





# Two Parishes, One Family



# **PARISH STAFF**

Pastor:

The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel

Deacon:

Mark Thompson

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Parish Bookkeeper:

Anna Summersell

Music Director:

Dr. Collin Lowery

Dir. of Religious Ed.:

Steve Dolan, Jr.

**Bulletin & Website Coordinator:** 

Lindsey Binion

### **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 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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### **PARISH STAFF**

Pastor: The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel

Secretary: Deacon: Lynn Anderson

Organists:

Richard Jones,

MaryAnne Cieutat

Douglas McEnery

# **RECONCILIATION:**

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

#### **PARISH OFFICE:**

Open M, W, F 9:00AM-12:00PM 1260 Elmira St. I Mobile, AL 36604 251-432-3505 office@stjoanofarc.net

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# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 1/22/24-1/28/24 Offertory: \$ 4,082.00



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Week of 1/22/24-1/28/24

Sunday 1/28/24: \$2,190.22 Mailed in: \$3,674.48 Online: \$3,584.91 Total: \$9,449.61

# February 4, 2024 | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time **MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Feb 3	St. Joan	4:00pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sun.,	Feb 4	St. Mary's	6:00am	
		St. Joan	8:30am	Callie Mae Knight (d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	
Mon.,	Feb 5	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	Feb 6	St. Mary's	6:00am	George & Berverly Finbohner (I)
Wed.,	Feb 7	St. Mary's	6:00am	
Thurs.,	Feb 8	St. Mary's	6:00am	
Fri.,	Feb 9	St. Mary's	6:00am	



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 Makiwn, Sharon Laird, Elizabeth Vannees, John Johnson, Louise McPherson, Jackson Johnson, Carol Rathle, Angelle Nagle, Judy Daly, Derise 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.

# **CALLING ALL** 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> **GRADERS!**

Sign up now for Camp Hidden FEBRUARY 15TH Lake, open to all current 6th-7th graders. \$100 deposit and waivers are due to secure your spot. ONLY 10 SPOTS LEFT! Contact Laurel Wallace to reserve your spot by FEBRUARY 15th!

# **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 Rafftery and Fr. Vrazel.

# **EVENTS**

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!

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

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

\$100 per ticket

Need not to be present to win



performance by "Elvis!"

The main area served are the counties of Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia in Alabama, and Santa Rosa and Escambia counties in the state of Florida. These five counties average about 100 abortions per week. MSGC is the only charitable organization in this five-county area able to offer shelter and support to homeless, pregnant adult women, before and after the birth of their child.

Please consider supporting our ministry by purchasing a ticket to our event, you do not need to be present to win!

# ST. MARY CONFIRMATION CLASS

meets next on Wednesday, Mar. 6, at 7:00PM in the Church.

**RCIA CLASSES** meet on Thursdays from 7PM-8PM in the church 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.



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. Marv's and sign up for your tour!



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The Men of St. Joseph Outback Weekend is about building, restoring,

and strengthening relationships. A spirit-filled, adventurous weekend retreat designed to give parents and teens, husband and wives, and engaged couples a practical strategy for daily living, focused on their relationship with God, their family, friends, the Church, and community. Includes the celebration of Mass, Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Feb. 3 WOSM Rosary Group

8:30am Chapel

Feb. 13 Ash Wednesday

Ashes distributed at: 6:00am, 8:10am Mass 5:30pm (Vespers–not a Mass)

Mar. 14 "The 33 Little Pigs" 6:30 presented by St. Mary's 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders

Mar. 18 Marriage Night 6:00pm Location TBD

Mar. 19 St. Joseph's Altar & 5:30pm Pasta Dinner, school gym

Sun. Mar 24 Palm Sunday 6:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Masses Thurs. Mar 28 Holy Thursday 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri. Mar 29
3:00pm
3:00pm
3:00pm
3:00pm
Tenebrae

Good Friday
Passion Liturgy
Stations of the Cross
Tenebrae

Sat. Mar 30
9:00am
7:00pm
8:00pm
8:00pm
Sun. Mar 31
6:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Masses
10:30am
Holy Saturday
Confessions
Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday!
6:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Masses
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 Marriage Night 6:00pm SOM Building



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

# February 4, 2024 | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# **GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPi)**

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of

health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place. — 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:

2/4/24: Gayle Conner, Ann Olsen, Cynthia Parham, Michelle Otto 2/11/24: No Social – Joe Cain Day/ Mardi Gras

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**

If you have not returned your Catholic Charities pledge card, please do so now. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to 91999 for a link. Envelopes are available in the pews. It is our goal to have every family participate to the best of their ability. We ask that you answer the Call to Give to those in need through your prayerful generosity to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. Please, help our Parish meet our goal of \$31,000 this year and 100% participation.

# **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

2/6/24 Parish Council Meeting, 6:15pm 2/13/24 Mardi Gras 2/14/24 Ash Wednesday Mass at noon 2/18/24 Black & Indian Mission Collection 3/13/24 Marriage Night 3/17/24 St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 6:00pm Please remember that all Holy Week Masses will take place at St. Mary. St. Joan of Arc will have Easter Sunday Mass March 31st at 8:30 but there will be no vigil.

# **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