



## Two Parishes, One Family



### PARISH STAFF

#### Pastor:

The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel

#### Deacon:

Mark Thompson

#### School Principal:

Corinne Cuffle

#### Pastoral Assistant:

Jessica Martin

#### Dir. of Development:

Marcelle Naman

#### Volunteer Coordinator:

Millie Dixon

#### Parish Bookkeeper:

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Dr. Collin Lowery

#### CCD Coordinator:

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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  
5:00pm-6:00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays  
in the main church

### PARISH OFFICE:

Open M-F 8:00AM-3:00PM  
106 Providence St. | Mobile, AL 36604  
251-432-8678

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Open M-F 8:00AM-3:00PM  
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#### Pastor:

The Very Rev.  
Stephen Vrazel

#### Deacon:

Douglas McEnery

#### Organists:

Richard Jones,  
MaryAnne Cieutat

#### Secretary:

Lynn Anderson

### RECONCILIATION:

3:30-3:55 pm Saturday and by appt.

### PARISH OFFICE:

Open M, W, F 9:00AM-12:00PM  
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### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory 1/1/25 \$199

1/4/25 & 1/5/25: \$2,426



Scan this QR code to give to St. Joan of Arc Parish online!

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT


#### Week of 12/30/24-1/5/24

Sunday 1/5/24: \$4,659.35

Online: \$19,565.00

Mail-in: \$2,236.00

**Total: \$26,460.35**



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PARENTING SUPPORT

Call us at 251-343-4636  
for assistance.

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**Pregnant? Parenting?** 2B Choices for Women in Mobile can help! We are building a culture of encounter and accompaniment as we walk with moms and parents in need.

2B Choices for Women in Mobile provides free pregnancy testing, prenatal/parental education, and baby essentials.

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To learn more about our ministry please visit [catholicocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women](http://catholicocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women) or follow us at [facebook.com/2BChoices](https://facebook.com/2BChoices)

### January 12, 2025 | The Baptism of the Lord

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Jan 11	St. Joan	4:00pm	Mike Kersten (L)
Sun.,	Jan 12	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kilday Family (I & d)
		St. Joan	8:30am	Roy, Shirley & George Burns (d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	Charles Knapp (d)
Mon.,	Jan 13	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	Jan 14	St. Mary's	6:00am	Deacon John Cretaro (d)
Wed.,	Jan 15	St. Mary's	9:00am	John Raftery (d)
Thurs.,	Jan 16	St. Mary's	6:00am	
Fri.,	Jan 17	St. Mary's	6:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory



**PLEASE PRAY FOR**  
*the Sick*

Christy Blackmon, Hoagy Kearns, Janet Pierre, Kathy Wall, 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, 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 Makin, Elizabeth Vannees, John Johnson, Louise McPherson, Jackson Johnson, Carol Rathle, Geri Barnett, Viola Henderson, Eva Haustein, Nancy Anderson, Jennifer Folman, Joe Byrne, Jayee Thomas, Will Strickland, Gary Graham, Tim Fibbe, Sr., Kelly Solano, Bill & Pamela Reed, Bob Naman, Lewis Brock III, Mike Laird, Deacon Doug McEnery



**PLEASE PRAY FOR**  
*the Deceased*

Lillian Hinton  
Nicholas Scheard



## Why Volunteer?

Children participating in Catholic Sunday Mass liturgy fosters spiritual growth, strengthens community bonds, teaches values like reverence and gratitude, enhances understanding of faith, and develops a sense of belonging and responsibility.



## How Can My Child Help?

There are many liturgical elements that your child can take part in including serving as a lector, altar server, gift bearer, greeter, usher, and singing in the choir.



## How Do I Sign Up?

Simply scan the QR code below or email the parish office at [jmartin@stmarymobile.org](mailto:jmartin@stmarymobile.org)



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass welcomes children ages 3-8. They'll be led to the chapel for the Liturgy of the Word, to return to their pews after bringing up the gifts at the Offertory.

**CCD CLASSES** is held from 10:30AM-11:15AM at St. Mary's School. Please contact the parish office at (251) 432-8678 for more information or **visit the website to register your child.**

**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.

## OCIA CLASSES (FORMERLY RCIA)

Curious about the Roman Catholic Church and Her teachings? Join us for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) classes, **now held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

**We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Church for Mass**, where Candidates and Catechumens will be dismissed before Communion to continue their classes.

OCIA offers a supportive and enriching environment to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith. You don't need to commit to becoming Catholic to join us—just bring your curiosity and an open heart!

For more information or to sign up, please **contact the parish office at (251) 432-8678.**

## PRAYER GROUPS

### 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., Feb. 1.**

### MEN OF ST. JOSEPH GROUP

**Join us on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Sisters of Mercy Building** as we gather for prayer, discuss the upcoming Sunday Gospel, and explore how to live out Christ's example. Our weekly fellowship helps men grow in faith, holiness, and leadership. Come be part of our brotherhood!

## BE MY VALENTINE

Mary's Shelter would like to present the 5th Annual Be My Valentine \$10,000 drawdown extravaganza, Sunday, February 16, 2025 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Parish in Gulf Shores. You need not be present to win \$10,000. Numbers will be eliminated throughout the event, and the last number to be drawn will take home \$10,000. In addition, we will have a silent and live auction, lunch, and entertainment by "Elvis." In order for this event to be successful we need you! The cost is \$100 per ticket for a chance to win \$10,000. You may purchase as many tickets as you please, but only 500 tickets will be sold. **ALL TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.**

Tickets can be purchased online at [maryssheltergulfcoast.org](http://maryssheltergulfcoast.org), by scanning the QR code to the right.



*Mary's Shelter*

*Gulf Coast*

*Be My Valentine*

**\$10,000 Draw Down**

*Last ticket pulled wins \$10,000!*

*Silent/Live Auction*

*Get your tickets today  
Only 500 tickets for sale!*



*Our Lady of the Gulf  
308 E. 22nd Avenue, Gulf Shores*

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*251-986-6351*

*Sunday, February 16, 2025  
12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.*

*Special guest appearance and  
performance by "Elvis!"*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Jan 26</b> 9:30AM	<b>Mustang Mass</b> St. Mary's Church
<b>Feb 1</b> 8:30am	<b>Women's Rosary Group</b> Chapel
<b>Feb. 5</b>	<b>Anniversary of Dedication of St. Mary's Church</b> , Details TBA
<b>Mar 1</b> 8:30am	<b>Women's Rosary Group</b> Chapel
<b>Mar 5</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> TBA
<b>Mar 16</b> 9:30AM	<b>Mustang Mass</b> St. Mary's Church
<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Feast of St. Joseph</b> Details TBA
<b>Apr 10</b>	<b>Living Stations of the Cross</b> , TBA
<b>April 13</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> , Holy Week begins
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
<b>April 21-25</b>	<b>St. Mary's School Spring Break</b>
<b>May 1-3</b>	<b>Steak Out Weekend!</b> Details to come
<b>May 4</b> 3:00pm	<b>First Communion Mass</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Confirmation Mass</b> Details TBA
<b>May 23</b>	<b>St. Mary's School last day of classes</b>

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPI)

Have In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those

marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself – or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love – until those words find a home in your heart.

– *Father John Muir*



### Don't just ATTEND your church – LOVE your church.

Serve, Give, Invite, Worship, Post, Join, Engage, Participate!

### SUNDAY BRUNCH SOCIAL

Everyone is welcome to join us for food and fellowship following most Sunday morning Masses. Thank you to all who work to make this social possible. Please contact the office or Helena Smith if you would like to be put on a brunch team.

#### Schedule:

1/12: Gayle Conner, Cynthia Parham, Ann Olsen, Sally Teague, Ann Doyle

1/19: Kathleen Gerard, BJ Robertson, Bridget Chaplman

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

This weekend we welcome Most Reverend Thomas Rodi as our celebrant for both Masses. Archbishop Rodi will kick off the Catholic Charities Appeal. Please look for your envelopes in the mail.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time to decorate the church. We will be removing the decorations following the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, please stay to help if you can.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Birthday blessings to our parishioners celebrating in January:

Jan. 4 – Paula Stadther

Jan. 6 – Mary Caroline Dennis

Jan. 7 – Bob Overmeyer

Jan. 9 – Jim Robertson (9th)

Jan. 13 – Mason Winter

Jan. 15 – BJ Robertson  
Kathleen Gerard

Jan. 18 – Sophia Rucker (18th)

Jan. 21 – Stan Anderson

Jan. 24 – Becky Sims

Jan. 25 – Violet Smith

Jan. 26 – Michele Otto

Jan. 27 – Elizabeth Blanchette (27th)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do good things. He planned for us long ago.



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