





Two Parishes, One Family



PARISH STAFF

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The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 10/21/24-10/27/24

Sunday 10/27/24: \$1,744.23

Mail-In: \$855 Online: \$4,556.20 Total: \$7,155.43

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 251-433-9904

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Pastor: The Very Rev.

Stephen Vrazel Deacon:

Secretary: Lynn Anderson Douglas McEnery

Organists:

Richard Jones,

MaryAnne Cieutat

RECONCILIATION:

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

PARISH OFFICE:

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT Week of 10/21/24-10/27/24: Offertory: \$4,589



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November 3, 2024 | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Nov 2	St. Joan	4:00pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory (d)
Sun.,	Nov 3	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	
Mon.,	Nov 4	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	Nov 5	St. Mary's	6:00am	
Wed.,	Nov 6	St. Mary's	6:00am	David M. Smith (d)
Thurs.,	Nov 7	St. Mary's	6:00am	Deacon John Cretaro (d)
Fri.,	Nov 8	St. Mary's	6:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory



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



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



Sr. Mary Anne Wilhelm, Deacon Robert Kirby

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 Rafftery 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.

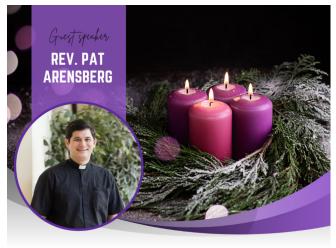
PRAYER GROUPS

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., Nov. 2**.

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!



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

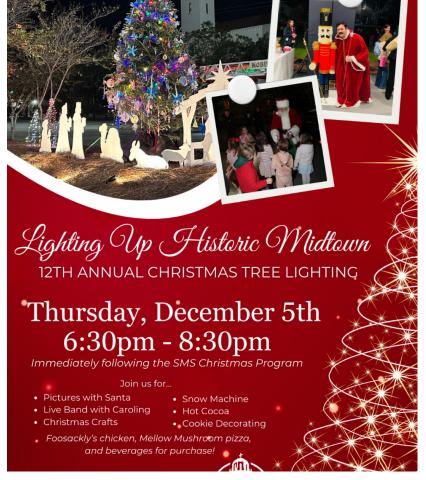
Ordinary Holiness

2-3 December 2024

St. Joan of Arc Parish

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

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 2 8:30am	Women's Rosary Group Chapel		
Nov 3 10:30am	First Sunday Coffee & Doughnuts, in SOM Building between Masses		
Nov 4-8 9am-12pm	Meet the Mustang Week For new families interested in attending St. Mary's School		
Nov 18 6:00pm	First Reconciliation St. Mary's Church		
Nov 28 9:00am	Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Mary's		
Dec 2 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Advent Mission @ St. Joan Dinner, Hall of Angels Rosary, St. Joan Church Ordinary Holiness, Pt. 1		
Dec 3 6:30pm 7:00pm	Advent Mission @ St. Joan Rosary, St. Joan Church Ordinary Holiness, Pt. 2		
Dec 5 6:30pm	St. Mary's Lighting Up Midtown! at St. Mary's School		

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GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPI)

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, "And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?"" Jesus' brief but allencompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor.

Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with "all your mind." Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let's commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

– Father John Muir



MEET THE MUSTANGS!

Interested families are invited to join us during a week of scheduled visits to find out more about ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL! Families will be able see our students and teachers in action from Early C (starting at 6 weeks) to 8th Grade. Come see what St. Mary's has to offer!

NOVEMBER 4-8, 2024

EARLY C (6 WEEKS TO 2 YEARS) THROUGH PRESCHOOL

> Tours available between 9:00AM-11:00AM

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE

> Tours available between 9:00AM-12:00PM

Please contact St. Mary's 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!



Serve, Give, Invite, Worship, Post,

Join, Engage, Participate!

SUNDAY BRUNCH SOCIAL

Don't just ATTEND your

church - LOVE your church.

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:

11/3: Elizabeth Hughes, Helena Smith, Savannah Browning

11/10 Melanie Winter, Jenna Strickland, Lauren Dempsey, Caroline Hassell

FOOD DRIVE

This week we will begin collecting donations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets assembled at St. Mary's. Please place non-perishable 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.

BOX OF JOY

Thank you to all who participated in the Box of Joy program this year. Many children will be blessed because of your generosity! If you have not turned your box in, please do so by Monday, Nov. 4th at noon

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to our parishioners celebrating in November:

Nov 1 - Stephanie Gapud

Nov 2 - Penny Gulley

Nov 5 - Mary Kersten

Nov 6 - Barrett Copeland

Nov 7 - Susan McEnery

Nov 9 - Travis Conner

Nov 12 - Vincent Jackson

Nov 13 - Chris Smith

Nov 16 -William Blanchette

Nov 17 - Robert Doyle

Nov 18 -Reggie Copeland (18th)

May God give you the strength and wisdom to smoothly surmount all the challenges life brings you. Stay blessed and enjoy your day to the fullest.

YARD CLEAN UP

We will be working on freshening up the property on Saturday November 2nd beginning at 8:00am. If you are able to help, please bring gloves and yard tools.

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