



## Two Parishes, One Family



### PARISH STAFF

#### Pastor:

The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel

#### Deacon:

Mark Thompson

#### School Principal:

Corinne Cuffle

#### Pastoral Assistant:

Jessica Martin

#### Dir. of Development:

Marcelle Naman

#### Volunteer Coordinator:

Millie Dixon

#### Parish Bookkeeper:

Anna Summersell

#### Music Director:

Dr. Collin Lowery

#### CCD Coordinator:

Hattie Alexander

#### Bulletin & Website Coordinator:

Lindsey Binion

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

#### Week of 11/11/24-11/17/24

Sunday 11/10/24: \$3,161.22

Mail-In: \$ 2,835.00

Online: \$7,629.62

**Total: \$13,625.84**

### SECOND COLLECTION

Campaign for Human  
Development - November 24



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)

### 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

[www.stmarymobile.org](http://www.stmarymobile.org)



To visit our online donation page,  
open your smart phone's camera  
and aim it at the coded square.  
Touch the link that pops up on  
your phone.

### PARISH STAFF

#### 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  
251-432-3505  
[office@stjoanofarc.net](mailto:office@stjoanofarc.net)  
[www.stjoanofarcmobile.com](http://www.stjoanofarcmobile.com)

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 11/4/24-11/10/24:

Offertory: \$3,393.00

Campaign for Human Development:  
\$60.00



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

## November 24, 2024 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Nov 23	St. Joan	4:00pm	Nan Watson (d)
Sun.,	Nov 24	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kilday Family (I & d)
		St. Joan	8:30am	Lucien Blanchette (d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	Raymond Blanchette (d)
Mon.,	Nov 25	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	Nov 26	St. Mary's	6:00am	Deacon John Cretaro (d)
Wed.,	Nov 27	St. Mary's	6:00am	
Thurs.,	Nov 28	St. Mary's	9:00am	
Fri.,	Nov 29	St. Mary's	6:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory



## 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 McEnergy

There will be no confession offered  
on 11/19, 11/21, 11/26 or 11/28.  
Our regularly scheduled Tues./Thurs.  
Confession time slots will resume on  
Tuesday 12/3.



REV. PAT  
ARENSBERG

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

Join us December 2-3 at St. Joan of Arc  
Parish for our Advent Mission on

*Ordinary Holiness*

### 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 & Caroling  
- Christmas Crafts  
- Snow Machine  
- Hot Cocoa  
- Cookie Decorating

Foosackly's  
chicken, Mellow  
Mushroom pizza,  
and beverages for  
purchase!

## 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  
1st Saturday at 8:30am This group  
is led by Alexis Talbott. The next  
meeting is **Sat., Dec. 7.**

### 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!

## WAYS TO GIVE

**ANGEL TREE** Each white angel on the  
tree at the front of the church contains a gift  
request for a local child or family in need,  
and each red angel represents an essential  
need of Little Sisters of the Poor. Please pick  
up an angel from the tree after Mass, and  
return your gifts during our **drop off day  
in the Sisters of Mercy building Sunday,  
Dec. 1st from 9am-1pm.** Thank you for your  
generosity and support!

## THE CATHOLIC MARITIME MINISTRY

is requesting donations  
for their Christmas "Bag" program. Items  
collected will be delivered to seafarers  
visiting Mobile during the Christmas season.  
Requested items are included below and  
can be dropped off in the collection boxes  
in the vestibule and at the Old Shell Road  
church entrance **by November 29, 2024.**  
Please contact Deacon John Archer at  
jarcher@mobarch.org with any questions.

- Hats and scarves in dark colors
- Work socks, work gloves
- Chapstick and hand lotion
- Shampoo, combs, shaving materials  
(full sizes, please!)
- Hard or boxed candy, gum, cough drops

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



JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL

## Advent COFFEE AND DONUTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

Enjoy brunch, family crafts, a special  
Advent/Christmas gift from Father Vrazel,  
and pick up your Advent wreath order!



## CONGRATS TO AJ LEGRONE!

AJ has been  
named St. Mary's 2024  
Christ The King Medalist in  
recognition of the many years  
of service he has given to both  
St. Mary's Catholic School and  
St. Mary's Parish. We are grateful to him for  
his service in the Knights of Columbus, the  
St. Mary's Dads Club, our Parish Finance  
Council and School Board, and everything  
in between!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Nov 28</b> 9:00am	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Mass at St. Mary's
<b>Dec 1</b> 10:30am 9am-1pm	<b>Advent Coffe &amp; Donuts</b> Sisters of Mercy Building <b>Angel Tree Gift Drop-Off</b> Sisters of Mercy Building
<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
<b>Dec 7</b> 8:30am  10a-3p	<b>Women's Rosary Group</b> Chapel <b>Parent's Day Out</b> Ollis Pavilion
<b>Dec 9</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> , Masses at 6:00am and 5:30pm
<b>Dec 24</b> 4:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm Midnight	<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b> St. Joan of Arc Church St. Mary's Church St. Mary's Church St. Mary's Church
<b>Dec 25</b> 9:00am	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b> St. Joan of Arc Church
<b>Dec 31</b> 5:30pm	<b>Vigil Mass, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God</b> St. Joan of Arc Church
	<b>New Year's Eve Holy Hour</b> 11pm-Midnight St. Mary's Church
<b>Jan 1</b> 9:00am	<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God</b> , St. Mary's

**Parents' DAY OUT** | **7TH DECEMBER**

**10:00AM - 3:00PM**

*Ollis Pavilion*

● 1 child - \$20 ● 2 children - \$30 ● 3+ children - \$40

Cash/Venmo Accepted!

Venmo @stmarymobile

Need a break to get your holiday shopping done? Let us take care of your little ones while you focus on finding the perfect gifts! We are offering a fun day of play and a pizza lunch, so you can enjoy stress-free Christmas shopping. To register, send names/ages of children and any allergies to [jmartin@stmarymobile.org](mailto:jmartin@stmarymobile.org).

## November 24, 2024 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPI)

When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, "Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? That's Phil." I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, "That man right there is in charge of everything in this store!" He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweatshirt. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute

authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. "Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice," Christ the King proclaims. In Phil's store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it's all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let's rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom.

— *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:

11/24 Elizabeth Blanchette, Mary Jane Blanchette, Stephanie Gapud, Sharee Broussard

12/1: Thanksgiving Weekend - No Brunch

### FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting donations for the Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets assembled at St. Mary's. Please place nonperishable 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.

### ADVENT MISSION/CHILI SOCIAL

St. Joan of Arc will host the Advent Mission December 2nd & 3rd with Fr. Pat Arensberg as our speaker. On Monday, 12/2 we will have a chili social in the Hall of Angels prior to the mission. A sign-up was emailed to parishioners on Friday, please respond as soon as possible if you are able to help or call the office or Helena Smith.

### STEWARDSHIP

If you have not already done so, please complete a stewardship card with your 2025 tithe pledge and place it in the offertory or send it to the office. Cards are located in the vestibule. Your pledge is the only way we can figure our budget for the coming year. Thank you for your continued generosity

### CHRIST THE KING MEDALIST MASS

All are invited to attend the Christ the King Medalists Mass on Sunday, November 24. The rosary procession from Beinville Square in downtown Mobile will begin at 10:30am, followed by Mass in the Cathedral at 11am with Archbishop Rodi as the celebrant and homilist. St. Joan of Arc parishioner Mike Kersten will be receiving a medal this year.