



Two Parishes, One Family



PARISH STAFF

Pastor:

The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel

Deacon:

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Music Director:

Dr. Collin Lowery

CCD Coordinator:

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weeks of 11/18/24-12/1/24

Sunday 11/10/24: \$2,491.78

Sunday 12/1/24: \$3,090.10

Online: \$17,243.59

Total: \$22,825.47

SECOND COLLECTION

Campaign for Human Development –
Nov. 24 – \$259.22

Black History Fund – 12/1/24 – \$156.66

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

SCHOOL OFFICE:

Open M-F 8:00AM-3:00PM
107 N. Lafayette St. | Mobile, AL 36604
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To visit our online donation page,
open your smart phone's camera
and aim it at the coded square.
Touch the link that pops up on
your phone.

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Deacon:

Douglas McEnery

RECONCILIATION:

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

PARISH OFFICE:

Open M, W, F 9:00AM-12:00PM
1260 Elmira St. | Mobile, AL 36604
251-432-3505

office@stjoanofarc.net

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 11/18/24-11/24/24: \$2,586

Week of 11/25/24-12/1/24: \$4,131



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

December 8, 2024 | Second Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Dec 7	St. Joan	4:00pm	Celeste Birch (I)
Sun.,	Dec 8	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kilday Family (I & d)
		St. Joan	8:30am	Paul & Judy Broussard (d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	Kyle Mixon (d)
Mon.,	Dec 9	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	Dec 10	St. Mary's	6:00am	Mark Dodson (d)
Wed.,	Dec 11	St. Mary's	6:00am	Deacon John Cretaro (d)
Thurs.,	Dec 12	St. Mary's	6:00am	Beverly Bauer (d)
Fri.,	Dec 13	St. Mary's	6:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory



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
catholicssocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women
or follow us at facebook.com/2BChoices



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 McEnergy



ST. MARY'S PLAZA PLAQUES

All have an opportunity to be included on a beautiful bronze plaque on our church plaza seating walls with other donors (a plaque will have more than one donor listed on it).

We invite donors to make a pledge of \$500 to be paid by December 31, 2024. Scan the code to the right to donate online or call or email Marcelle Naman with your pledge and to set up payment arrangements if more time is needed at mrnmaman@stmarymobile.org or (251) 432-8678.



All proceeds benefit the plaza improvement plans.

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 1st Saturday at 8:30am This group is led by Alexis Talbott. The next meeting is **Sat., Dec. 7.**

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!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & INSTRUMENTALIST DONATIONS

Any donation is greatly appreciated. Please include name of your loved ones by December 12th so that it can be included in the Christmas bulletin.

Specific shrines and statues are listed with their suggested donation, as well as the specific instrumentalists we are bringing in for the Christmas services. All general donors names will be listed in the bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!

Please scan the QR code to the right to make your donation online.



You can also drop donations off at the parish office or mail to 106 Providence Street, Mobile, AL 36604, or use the Christmas Flower Envelopes in the pews if you prefer to donate via the offertory basket during Mass!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 7 8:30am	Women's Rosary Group Chapel
10a-3p	Parent's Day Out Ollis Pavilion
Dec 9	Feast of the Immaculate Conception , Masses at 6:00am and 5:30pm
Dec 10 5p.m.-8p.m.	St. Mary's PTO Spirit Night at Culvers
Dec 24 4:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm Midnight	Christmas Eve Mass St. Joan of Arc Church St. Mary's Church St. Mary's Church St. Mary's Church
Dec 25 9:00am	Christmas Day Mass St. Joan of Arc Church
Dec 31 5:30pm	Vigil Mass, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God St. Joan of Arc Church
	New Year's Eve Holy Hour 11pm-Midnight St. Mary's Church
Jan 1 9:00am	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God , St. Mary's

Parents'

DAY OUT

7TH

DECEMBER

10:00AM - 3:00PM

Ollis Pavilion

● 1 child - \$20 ● 2 children - \$30 ● 3+ children - \$40

Cash/Venmo Accepted!

Venmo @stmarymobile

Need a break to get your holiday shopping done? Let us take care of your little ones while you focus on finding the perfect gifts! We are offering a fun day of play and a pizza lunch, so you can enjoy stress-free Christmas shopping. To register, send names/ages of children and any allergies to jmartin@stmarymobile.org.

ST. MARY'S PTO SPIRIT NIGHT AT CULVERS!

Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Dine and socialize with fellow Mustang Families while raising funds for St. Mary's School! Foosackly's will contribute a percentage of sales back to us!

If you have a bulletin submission or suggestion please email lbinion@stmarymobile.org two weeks prior to the desired publish date.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPi)

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and

Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

— 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:

12/8: Kathleen Gerard, BJ Robertson, Bridget Chapman
12/15: Elizabeth Hughes, Helena Smith, Savannah Browning

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

We are now accepting donations for Christmas Memorial Flowers. This is a beautiful way to remember your loved ones. Thank you for helping to make the church beautiful during this Christmas Season! Envelopes are in the vestibule.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

Today we will have a collection for Retired Religious. Please place your offering in the basket in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP/TIME & TALENT

If you have not already done so, please complete a stewardship card with your 2025 tithe pledge and a Time & Talent form for volunteer opportunities and place it in the offertory or send it to the office. Both are located in the vestibule.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Praying that God blesses parishioners celebrating December birthdays with all the happiness in this universe! May you prosper and shine everywhere you go.

Dec. 6 - Ann Olsen, Celeste Birth
Dec. 7 - Esther Andrews
Dec. 8 - Joseph Dennis
Dec. 9 - Sara Copeland
Dec. 13 - Carolyn Provost
Dec. 17 - Jenna Strickland
Dec. 22 - Melanie Winter, Mary Lee Carter
Dec. 23 - Frances Otto, Shayla Jackson
Dec. 26 - Gracie Overmeyer
Dec. 27 - Emmanuel Gapud
Dec. 28 - Mike Kersten
Dec. 29 - Riley Smith