



## Two Parishes, One Family



### PARISH STAFF

#### Pastor:

The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel

#### Deacon:

Mark Thompson

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Dr. Collin Lowery

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### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

#### Week of 11/4/24-11/10/24

Sunday 11/10/24: \$2,668.50

Mail-In: \$ 5,665.00

Online: \$7,678.43

**Total: \$16,011.93**

### SECOND COLLECTION

Campaign for Human  
Development - November 24



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  
[catholicssocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women](http://catholicssocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women)  
or follow us at [facebook.com/2BChoices](https://facebook.com/2BChoices)

### RECONCILIATION:

Cancelled this week; no Confession on 11/19, 11/21, 11/26 or 11/28

### 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  
251-432-8678

### SCHOOL OFFICE:

Open M-F 8:00AM-3:00PM  
107 N. Lafayette St. | Mobile, AL 36604  
251-433-9904

[www.stmarymobile.org](http://www.stmarymobile.org)



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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Stephen Vrazel

#### Deacon:

Douglas McEnery

### RECONCILIATION:

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

### PARISH OFFICE:

Open M, W, F 9:00AM-12:00PM  
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251-432-3505  
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### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 10/28/24-11/3/24:

Offertory: \$4,655.00

All Soul's Day: \$240.00



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November 17, 2024 | 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Nov 16	St. Joan	4:00pm	Nan Watson (d)
Sun.,	Nov 17	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kilday Family (I & d)
		St. Joan	8:30am	Raymond Blanchette (d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	Julia Drey (I)
Mon.,	Nov 18	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	Nov 19	St. Mary's	6:00am	Deacon John Cretaro (d)
Wed.,	Nov 20	St. Mary's	6:00am	
Thurs.,	Nov 21	St. Mary's	6:00am	
Fri.,	Nov 22	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 & 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

There will be no confession offered on 11/19, 11/21, 11/26 or 11/28. Our regularly scheduled Tues./Thurs. Confession time slots will resume on Tuesday 12/3.

**Parents' DAY OUT**

**16TH NOVEMBER | 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](mailto:jmartin@stmarymobile.org).

*Lighting Up Historic Midtown*  
12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

**Thursday, December 5th**  
**6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
Immediately following the SMS Christmas Program

Join us for:

- Pictures with Santa
- Live Band & Caroling
- Christmas Crafts
- Snow Machine
- Hot Cocoa
- Cookie Decorating

Foosackly's chicken, Mellow Mushroom pizza, and beverages for purchase!

## 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!

## WAYS TO GIVE

**ANGEL TREE** Each white angel on the tree at the front of the church contains a gift request for a local child or family in need, and each red angel represents an essential need of Little Sisters of the Poor. Please pick up an angel from the tree after Mass, and return your gifts during our **drop off day in the Sisters of Mercy building Sunday, Dec. 1st from 9am-1pm.** Thank you for your generosity and support!

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 4TH - 22ND

Help a family in need enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal! You can support families in need by donating: stuffing, green beans, corn, mac & cheese, sweet potatoes, instant potatoes, rice, gravy, bread mixes, desserts, or fruit.

## THE CATHOLIC MARITIME MINISTRY

is requesting donations for their Christmas "Bag" program. Items collected will be delivered to seafarers visiting Mobile during the Christmas season. Requested items are included below and can be dropped off in the collection boxes in the vestibule and at the Old Shell Road church entrance by November 29, 2024. Please contact Deacon John Archer at [jarcher@mobarch.org](mailto:jarcher@mobarch.org) with any questions.

- Hats and scarves in dark colors
- Work socks, work gloves
- Chapstick and hand lotion
- Shampoo, combs, shaving materials (full sizes, please!)
- Hard or boxed candy, gum, cough drops

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL

*Advent*

**COFFEE AND DONUTS**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

Enjoy brunch, family crafts, a special Advent/Christmas gift from Father Vrazel, and pick up your Advent wreath order!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Nov 16</b> 10a-3p	<b>Parent's Day Out</b> Ollis Pavilion
<b>Nov 18</b> 6:00pm	<b>First Reconciliation</b> St. Mary's Church
<b>Nov 28</b> 9:00am	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Mass at St. Mary's
<b>Dec 2</b> 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	<b>Advent Mission @ St. Joan</b> Dinner, Hall of Angels Rosary, St. Joan Church Ordinary Holiness, Pt. 1
<b>Dec 3</b> 6:30pm 7:00pm	<b>Advent Mission @ St. Joan</b> Rosary, St. Joan Church Ordinary Holiness, Pt. 2
<b>Dec 5</b> 6:30pm	<b>St. Mary's Lighting Up</b> Midtown! at St. Mary's School
<b>Dec 7</b> 8:30am	<b>Women's Rosary Group</b> Chapel
<b>Dec 7</b> 10a-3p	<b>Parent's Day Out</b> Ollis Pavilion
<b>Dec 9</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Masses at</b> 6:00am and 5:30pm

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPI)

I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every "world" we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light

fades. Things fall apart. It's awful. But, second, Christ comes **"in the clouds."** Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to **"gather his elect from the four winds."** He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. **"Summer is near,"** he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn't make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to 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:

11/17 Betty Gonzales, Moe Shirah, Paula Stadther, Jane Radka

11/24 Elizabeth Blanchette, Mary Jane Blanchette, Stephanie Gapud, Sharee Broussard

### FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting donations for the Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets assembled at St. Mary's. Please place nonperishable items in the appropriate box in the vestibule. Items needed: Boxed Cornbread & Muffin Mix, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Gravy Mix, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Dressing Mix, Boxed Deserts, Boxed Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Canned fruit, Powdered Drinks.

### ADVENT MISSION/CHILI SOCIAL

St. Joan of Arc will host the Advent Mission December 2nd & 3rd with Fr. Pat Arensberg as our speaker. On Monday, 12/2 we will have a chili social in the Hall of Angels prior to the mission. Please call the office or Helena Smith if you are willing to help.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The following is a picture of year-to-date financials.

#### INCOME

Offertory	\$167,380
Rentals (Weddings, Hall, Classrooms)	\$27,403

#### EXPENSES

Church Building Expenses	\$65,341
Rectory Building Expenses	\$22,028
School Building Expenses	\$44,644
Misc. Operating Expenses	\$72,086

CASH ON HAND	\$24,995
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**REV. PAT ARENSBERG**



## ST. MARY'S AND ST. JOAN OF ARC ADVENT MISSION

Join us December 2-3 at St. Joan of Arc Parish for our Advent Mission on

*Ordinary Holiness*

**DECEMBER 2**  
CHILI DINNER 5:30PM  
ROSARY 6:30PM  
ORDINARY HOLINESS PART ONE  
7:00PM

**DECEMBER 3**  
ROSARY 6:30PM  
ORDINARY HOLINESS PART TWO  
7:00PM

If you have a bulletin submission or suggestion please email [lbini@stmarymobile.org](mailto:lbini@stmarymobile.org) two weeks prior to the desired publish date.