



## Two Parishes, One Family



### PARISH STAFF

#### Pastor:

The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel

#### Deacon:

Mark Thompson

#### School Principal:

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#### Pastoral Assistant:

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#### Volunteer Coordinator:

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#### Parish Bookkeeper:

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Dr. Collin Lowery

#### CCD Coordinator:

Hattie Alexander

#### Bulletin & Website Coordinator:

Lindsey Binion

### 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  
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#### Pastor:

The Very Rev.  
Stephen Vrazel

#### Deacon:

Douglas McEnery

#### Organists:

Richard Jones,  
MaryAnne Cieutat

#### Secretary:

Lynn Anderson

### 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  
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### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Offertory: \$4,589



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November 3, 2024 | 31<sup>st</sup> 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 [catholicssocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women](http://catholicssocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women) or follow us at [facebook.com/2BChoices](https://facebook.com/2BChoices)



**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 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



**PLEASE PRAY FOR**  
*the Deceased*

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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

*Guest speaker*

**REV. PAT ARENSBERG**



## 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  
7:00PM

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



## 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 with Caroling
- Christmas Crafts
- Snow Machine
- Hot Cocoa
- Cookie Decorating
- Foosackly's chicken, Mellow Mushroom pizza, and beverages for purchase!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Nov 2</b> 8:30am	<b>Women's Rosary Group</b> Chapel
<b>Nov 3</b> 10:30am	<b>First Sunday Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</b> , in SOM Building between Masses
<b>Nov 4-8</b> 9am-12pm	<b>Meet the Mustang Week</b> For new families interested in attending St. Mary's School
<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



### You're invited to 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 to 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](http://stmarymobile.org) to schedule a personal visit!

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



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

## November 3, 2024 | 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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 all-encompassing 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



### 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:

11/3: 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.