



*Two Parishes,  
One Family*



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The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel

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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:**

Open M-F 8:00AM-3:00PM  
106 Providence St. | Mobile, AL 36604  
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Douglas McEnergy

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Richard Jones,  
MaryAnne Cieutat

**Secretary:**  
Lynn Anderson

**RECONCILIATION:**

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

**PARISH OFFICE:**

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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week of 4/22/24-4/28/24: \$4,040.00



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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Week of 4/22/24-4/28/24**

Sunday 4/28/24: \$2,526.22  
Mailed in: \$880.00  
Online: \$4,310.04  
**Total: \$7,716.26**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Communications - May 19

May 5, 2024 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	May 4	St. Joan	4:00pm	Souls in Purgatory (d)
Sun.,	May 5	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kilday Family (I & d)
		St. Joan	8:30am	Sister Mary Dominica (d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	Elsie Ruth Olewnik (d)
Mon.,	May 6	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	May 7	St. Mary's	6:00am	Deacon John Cretaro (d)
Wed.,	May 8	St. Mary's	6:00am	Olivia Nettles (I)
Thurs.,	May 9	St. Mary's	6:00am	
Fri.,	May 10	St. Mary's	6:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory



## 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

## 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., May 4.**



### PREGNANCY AND PARENTING SUPPORT

Call us at 251-343-4636 for assistance.

#### 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.

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

## 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** meet on Sundays from 10:30-11:20 in the St. Mary's School building. Please contact Steve Dolan at [sdolan@stmarymobile.org](mailto:sdolan@stmarymobile.org) for inquiries.

**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 CONFIRMATION CLASS**  
The Confirmation Mass will be held on May 9th at 6:00PM in the Church.

**RCIA CLASSES** meet on Thursdays from 7PM-8PM in the church for any adults interested in learning more about or joining the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office at (251) 432-8678 for more information.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 5th at 3:00pm in the Church.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# STEAK 2 OUT 0 WEEK 2 END 4

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, sold tickets, volunteered, and otherwise worked to make this fundraising weekend such a success! Stay tuned next week for a complete list of sponsors and donors who made this weekend's events possible!

ST. MARY PARISH

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 2024

RETURNING SERVERS  
**July 29th 9am-noon**  
ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

NEW SERVERS (RISING 5TH-8TH) & NEW HIGH SCHOOLERS  
**July 30th-August 1st**  
9AM-NOON DAILY  
ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND FUN DAY!

**CAMP IS LED BY FR. VRAZEL.  
SNACK PROVIDED EACH DAY.**

Volunteers are needed to help with camp. Adults are needed for supervision and to provide a daily snack for the kids. Please call the parish office if you can help. Must be child protection trained.

There is no registration fee. Please fill out the attached registration form and return it to the parish office by **July 15th.**  
Questions? [lw Wallace@stmarymobile.org](mailto:lw Wallace@stmarymobile.org)  
251-432-8678 ext. 4

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Donald Paul Maddox



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>May 4</b> 8:30am	<b>WOSM Rosary Group</b> St. Mary's Chapel
<b>May 5</b> 3:00pm	<b>First Holy Communion</b> in the Church
<b>May 9</b> 6:00pm	<b>Confirmation Mass</b> in the Church
<b>May 15</b> 11:00am	<b>St. Mary's Mustang Walk</b> Ollis Pavilion
<b>May 22</b> 6:00pm	<b>St. Mary's 8th Grade</b> Completion Mass
<b>May 24</b> 11:30am	<b>Last day of School!</b> Dismissal
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Eucharistic Procession</b> from The Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception to St. Mary's Church, Details TBA

## May 5, 2024 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

### GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPI)

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JPPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, **"You are my friends if you do what I command you"**

(John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command – to love, to lay down our lives for others – will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.  
– *Father John Muir*

## PLEDGE A MILE

### ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Mary's Parish is taking two groups of youth to CAMP HIDDEN LAKE in Dahlonega, GA for LifeTeen-sponsored weeks of camp June 3-8th and 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 Laurel Wallace at 251-432-8678 or lwallace@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. 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:

5/5: Mary Jane Blanchette, Elizabeth Blanchette, Stephanie Gapud, Sharee Broussard

5/12: No Social – Mother's Day

### MAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish secretary will be out of town most of the month of May.

### PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

To sign up or add names of deceased loved ones to the book: catholicinmobile@gmail.com.

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER

To sign up please email mjbsjacop@gmail.com

### BAPTISM

We are happy to announce the baptism last Sunday of Francis James Otto, daughter of Lane & Michele Otto. You are a child of God, wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in His sight. Before God made you, He knew you.

### MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May is a month of special devotion to the "Queen of Heaven." May marks the end of winter and is a time for new beginnings—a chance to begin with gratitude and devotion. Mary was a perfect follower of Christ and is considered the crown of creation. She is also the Mother of the Son of God, Jesus, who is the King of the universe. And of course, she is the most important woman of our faith, and our spiritual mother. Today we will crown Mary and it is our hope that we will have a special encounter with Christ through the Virgin Mary.