



*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:

Open M–F 8:00AM–3:00PM
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Douglas McEnery

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Richard Jones,
MaryAnne Cieutat

Secretary:
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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 1/8/24–1/14/24
Offertory: \$ 3,302.00



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Week of 1/8/24–1/14/24

Sunday 1/14/24: \$2843.22
Mailed in: \$6,035.00
Online: \$6,518.70
Total: \$15,396.92

January 21, 2024 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

| DAY | DATE | WHERE | WHEN | INTENTIONS |
|---------|--------|------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Sat., | Jan 20 | St. Joan | 4:00pm | Anthony Williams (I) |
| Sun., | Jan 21 | St. Mary's | 6:00am | |
| | | St. Joan | 8:30am | Dolores Zoghby (I) |
| | | St. Mary's | 9:30am | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| | | St. Mary's | 11:30am | |
| Mon., | Jan 22 | St. Mary's | NO MASS | |
| Tues., | Jan 23 | St. Mary's | 6:00am | Art Crooker (d) |
| Wed., | Jan 24 | St. Mary's | 6:00am | Timothy Talbott (I) |
| Thurs., | Jan 25 | St. Mary's | 6:00am | Elizabeth Vanners (I) |
| Fri., | Jan 26 | St. Mary's | 6:00am | |



PLEASE PRAY FOR the Sick

Christy Blackmon, Hoagy

Kearns, Janet Pierre, Kathy Wall, Ann Schillings, Karen Clark Andrews, 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, Sr. Mary Agnes Nagle, Doris Reed, Westey and Kathleen Hurst, Susan Thornton, Carolyn Simmons, Virgil Graham, Joe Kenny, Kate Myers, Sr. Elizabeth Ann Cannon, Wendy Maken, Jean Rathle, Sharon Laird, Elizabeth Vannees, John Johnson, Louise McPherson, Jackson Johnson, Carol Rathle, Angela Nagle, Judy Daly, Denise Smith, Geri Barnett, Adele Kearns, Viola Henderson, Eva Haustein, James LeGrone, Coach Phillips Murphy, Nancy Anderson, Fr. Warren Wall

PRAYER GROUP

WOMEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The WOSM Rosary Group meets twice each month in the Chapel, on the 1st Saturday at 8:30am This group is led by Alexis Talbott. The next meeting is **Sat., February 3.**

WAYS TO SERVE

BE A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR LECTOR!

We are always in need of new lectors and Eucharistic ministers to serve on the altar, and if they are interested to contact Laurel Wallace in the parish office at lwallace@stmarymobile.org or 251-432-8678.



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 catholicsocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women or follow us at 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 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 meets next on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 7:00PM in the Sisters of Mercy Building.

RCIA CLASSES meet on Thursdays from 7PM-8PM in the Sisters of Mercy Building 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.

NOW HIRING

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER is seeking a full-time caregiver for the children ranging in ages from 6 weeks to 2 years. Please contact our principal, Corinne Cuffle, at ccuffle@stmarymobile.org for more information.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR is 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:

- Business Office Coordinator – Full Time
 - Receptionist – Every other Weekend
- Our Human Resources Director, Kathleen Nolan, can be reached at hmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org or by calling the Home at 251-476-633.

EVENTS



Please join us for Marriage Night on January 24th from 6PM-8PM in the Sisters of Mercy Building. \$30 suggested donation, and please bring a bottle of wine to share! Contact Laurel Wallace at lwallace@stmarymobile.org or 251.380.8772 to make your reservation.

Mary's Shelter

Gulf Coast Be My Valentine IV **\$10,000 Draw Down**
Last ticket pulled wins \$10,000!
Silent/Live Auction
Get your tickets today
Only 500 tickets for sale!



\$100 per ticket
Need not be present to win

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets online or call 251-986-6351



Our Lady of the Gulf
308 E. 22nd Avenue, Gulf Shores
Sunday, February 18, 2024
12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Special guest appearance and performance by "Elvis!"



Registration IS NOW OPEN!

SCHOLARS AND LEADERS IN FAITH

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL focuses on the development of the whole child, meeting the spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional needs of our children. We provide a diverse yet richly Catholic learning experience for your child, from six weeks old all the way through 8th grade. Come see what St. Mary's has to offer!

Please contact St. Mary Catholic School Office at (251) 433-9904 for more information or visit stmarymobile.org to schedule a personal visit.

Scan here to learn more about St. Mary's and sign up for your tour!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan. 24 6:00pm | Marriage Night SOM Building |
| Feb. 3 8:30am | WOSM Rosary Group Chapel |
| Feb. 7 12:00pm | 50+ Valentine's Luncheon SOM Building |
| Feb. 13 Ashes distributed at: 6:00am, 8:10am Mass 5:30pm (Vespers—not a Mass) | Ash Wednesday |
| Mar. 18 6:00pm | Marriage Night SOM Building |
| Mar. 19 5:30pm | St. Joseph's Altar & Pasta Dinner, school gym |
| Sun. Mar 24 6:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Masses | Palm Sunday |
| Thurs. Mar 28 7:00pm | Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| Fri. Mar 29 3:00pm 3:00pm 7:00pm | Good Friday Passion Liturgy Stations of the Cross Tenebrae |
| Sat. Mar 30 9:00am 3:00pm 8:00pm | Holy Saturday Tenebrae Confessions Easter Vigil |
| Sun. Mar 31 6:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Masses 10:30am | Easter Sunday! Easter Egg Hunt |
| April 21–27 | Steak Out Weekend! |
| Apr. 21 | Spring Swing, 12:00pm |
| April 25 | Mix & Mingle, 6:30pm |
| April 27 | Love Like Lillis Walk, 8:00am |
| April 27 | Kids' PlayDay, 9:00am |
| April 27 | Steak Out, 6:00pm |
| May 1 6:00pm | Marriage Night SOM Building |

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday is next weekend, January 28th. Every parishioner should have received a letter from Archbishop Rodi announcing the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal and asking for your prayerful generosity. Please complete the pledge card mailed with the letter and put it in the collection basket next weekend, or feel free to drop it by the parish office. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to 91999 for a link. Catholic Charities helps thousands of people in need across our archdiocese. All the funds collected are distributed to local ministries within the Archdiocese of Mobile. In the spirit of charity, we ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPi)

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "**Repent!**" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done

lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lie. — *Father John Muir*



SUNDAY BRUNCH SOCIAL

Everyone is welcome to join us for brunch following the Sunday morning Mass. 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:

1/21/24: Betty Gonzales, Paula Stadther, Maureen Shirah, Jane Radka
1/28/24: Mary Jane Blanchette, Elizabeth Blanchette, Stephanie Gapud

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

The St. Mary Conference is looking for St. Joan of Arc parishioners to join them in helping neighbors in need within our parish boundaries. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please call the office.

50 PLUS VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON

St. Mary's 8th grade class invites all St. Mary's and St. Joan of Arc family members and friends over the age of 50 to join them on Wednesday, February 7 at 12:00pm for great food, fellowship, and fun in the Sisters of Mercy Building!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Stuart Michael Luckie