



*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 McEnergy

Organists:

Richard Jones,
MaryAnne Cieutat

Secretary:

Lynn Anderson

RECONCILIATION:

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 8/19/24-8/25/24:

Offertory: \$4,036



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Week of 8/19/24-8/25/24

Sunday 8/25/24: \$1,561.32

Mail-In: \$2,810.00

Online: \$6,341.07

Total: \$10,712.39

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Burse Club Membership/SOS
Appeal - September 8

September 1, 2024 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Aug 31	St. Joan	4:00pm	The United States of America
Sun.,	Sept 1	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kilday Family (I & d)
		St. Joan	8:30am	Dennis Thomas (d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	Wade S. Vollmer (d)
Mon.,	Sept 2	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	Sept 3	St. Mary's	6:00am	Fr. John Holleman (d)
Wed.,	Sept 4	St. Mary's	6:00am	Deacon John Cretaro (d)
Thurs.,	Sept 5	St. Mary's	6:00am	Jon Green (d)
Fri.,	Sept 6	St. Mary's	6:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory (d)



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 and Pamela Reed, Bob Naman, Lewis Brock III



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

NOW HIRING

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

We are 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:

Development Director

Dietary Manager - CDM

Our Human Resources Director, Kathleen Nolan, can be reached at hrmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org or by calling the Home at 251-476-6335.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass resumes on **September 8!** We welcome 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 will begin again this fall on **September 8, from 10:30AM-11:15AM.** 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.

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., Sept 7.**

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH GROUP



Join us on **Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Cunningham Room of the Sisters of Mercy Building.** Our meetings are designed to help men, especially those with young families, become spiritual leaders in their homes and communities.

We gather for prayer, discuss the upcoming Sunday Gospel, and explore how to live out Christ's example in today's world. This weekly fellowship provides the tools, confidence, and support needed to grow in holiness and lead with faith.

We welcome you this Thursday—come and be part of our brotherhood!

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 Jessica Martin in the parish office at jmartin@stmarymobile.org or 251-432-8678.

OCIA CLASSES (FORMERLY RCIA) Explore Your Faith with OCIA Classes Starting Sunday, September 8!

Are you 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.**

On September 8, we'll begin our journey together at 9:30 a.m. in the Sister of Mercy building. This first gathering is an opportunity to introduce ourselves and explain the format. **Moving forward, 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.

Whether you're exploring the Catholic faith or considering full initiation through Baptism, OCIA offers a supportive and enriching environment to deepen your understanding. 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.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND CCD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're looking for **volunteers to help with our Sunday Children's Liturgy,** starting again on September 8. We also still need **teachers for CCD classes,** also beginning September 8. If you're interested in joining these rewarding ministries or want to learn more, please contact Jessica Martin, our Pastoral Assistant, at jmartin@stmarymobile.org.

JOIN US FOR ST. MARY'S SUNDAY COFFEE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

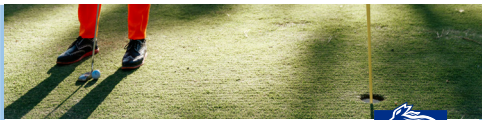
Connect with our parish community after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month! **We're looking for FIVE individuals or families to join our host team.** It's a simple way to meet new people, form friendships, and build our Catholic community. Volunteers will help with donut pick-up, coffee prep, setup, and cleanup.

Interested? Scan the code to sign up, or contact Jessica Martin at the parish office (jmartin@stmarymobile.org).



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 1** **First Sunday Coffee & Doughnuts**, in SOM Building between Masses
- Sept 7** **Women's Rosary Group** Chapel
- Sept 8** **OCIA classes begin!** Sisters of Mercy Bldg.
- Sept 15** **Pancake Breakfast** School Gym, Benefitting SMS 2024 Toybowl Fundraising Court
- Oct 5** **Women's Rosary Group** Chapel
- Oct 6** **First Sunday Coffee, Book Give Away**, SOM Building
- Oct 18** **Steve Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament**, Springhill College Golf Course
- Oct 24** **St. Mary's Trivia Night!** TBA
Details coming soon
This year's theme: "Songs We Know By Heart"
- Nov 3** **First Sunday Coffee & Doughnuts**, in SOM Building between Masses



STEVE THOMPSON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Get ready for the 17th Annual Steve Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament!

Benefitting St. Mary's School

Date: Friday, October 18th

Location: Spring Hill College Golf Course
4000 Dauphin St, Mobile, AL 36608

Registration: 11:00am-11:45am

Start: Noon, sharp

4-Player Teams

\$600 per team + 4 total mulligans

\$150 per player

Team-Hole/Tee Sponsor Combos

4-Person Team + Hole/Tee Sponsor + 4 total Mulligans - \$700

Scan Here to Register a Team!



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GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPI)

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "There is nothing outside the person that can defile him

if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity – from within each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter. – *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. We will not have brunch this weekend because of the Labor Day Holiday. 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:

9/1: No Social - Labor Day Weekend

9/8: Gayle Conner, Ann Olsen, Cynthia Parham, Michele Otto

SATURDAY SOCIAL

Please plan to join us at Aroy Thai for a Dutch-treat dinner on Saturday, September 7th following the Vigil Mass. Please call or email the office if you intend to go so we can give the restaurant a head count.

WELCOME!

Please extend a warm welcome to new parishioners Stan & Bridget Chapman. Thank you, Bridget, for joining our brunch rotation! Also new to the parish are Rafael Gonzales and his fiancé Jessica Gagliano. Their wedding is scheduled in April at St. Matthews. If you are visiting St. Joan of Arc and wish to join the parish, please call the office.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH OUTBACK Husband & Wife * Parent & Teen * Engaged Couples

The next MOSJ Outback weekend is scheduled for October 4-6. This is a unique, spirit-filled, adventurous retreat. The retreat is a high octane, two-person encounter that incorporates several reflective talks with outdoor activities. Please call the office if you would like more information.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

To sign up or add names of deceased loved ones to the book: catholicinmobile@gmail.com.