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Vocabulary Fun

Circle the words in the puzzle. They can be found forward, backward, across, upward, and downward. Have fun!

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM
Sunday Mass 9:30 AM
Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday – Friday 7:45 AM
Holy Days Of Obligation 6:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday 8:45 – 9:15 AM
(or by appointment)

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

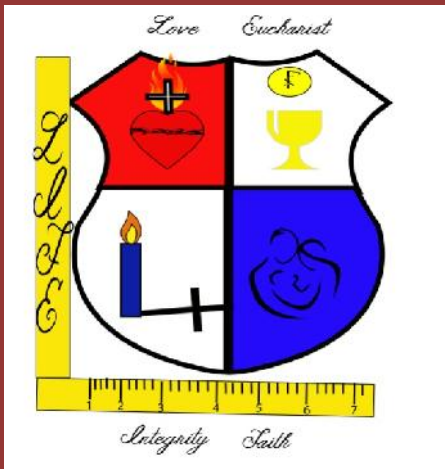
Sunday.....For the People of the Parish

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CCD Classes After Sunday Mass
Bible StudyMonday, 6:00–7:00 PM
RCIA Classes Thursday, 6:00–7:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Friday:6:00 PM



St. Joseph Catholic Church (Maysville)

1703 Dublin Street • Mobile, AL 36605
Staffed by the Josephites and Dedicated Lay People of St. Joseph Parish

Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord January 5, 2013

REFLECTION

It's our Year of Prophecy and Testimonies
By Fr. Stephen Sohe, SSJ

After an inspiring, spirit-filled, soul-liberating message, *Receive a Blessing, and Be a Blessing*, by Deacon H. during our New Year Eve and New Year Day Masses, we, as a church family, were prompted by the spirit to pray our way into the New Year. We prayed in thanksgiving to God for God’s blessings over us. We also prayed for the forgiveness of sins against God and our neighbors, and for God’s blessings in the New Year based on our various needs and aspirations. These prayer points, which took the place of a published Prayers of the Faithful, were accompanied by inspirational songs. I could feel the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit within and around me. I felt a strong sense of belief that whatever I prayed for will be answered according to God’s will and at God’s own appointed time. At the end of the prayers, I suggested that we see this New Year as our **Year of Prophecies and Testimonies**.

I believe that God has great blessings for us as individuals and as a church family in this New Year that will make us testify to the greatness and glory of God. On our part, we are expected to respond to the plans of God for us through our faith in God as we conscientiously prophesy God’s blessing upon ourselves, our families, friends, and so on. Like the prophet Ezekiel, let us heed the call of God to prophesy to the dry bones of our life, the dry bones of broken homes and broken relationships, of financial handicap, of troubled health issues, and so on, and the Lord will cause breath to enter into them and they shall live (cf. Ezekiel 37:4-5).

We are not so unworthy that we cannot have a share in God’s blessing for his people. No matter what our background is we are still sons and daughters of Abraham. However, we need to strive, in faith, hope and love, to always take our rightful place in the Kingdom of God.

MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Brandon Barnes
Altar Society Patricia Reed
Bereavement Pamela Barnes
Bible Study..... Ruth McKitric
Bldg. & Grounds Mgr. Walter Battles
Choir Director Lillie Key
Finance Chair Robert Pettaway
Hospitality & UshersSharon Malone
Legion of Mary.....Hilda Carroway
LiturgicalRuth Pettaway
Liturgical Dancers Yvette Smith
Male Choir William Frazier
Media & Public Relations..... Greg Cyprian
Parish CouncilThomas Whittaker
RCIA Deacon Ronnie Hathorne
Religious Education Dir..... Tiffany J. Barnes
St Joseph School Alumni Shawn Bivens
Stewardship Keith Brewer
Technology/IT Michael Smith
Youth Activities & Family Life Tara Evans

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

•TODAY – JANUARY 5
Lectors.....Henry Smith
Kai Lott

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
.....Leona & Diona Rudolph
Altar Servers.....Jessica, Ashley, Azure
Family Gift Bearers.....St. Joseph’s Future

• January 12
Lectors.....Barbara Mitchell
Tiffany Malone
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
.....Karen White & Rita Hathorne
Altar Servers.....Brandon, Keari B. Lance
Family Gift Bearers.....Michael Smith & Pettaway Family

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

•ANNIVERSARIES
15Charles & Barbara Mitchell
28.....John & Rosemary Austin, 47 yrs.
30.....Willie & Tara Evans

•BIRTHDAYS
03 Howard Carleton
05 Ruby Evans
09 Delecia Fuller
09 Rafael Donaldson
11 Marva Carter
13 Deborah Browne
21 Ella Everett
21 Azure Anderson
22 Traveis Evans
23 Lillie Key
24 Tara Mackie
27Jesse Stevenson
30 Sheila Mosley
30Carolyn Hawthorne

Weekly Collection – \$2,095.00

(DECEMBER 29)

Attendance - 106

Know Your Faith

I have often heard it said that the form of worship involving hand clapping and waving, shouts, call and response preaching, and general bodily expression of the touch of the Spirit is a “Baptist (particularly Black Baptist) church style of worship.” As such it has no place and should not be employed in the Catholic liturgy. History, however, has shown that this form of worship predated the introduction of the Baptist faith and worship to the Black community. It is a common religious practice among the enslaved Africans to engage in ring shout, call and response, and bodily expression of the feeling of the spirit within them, religious practices that survived, among all other things, through transplantation, seasoning, slavery, segregation, and discrimination. These worship practices are originally Black. They are born out of who they were: their cultural, spiritual, and historical identity.

In the Second Vatican Council document, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, paragraph 37, the Church emphasized and encouraged the adaptation of our liturgy to our cultural and spiritual identity, “provided [such identity] harmonize with [the liturgy] true and authentic spirit.” Our challenge thus becomes reflecting on and discovering our identity, who we are, and what sets us apart as St. Joseph (Maysville) Church family. A well-defined identity properly adapted to our liturgical life will go a long way to make our worship truly our own and truly spirit-filled. And so, I throw the challenge to us members of St. Joseph (Maysville) Church family, what is or what do you think is our identity?

A Farewell Message from Brother Joseph Kikanda

I thank God and all of you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. You are wonderful people and I thank God that I have been blessed to meet all of you along this journey of life. You have inspired me, stretched me, challenged me and encouraged me. Being amongst this church family has helped me to appreciate and realize how meaningful my life is. I love each of you dearly and I pray for God to bless all of you with good health, security, and wealth. Lord, hear the prayers of my St. Joseph family and grant all that they ask. Amen.



THOUGHTS & REMINDERS

Keep In Prayer Our...
Ill & Homebound Parishioners
Mrs. Delores Battle Mrs. Delores Isom
Mrs. Reola Juzang Mrs. Theresa Gulley
Mr. James Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hickman Little Christen Roberson

(Please sign the Healing Prayer Book to list ill and/or homebound parishioners)

Sacrament of Matrimony

Any parishioner seeking marriage must contact the Pastor at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.

Baptism

Parents desiring baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the pastor at least two weeks in advance to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and godparents.

Mass of Christian Burial

When a funeral is to be celebrated, please contact the Pastor before contacting the funeral home. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

READINGS FOR MASS

Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord
January 6-12



MON 06	First Reading: 1 John 3:22-4:6 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
TUE 07	First Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 Gospel: Mark 6:34-44
WED 08	First Reading: 1 John 4:11-18 Gospel: Mark 6:45-52
THU 09	First Reading: 1 John 4:19-5:4 Gospel: Luke 4:14-22
FRI 10	First Reading: 1 John: 5:5-13 Gospel: Luke 5:12-16
SAT 11	First Reading: 1 John 5:14-21 Gospel: John 3:22-30
SUN 12	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38 Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Mobile Deanery Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 11:15 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. Cost of the luncheon is \$12.00. For reservations call Beth Cain@ 973-1126, or bethrcain@bellsouth.net; Margie Bunch @ 661-6827, or Betty Russell @ 479-8907 by Monday, January 13. Open to all Catholic Women. Call Shirley Norton for information@ 973-0626.

ALABAMA GOT SISTERS/NUN RUN – January 24-25, 2014. A point to point excursion for single women ages 18-40 to visit Sisters’ homes/convents throughout Mobile. At each stop enjoy the Sisters’ cooking as you learn first-hand how each Community is making a difference for the people in the Mobile area and beyond. The event begins on Friday at 5:45 p.m. and concludes at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Contact Sr. Theresa Sullivan, DC at 812-963-7563 or email SisterTheresa.Sullivan@doc.org

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU – to the Frazier Family for the beautiful poinsettias on the Altar, they have made our celebration of this Christmas Season very special. May God continue to bless all of you.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS – Our parish has lost a beloved, longtime member in Mr. William Lucas. We will be celebrating his home going on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Rosary will begin at 10:30 a.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. DECEMBER 50/50 – winner is Ms. Gwenetta Ducloux whose take home was \$109.00, Congratulations!

RAFFLE – CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Yvette Smith, winner of the “Odette Balasco Basket of Cheer”. Yvette was gracious enough to donate the basket back to The Media/Public Relations Committee for our next raffle, thank you. We express sincere thanks to all who supported this effort, our profit was \$409.05 (don’t ask where the 5 cents came from!!!

MOST PURE HEART OF MARY – BINGO, every Friday night. Doors open at 6:00 pm., games begin at 7:00 pm. Help save our school!

PRAYER INTENTION CARDS are now located in the Vestibule of the Church.