



## Two Parishes, One Family



### PARISH STAFF

#### Pastor:

The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel

#### Deacon:

Mark Thompson

#### School Principal:

Corinne Cuffle

#### Pastoral Assistant:

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Marcelle Naman

#### Parish Bookkeeper:

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Dr. Collin Lowery

#### CCD Coordinator:

Hattie Alexander

#### 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  
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:

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#### Pastor:

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Stephen Vrazel

#### Deacon:

Douglas McEnery

#### Organists:

Richard Jones,  
MaryAnne Cieutat

#### Secretary:

Tamara McClendon

### RECONCILIATION:

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

### PARISH OFFICE:

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### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory 1/11/25-1/12/25: \$3,606



Scan this QR code to give to St. Joan of Arc Parish online!

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT


#### Week of 1/6/24-1/12/24

Sunday 1/12/24: \$2,590.22

Online: \$6,590.12

Mail-in: \$450.00

**Total: \$9,630.34**



**PREGNANCY AND PARENTING SUPPORT**

Call us at 251-343-4636 for assistance.

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**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.

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To learn more about our ministry please visit [catholicsocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women](http://catholicsocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women) or follow us at [facebook.com/2BChoices](https://facebook.com/2BChoices)

January 19, 2025 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

| DAY     | DATE   | WHERE      | WHEN    | INTENTIONS                 |
|---------|--------|------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Sat.,   | Jan 18 | St. Joan   | 4:00pm  | Mike Kersten (L)           |
| Sun.,   | Jan 19 | St. Mary's | 6:00am  | Kilday Family (I & d)      |
|         |        | St. Joan   | 8:30am  | Msgr. James Madigan (d)    |
|         |        | St. Mary's | 9:30am  | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
|         |        | St. Mary's | 11:30am | Joanne Holleman (d)        |
| Mon.,   | Jan 20 | St. Mary's | NO MASS |                            |
| Tues.,  | Jan 21 | St. Mary's | 6:00am  | Deacon John Cretaro (d)    |
| Wed.,   | Jan 22 | St. Mary's | 9:00am  | Patricia Reid (d)          |
| Thurs., | Jan 23 | St. Mary's | 6:00am  | Russ Skidmore (d)          |
| Fri.,   | Jan 24 | St. Mary's | 6:00am  | Holy Souls in Purgatory    |



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



Millie Dixon



## Why Volunteer?

Children participating in Catholic Sunday Mass liturgy fosters spiritual growth, strengthens community bonds, teaches values like reverence and gratitude, enhances understanding of faith, and develops a sense of belonging and responsibility.

## How Can My Child Help?

There are many liturgical elements that your child can take part in including serving as a lector, altar server, gift bearer, greeter, usher, and singing in the choir.

## How Do I Sign Up?

Simply scan the QR code below or email the parish office at [jmartinestmarymobile.org](mailto:jmartinestmarymobile.org)



## 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., Feb. 1.**

### JOIN THE ST. MARY'S MEN'S CLUB!

Looking to connect, serve, and have some fun? The St. Mary's Men's Club is the perfect place for men from our parish, school, and community to come together for **fellowship, service projects, and memorable events** like the Lenten Fish Fry, Golf Tournament, and more. Whether you enjoy hands-on volunteering, cooking, or just meeting new friends, there's something for everyone. Minimal dues keep it all running, and the rewards are priceless: **friendships, purpose, and making a difference.** Scan the QR code to sign up today and be part of the team!



### Registration IS NOW OPEN!

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://stmarymobile.org) to schedule a personal visit.

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



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### 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!

## BE MY VALENTINE

Mary's Shelter would like to present the 5th Annual Be My Valentine \$10,000 drawdown extravaganza, Sunday, February 16, 2025 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Parish in Gulf Shores. You need not be present to win \$10,000. Numbers will be eliminated throughout the event, and the last number to be drawn will take home \$10,000. In addition, we will have a silent and live auction, lunch, and entertainment by "Elvis." In order for this event to be successful we need you! The cost is \$100 per ticket for a chance to win \$10,000. You may purchase as many tickets as you please, but only 500 tickets will be sold. **ALL TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.**

Tickets can be purchased online at [maryssheltergulfcoast.org](http://maryssheltergulfcoast.org), by scanning the QR code to the right.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Jan 26</b><br>9:30AM | <b>Mustang Mass</b><br>St. Mary's Church                            |
| <b>Feb 1</b><br>8:30am  | <b>Women's Rosary Group</b><br>Chapel                               |
| <b>Feb. 5</b>           | <b>Anniversary of Dedication of St. Mary's Church</b> , Details TBA |
| <b>Mar 1</b><br>8:30am  | <b>Women's Rosary Group</b><br>Chapel                               |
| <b>Mar 5</b>            | <b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>TBA   |
| <b>Mar 16</b><br>9:30AM | <b>Mustang Mass</b><br>St. Mary's Church                            |
| <b>Mar 19</b>           | <b>Feast of St. Joseph</b><br>Details TBA                           |
| <b>Apr 10</b>           | <b>Living Stations of the Cross</b> , TBA                           |
| <b>April 13</b>         | <b>Palm Sunday</b> , Holy Week begins                               |
| <b>April 17</b>         | <b>Holy Thursday</b>  |
| <b>April 18</b>         | <b>Good Friday</b>  |
| <b>April 20</b>         | <b>Easter Sunday</b>  |
| <b>April 21-25</b>      | <b>St. Mary's School Spring Break</b>                               |
| <b>May 1-3</b>          | <b>Steak Out Weekend!</b><br>Details to come                        |
| <b>May 4</b><br>3:00pm  | <b>First Communion Mass</b>   |
| <b>May 6</b>            | <b>Confirmation Mass</b><br>Details TBA                             |
| <b>May 23</b>           | <b>St. Mary's School last day of classes</b>                        |

## January 19, 2025 | The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPi)

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever.

The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, **"Everyone serves good wine first, and then... an inferior one"** (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), **"But you have kept the good wine until now."** This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now. — *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. If you would like to join a brunch team, please contact Helena Smith or the office.

#### Schedule:

1/19: Kathleen Gerard, BJ Robertson, Bridget Chaplman

1/26: Elizabeth Hughes, Helena Smith, Savannah Browning, Ellis Bridges

### ORDINARY TIME

The Christmas season has ended, and we've entered Ordinary Time, which lasts until Lent. Despite its name, "Ordinary" doesn't mean mundane—it refers to the ordinal numbers used to organize Sundays outside major liturgical seasons like Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter. For example, there's no "First Sunday of Ordinary Time" because the Baptism of the Lord takes its place, but we continue with the Second Sunday and so on. Let's use this time to grow closer to Jesus, following His example and striving to live as He did.

### NEW PARISH SECRETARY

We welcome Tamara McClendon as our new Parish Secretary, replacing Lynn Anderson who is retiring. Feel free to stop by the office to meet Tamara.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday is next weekend, January 26 th. Every parishioner should have received a letter from Archbishop Rodi announcing the 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal and asking for your prayerful generosity. Please complete the pledge card that was mailed to you with the letter from Archbishop Rodi and put it in the collection basket next weekend or feel free to drop it by the parish office. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to 91999 for a link. Catholic Charities helps thousands of people in need across our archdiocese. All the funds collected are distributed to local ministries within the Archdiocese of Mobile. In the spirit of charity, we ask you prayerfully consider a pledge to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal.



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