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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil4:30 PM
Sunday Mass9:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday5:30 PM
Thursday & Saturday.....7:45 AM
Holy Days Of Obligation6:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Sunday8:45 – 9:15 AM
(or by appointment)


THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS
SundayFor the People of the Parish

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Religious Education ClassesSummer Break
Bible Study -Monday.....5:00–6:00 PM
RCIA Classes -ThursdaySummer Break

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Friday:.....6:00 PM

LEGION OF MARY
Thursday8:30 AM

Media & Public Relations Committee:
Greg Cyprian.....President
Thomas Whittaker Anita Lott
Tiffany J Barnes Marva Carter
Ruth Pettaway Ruth McKitric
Rosemary Austin Brandon Barnes




Our younger parishioners were given a charge of writing the weekly **REFLECTIONS** for the month of April, they completed that charge and also wrote them during May and June.
We thank and commend all of you for saying "YES", and for doing such a great job! - Ella Everett & Ruth McKitric

Matthew Hawthorne
Kiara Hawthorne
Ashley Lott

Azure Anderson
Lance Johnson
Kai Lott
Caleb Roberson


Aeneas Anderson
Braden Turner
Jessica Stevenson



**NEW VOICES
YOUNG WRITERS**

The Parable of the Weeds

When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Mathew 28:26 (NIV)
Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



J	R	L	N	O	Y	S	V	Q	C	Z	P	I	W	F	G	H	X	T	D	U	B	E	A	M	K
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 12-24-2-24-22-3-23 _____

2. 14-23-23-20-7 _____

3. 16-5-5-20 _____

4. 7-23-23-20 _____

5. 15-13-23-3-20 _____

6. 14-17-23-24-19 _____

7. 17-24-2-8-23-7-19 _____

8. 22-21-2-4 _____

WHEAT PARABLE	WEEDS GOOD	FIELD HARVEST	SEED BURN
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Staffed by the Josephites and Dedicated Lay People of St. Joseph Parish

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20, 2014

REFLECTION

Wheat and Weeds
Anonymous



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in the field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds through the wheat, and then went off. "When the wheat sprouted, weeds also appeared. The concerned slaves asked their master if they should get rid of the weeds. 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow until harvest, then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into the barn." (Matthew 13:24-30)

We know that Jesus spoke to His disciples in parables, but what does this mean to us today? The field represents the world that we navigate each and everyday, that we know is full of good and evil. The sower is Jesus Christ himself, and the good seed are the true believers of the gospel. The evil one, Satan, goes around like a thief in the night spreading his weeds everywhere. The wheat and weed co-exist, walking side by side. But we must not be quick to judgment, trying to separate one from the other. Because we are all sinners, and in need of God's grace and mercy. He waits patiently for each of us, allowing us again and again time to repent. He wants nothing more than to have all of us transformed before He judges this world.

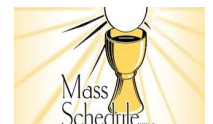
Instead of us judging those who we think are not Christians, we should embrace them and let God's light shine through us, and maybe, just maybe they too will become believers of the gospel. There's an old negro spiritual that says, 'everybody talking about heaven ain't going there'; some of us churchgoing folk cannot see the stick in our own eye for looking at the speck in our brothers eye.

We must always be vigilant in prayer, reading scripture and gathering regularly with the faithful at Mass. In the end God will be victorious, His kingdom will reign forever. His good and faithful servants (wheat) will be gathered and have eternal life in heaven and those who refused to repent and turn away from sin (weed) will have eternal damnation in the fires of hell. Are you among the wheat or the weeds?

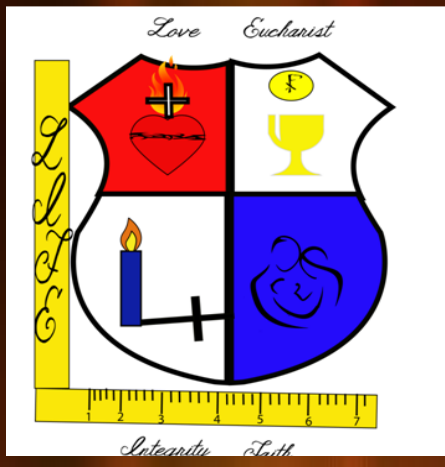


Today we
COMMISSION OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday—5:30 p.m.
Thursday and Saturday – 7:45 a.m.



We hope that this time change will be more convenient for our church family.



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 & Ushers.....Sharon Malone
Legion of Mary.....Hilda Carroway
Liturgical.....Ruth Pettaway
Liturgical Dancers.....Yvette Smith
Male Choir.....William Frazier
Media & Public Relations.....Greg Cyprian
Parish Council.....Thomas 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 – July 20

Lectors.....Tara Evans
Rosemary Austin
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....
.....Walter Battles & Rita Hathorne
Altar Servers.....Brandon, Matthew, Pat

July 27

Lectors.....Windola Thompson
Pavia Dewberry
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....
.....Robert & Ruth Pettaway
Altar ServersKai, Ashley, Azure

JULY CELEBRANTS

BIRTHDAYS

06.....Creshaun Hawthorne
08.....Kevin Hayes
10.....Tangela Joiner
12.....Nigel Steele
12Francesca Butler
13.....Bria Turner
15.....Irene Grove
17.....Savannah Young
19.....Metra Turner
20.....Debra Butler
22.....Rosemary Austin
23.....Rayford Carter, Sr.
23.....Sandra Donaldson

ANNIVERSARIES

10.....Pavia & Lisa Dewberry, 21 yrs.
10.....Walter & Billie Frazier, yrs.
22.....Silas & Metra Turner, 14yrs.

Weekly Collection – \$2764.00

(July 13, 2014)

Attendance - 96

Communion - 74

Blessings - 11

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Worship vs Honor – Latria, Hyperdulia, and Dulia.

By Fr. Stephen Sohe

One of the age old criticism of the Catholic Church is her affinity with Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. Protestants have often argued that the Catholic Church worship Mary. In its common understanding, the word worship is a reverent action directed to God alone. It is the praise and adoration given to God alone. In this sense, to ascribe the word to another person or thing other than God is to act against the first commandment. The Church therefore give to God alone her worship. Her relation to Mary, on the other hand, is in terms of the honor or veneration she gives to Mary. The veneration of Mary is commonly expressed through prayers, through which Catholics ask for the intercession of Mary. Over the years, however, some, especially Protestants have taken this veneration to mean Catholic worship of Mary. This obviously is the misrepresentation of the act of prayer for worship alone. Prayer is part of worship, but worship is not only about prayer.

To give more clarity to this argument, we would look at the differences between Latria, Hyperdulia, and Dulia. Latria, a Greek-rooted Latin word, refers to the praise and worship given to God alone. This worship includes the offering of our whole being – body, soul, and mind - and our gifts to God. That is a true sacrifice acceptable to God. Next to that is Hyperdulia. This is the honor and veneration ascribed to Mary for her unique role as the mother of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is also ascribed to her for her unique role in the history of our salvation, the mystery of our redemption, and her exceptional gift of God’s grace (cf. Luke 1:28). Third is dulia. This is a form of veneration or homage different in nature to that given to God. It is ascribed to the saints, especially for their faithful participation in the life, suffering and glory of Christ Jesus. Through the veneration of the saints, Catholics express their communion with them who now enjoy fully what we all hope to enjoy at the end of time – seeing God face-to-face. Catholics also beg for their intercession with God.

The directions of Hyperdulia and Dulia to Mary and the saints respectively are but honor given to God, for it is God who put them in such position of honor. In Mary and the saints, we do nothing but honor the victory of Christ over sin and death. Therefore, to honor Mary and the saints is to worship God, who have found them worthy to share in His glory.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

LECTORS WORKSHOP, PART II

Sis. Patsy Guyton is returning this Tuesday, July 22, 2014 to complete the spiritual workshop that we all shared on May 24, 2014. ALL lectors should be in attendance. We will begin in the parish hall and end in the church, please bring your bible and a spiral notebook. The workshop will be from 6:00 –8:00 p.m.



Lectors



A Gift In memory of.....

The church is providing us with an opportunity to help with the new “Sound System” by making a donation in memory of your loved ones, living or deceased.

THOUGHTS & REMINDERS

Keep In Prayer Our...

Ill & Homebound Parishioners

Mrs. Delores Isom	Mrs. Reola Juzang
Mrs. Theresa Gulley	Ms. Josephine Betton
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hickman	Mrs. Ireola Frazier
Sr. Jose’, Delores Lewis	Mrs. Katie Peters
Sis. Rita Washington	Mr. John Austin
Mr. Patrick Rankins	

Please sign the Healing Prayer Book to list ill parishioners)

SACRAMENTS

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.

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

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 Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time	
July 21—July 28	
MON 21	First Reading: Micah 6:1-4, -8 Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42
TUE 22	First Reading: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Gospel: John 20:1-2,11-18
WED 23	First Reading: Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9
THU 24	First Reading: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8. Gospel: Matthew 11:10-17
FRI 25	First Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28
SAT 26	First Reading: Jeremiah 7:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30
SUN 27	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



Parish Announcements

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER FOUNDER’S GALA: will be held this Saturday, July 26, 2014, 7:00 PM—1:00 AM at the Convention Center. Keynote Speaker is Former U.S. Secretary of Labor, Alexis Herman. Tickets \$40 per person, \$375 per table of 10.

Semi-formal Attire Preferred. Tickets may be purchased or donations may be made at www.kofpc.org/gala. Proceeds from this event will benefit Catholic Education.

UNITY MASS - Every First Sunday of the Month, will be our Unity Mass. We encourage everyone, especially those who attend the Saturday Vigil Mass, to join us in this Unity Mass, so that once a month we can be unified and serve the Lord as one body.

Although the **LEGION OF MARY** is primarily known as a worldwide apostolic organization, its main purpose is sanctification—1st, of its members and 2nd, of the society and environment in which it works. The Legion offers those who join a system of spiritual formation based on St. Louis de Monfort’s “*True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*,” Our Lady’s Spiritual Motherhood of Souls and the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ. If you are interested in learning more about the Legion of Mary, please contact Hilda Carroway @ 251-476-2883 or Karen White @ 205-826-2137, or you can see Fr. Stephen Sohe.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - will be conducted by Chaplain Summers from Holman Prison which is required by the Department of Corrections. This training will take place August 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chancery ballroom. Archbishop Rodi invites all who are interested in Prison Ministry to attend, this training is open to: priests, deacons and lay persons involved or interested in Prison Ministry.

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS to the Ducloux and Hawthorne family, who tragically lost a loved one this past Monday, July 14. Selena Edwards, daughter of parishioner Gwenetta Hawthorne and granddaughter of Jeanetta Ducloux was laid to rest on yesterday. Let us please continue to lift this family in prayer. Amen.

2015 Calendar—Every Ministry planning programs for 2015 should please submit its proposed 2015 calendar of events to Fr. Stephen Sohe by August 31, 2014. Thanks very much for your co-operation.

Join us Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Corpus Christi Parish in Mobile for the ***Called to Love Catholic Women’s Conference!*** The event includes Mass with Archbishop Rodi, confession, vendors, door prizes and speakers - Teresa Tomeo, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, & Kelly Pease. \$35 registration fee includes a breakfast, lunch, and gift bag. Seating is limited with a September 4, registration deadline, so register today! To register visit www.calledtolovemobile.com (<http://www.calledtolovemobile.com/>) or call Mrs. Sure Lyons: (251) 476-5966.

PARISH QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY—
January 1 2014—March 31 2014

Total parish receipts—\$33, 951.37
Total parish expenses—26, 789.24
Total After expenses—\$ 7,162.13