good treatment of Onesimus. Then Paul goes on to drop his bombshell. He tells Philemon that Onesimus is now a Christian and should be treated as such—as a brother, an equal. What was Philemon to think?

Today's Gospel tells us that if we are to follow Jesus, we must do some serious planning. Once all our planning is complete, we have to be willing to accept the fact that our plans are never enough.

**OUR RUMMAGE SALE** is October 23–26. We need more help to sort and price items. Please sign the schedule in the vestibule even if only for one hour. Call Tom Shields at (205) 405-7499 if you need items picked up.

**SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

Saint Benedict Catholic School is looking to add to our substitute teacher roster. A teaching certificate is not required, just a loving heart and a desire to work with students in a Catholic school environment. Please contact Dr. Kathy McCool if interested.

**FundRays Coupon Books** are now on sale and are available for both Baldwin and Escambia counties for \$15. Special Taste of Excellence books are also available for \$20. Get one from your favorite SBCS student after the Masses today or contact SBCS school office (986-8143) for more information!

Follow us on social media to stay up to date with our latest happenings!

Facebook: @StBenedictCatholicSchoolElberta

Instagram: StBenedictCatholic

Twitter: @StBenedictCath1

Thank you for all of your hard work in your parishes and the work you do for our school.

**~ September Church Cleaning ~**

**Margaret Wilcox and Hannah Gale**

More help is needed! Call the office if you can help.

**Sept. 14/15**

**Sat:** 5:00 PM

**Sun:** 8:00 AM

10:30 AM

**Lectors**

H. Gale

H. Shields

R. Fortunati

**Ext. Ministers**

Sr. Thérèse / J. Caudill

K. Galvano / M. Manley

J. & Nancy Alemany

**Gift Bearers**

P. & J. Langan

C. Puglisi / D. Oshana

K. Service / Ushers' Choice

**Ushers**

F. Mullek / S. Pinzone

M. Manley / M. Puglisi

B. Jarveis / J. Hilderbrandt

**A Profound Expression of Appreciation and Gratitude**

to all who have responded to our call with your most welcome expression of commitment and service to our parish and its needs.

**St. John of the Cross Lay Carmelite Order**

St. John of the Cross Lay Carmelite Community will hold a general information session on Sunday, September 8, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. The session will be in St. John Paul 11 Center at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Foley. Please feel free to attend.

If you are unable to attend but would like more information about our Lay Carmelite Community, contact Don Rhodes, Director, at (251) 928-7310.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES** ~ There is an opening for a part-time Volunteer Coordinator on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 5 hours each day. For a job description and to answer questions about what this job entails, please contact Phyllis Beam at 251-947-2384.

**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		