



*Two Parishes,  
One Family*



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**RECONCILIATION:**

5:00-6:00pm Tues. and Thurs. or by appt.

**MASS TIMES - HOLY DAYS:**

Vigil-5:30pm; 6:00am, 8:15am (school year) and 5:30pm

**ADORATION:**

6:30am-4:00pm Fridays in the Chapel


**PARISH OFFICE:**

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Richard Jones,  
MaryAnne Cieutat

**Secretary:**  
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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week of 6/3/24-6/9/24: \$5,051



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**Week of 6/3/24-6/9/24**

Sunday 6/9/24: \$3,205.22  
Mailed in: \$783.00  
Online: \$9,861.30  
**Total: \$13,849.52**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Holy Father (Peter's Pence) - June 30

June 16, 2024 | 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	June 15	St. Joan	4:00pm	William Thomas (I)
Sun.,	June 16	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kilday Family (I & d)
		St. Joan	8:30am	All the Fathers from St. Joan of Arc Parish (I & d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	Arthur Crooker (d)
Mon.,	June 17	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	June 18	St. Mary's	6:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory (d)
Wed.,	June 19	St. Mary's	6:00am	Deacon John Cretaro (d)
Thurs.,	June 20	St. Mary's	6:00am	Al Leopold (I)
Fri.,	June 21	St. Mary's	6:00am	



## PLEASE PRAY FOR the Sick

Christy Blackmon,  
Hoagy Kearns, Janet

Pierre, Kathy Wall, Ann Schillings, Michael Newburn, Milton Days, Betty Spotswood, Frances Arata, Daniel Lawrence, George Finkbohner, Anne Hall, Laura Cummings, Felice Lomangino, Philip Tapia, Preston Griffith, Karen Johnson, Sandra Edwards, Mary Lou Noletto, Sandi Clark, Guillermo Herrera, Marsena Walsh, Douglas Laird, Bill Klein, Idella Lang, Claire Morrow, Richard Harrington, Carolyn Harrington, Jim Fibbe, Mary Davis Rutledge, Doris Reed, Westey and Kathleen Hurst, Susan Thornton, Angle Nagle, Carolyn Simmons, Virgil Graham, Joe Kenny, Sr. Elizabeth Ann Cannon, Wendy Makiwn, Elizabeth Vannees, John Johnson, Louise McPherson, Jackson Johnson, Carol Rathle, Judy Daly, Geri Barnett, Viola Henderson, Eva Haustein, Coach Phillips Murphy, Nancy Anderson, Jennifer Folman, Joe Byrne, Allison Simons Robinson, Jayee Thomas, Will Strickland, Gary Graham



## PLEASE PRAY FOR the Deceased

Joseph Dennis,  
William Talbott

## PRAYER GROUP

### WOMEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The WOSM Rosary Group meets each month in the Chapel on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 8:30am This group is led by Alexis Talbott. The next meeting is **Sat., July 6.**

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Little Sisters of the Poor is hiring! We are looking for dedicated employees to support the Little Sisters' mission of loving service to the elderly poor here at Sacred Heart Residence. Below are the available positions:

### Long-Term Care Administrator

### Dietary Manager - CDM

Our Human Resources Director, Kathleen Nolan, can be reached at [hrmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:hrmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org) or by calling the Home at 251-476-6335.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass is on pause for the summer. After our summer break, we will resume in September!

**CCD CLASSES** will begin again this fall. Please contact the parish office at (251) 432-8678 for more information.

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP KICK-OFF!

**Friday, June 28 | 6:30 p.m.**  
**under St. Mary's Ollis Pavilion**

All young adults age 21 to 29 are invited to join St. Mary's new Young Adults Group! This group will meet every 4th Friday of the month for a social outing. Appetizers/snacks and drinks will be provided at this first event... yard games too! For more information, contact St. Mary's Young Adult Group Coordinator, Millie Martorana at [martoranamillie@gmail.com](mailto:martoranamillie@gmail.com).

## EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The Eucharistic Revival, which has been going on for about a year, will reach its pinnacle with the Blessed Sacrament being processed across the county on 4 different routes that all culminate in Indianapolis (where the Eucharist Congress is scheduled to be held in July). Our Archdiocese of Mobile is on the Juan Diego Route.

At **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 15**, Archbishop Rodi will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. At this Mass he will consecrate the host which will be used for our portion of the **Eucharistic Procession. The procession will begin as we recess from Mass. It will end at St. Mary's Church** with a talk about the connection between being people of the Eucharist and being people of service.

After this talk, most pilgrims will be dismissed. (With the exception of those who have **volunteered to help stuff bags for distribution to seafarers**; materials are provided). There will be a shuttle available to return pilgrims to their cars that were left at the Cathedral.

**OCIA CLASSES (FORMERLY RCIA)** will begin again this fall. Please contact the parish office at (251) 432-8678 for more information.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** meets in the Youth Building at 111 N. Lafayette St. at 12:30 to play games and eat pizza together. At 1:30, the girls and boys separate for their own focus groups, led by Elizabeth Rafferty and Fr. Vrazel.



## ST. MARY'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### "Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer"

June 24 - 28, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon

Join us for a week of fun, on a wing and a prayer! VBS will meet in the gym at St. Mary's Catholic School from 9AM to Noon for fun, fellowship, and lots of songs and games! For Students in Pre4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.



Camper  
Sign-Up

### VBS Adult Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers aged **6th grade and up**, come join us for VBS this June 24-28!

You'll help us get set up, help facilitate activities, and lead camper groups throughout the day. You'll arrive by 8:30AM and be finished by Noon each day. Come help us put on a great week for the campers!

For additional details on St. Mary's VBS week, please contact VBS Chair, Elizabeth Blanchette at (251) 508-2796 if you are interested in volunteering!



Volunteer  
Sign-Up

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 15 Eucharistic Procession**  
from The Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception to St. Mary's Church,  
8:00am Cathedral, see info on left
- June 24- Vacation Bible School**  
**June 28** 9AM-Noon, Details TBA
- June 28 Young Adult Group**  
6:00PM **Kick-Off!** Ollis Pavilion
- July 4 Fr. Vrazel's Fireworks Show**  
9:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Parish
- July 6 Women's Rosary Group**  
8:30am Chapel
- July 29- Altar Server Training**  
**Aug 2** See Details to the left
- Aug 12 First Day of School!**
- Oct 24 St. Mary's Trivia Night!**  
TBA Details coming soon  
This year's theme:  
"Songs We Know By Heart"

## June 10, 2024 | 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPI)

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this – but even more wonderful – is at play when Mark says of Jesus, **"he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything."** Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would

have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples – who hear things explained directly – barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

– *Father John Muir*

## PLEDGE A MILE

### ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Mary's Parish is taking another of youth to CAMP HIDDEN LAKE in Dahlonega, GA for LifeTeen-sponsored week of camp July 8-13th.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!

Please consider pledging a mile or more to help us get there. Suggested donation \$25/mile. For more information, contact Jessica Martin at 251-432-8678 or [jmartin@stmarymobile.org](mailto:jmartin@stmarymobile.org). Donations can be made payable to St. Mary's Youth Group and sent to the parish office at 106 Providence St., Mobile, AL 36604. All donations are tax deductible. THANK YOU for your generosity!



### SUNDAY BRUNCH SOCIAL

Everyone is welcome to join us for food and fellowship following most Sunday morning Masses. We will not have brunch on Father's Day. Thank you to all who prepare this wonderful social. Please contact the office or Helena Smith if you would like to be put on a brunch team.

#### Schedule:

6/16: No Social – Father's Day

6/23: Melanie Winter, Lauren Dempsey, Jenna Strickland, Caroline Hassell

### MASS INTENTIONS

Did you know that for a very small stipend, you can have a Mass offered in honor of your loved ones, living or deceased? Call the office for more information

### GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME

Grace is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve. Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we deserve. Blessings are when He is generous with both. Truly, we can never run out of reasons to thank Him

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

St. Joan of Arc is looking for a few people to form several teams of 2 to take turns getting the church ready for weekend Masses & weddings - mainly checking on Friday or Saturday morning to ensure that the church is neat and tidy (altar cloths clean, plants watered, old flowers removed, pews & missals orderly). Just general tidying up. If you can help, please call Lynn in the office M-W-F 9:00-noon.