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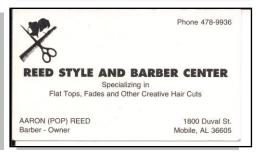


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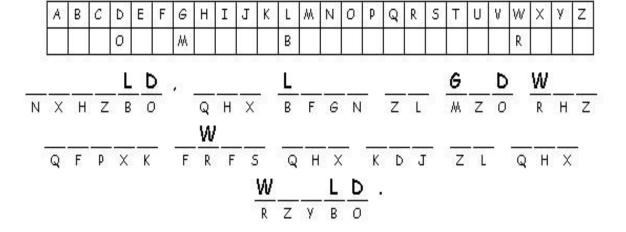
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Figure out what each letter stands for to complete the bible verse. John 1:29-34







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MASS SCHEDULE

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

8:45 - 9:15 AM (or by appointment)

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

..For the People of the Parish

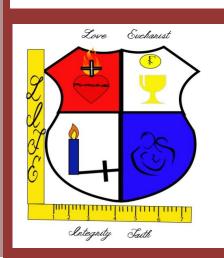
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CCD Classes	After Sunday Mas
Bible Study	Monday, 6:00–7:00 PN
RCIA Classes	Thursday, 6:00-7:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL

.6:00 PM **LEGION OF MARY**

..8:30 AM



PARISH BULLETIN

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Maysville)

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

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2014

REFLECTION

BE STILL ... GOD IS SPEAKING By: Debra Butler



 ${f I}$ saiah (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) seems to remind us that God speaks to us directly when we are still enough to hear. Like most of us, I find it difficult to be still. Our lives are filled with the "noise" of daily life: the alarm clock at 7:00am, the morning news and traffic reports, the Tom Joyner Morning Show or PBS on the drive to work, and our own internal conversations about bills, missed deadlines and dysfunctional relatives. Even when we sleep, it IS difficult to "still" our thoughts enough to really rest.

The first reading (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) is the promise to us that we are special, a chosen people, who by example, are able to show others how to live. It is a confirmation that we are God's presence on earth. It's a simple message, actually. You are mine. I have called you. I've got your back. You don't have to wear T-shirts, quote verses or post YouTube videos. Just be still enough to hear my voice.

Finding the discipline to be still is hard. It means that I have to set priorities of what is important. I have to turn off the TV, clear my schedule, eliminate the clutter. If who we are is determined by our "stuff", even a temporary loss of our stuff can be uncomfortable. The silence might seem a little weird at first, but the peace and quiet is a great opportunity to hear what God is whispering to you!

Isaiah was speaking to Jerusalem in about 750 B.C., at a time of political unrest, the threat of war from Assyria, economic depression and moral decline (sound familiar?) He says they are His covenant (guarantee, warrant, pledge, promise, bond) to all people. Then, as now, we are protected by that same covenant which supports the Light within us.

Eight hundred years later, the situation in Palestine is still pretty grim—the Roman army is in occupation and the Jews have been betrayed by their own corrupt religious leaders. The Church is young and fragile but carries a powerful message. The second reading (Acts 10:34-38) speaks about the Light which we all possess when we live in God's presence (justice, healing, tolerance, kindness). In the New Testament, the promise is extended beyond Jerusalem. It directs us to be more inclusive and to recognize the Spirit and the Light in people who may be outside of our comfort zone. Do I have the courage to be not just in my community but also of my community? Where can I make the most impact with my Light? What happens if I'm the only Light out there? Peter assures us Light is generated by the Spirit, that our struggles are not easy but that we have the constant of God's promise. We bring Light to our families and to our work and to our community through the lives we lead.

Remember Isaiah? You are mine. I have called you. I've got your back

MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Brandon Barnes
Altar SocietyPatricia 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 ChoirWilliam Frazier
Media & Public Relations Greg Cyprian
Parish CouncilThomas Whittaker
RCIA Deacon Ronnie Hathorne
Religious Education Dir Tiffany J. Barnes
St Joseph School AlumniShawn Bivens
Stewardship Keith Brewer
Technology/ITMichael Smith
Youth Activities & Family Life Tara Evans

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

•TODAY – JANUARY 12

Lectors.....Barbara Mitchell Tiffany Malone

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

. Rita Hathorne & Karen White Altar Servers... ..Brandon, Keari B, Kiara Family Gift Bearers...... ..Michael Smith & Pettaway Family • January 19 .Ruth Pettaway Lectors. Tara Evans Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist ..Sheila Mosley & Walter BattlesKai. Kimara. Lance. Altar Servers...... Family Gift Bearers..... Thomas Whittaker, Walter Battles, Mr. &Mrs. Charles Mitchell

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

•ANNIVERSARIES

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31	Willie & Tara Evans, 5
•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

.. Charles & Barbara Mitchell, 37 yrs.

.....John & Rosemary Austin, 47 vrs.

...... Lillie Key
....... Tara Mackie
........ Jesse Stevenson
...... Sheila Mosley
..Carolyn Hawthorne

Weekly Collection - \$ 2,926.00

(JANUARY 05)

Attendance - 160

Know Your Faith

By: Rev. Stephen Remilekun Sohe



Why did Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, ask to be baptized?

John preached and performed the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (cf. Luke 3:3). This baptism prepares those who came to be baptized by him for the coming of the Messiah. Since that is the case, one wonders why Jesus submitted himself to John's baptism. Jesus is like us in all things, but sin (cf. Hebrew 4:15). Why then did Jesus submit himself to John's baptism of repentance?

A sacramental theologian, Aidan Kavanagh, attempted this question. He stated that Jesus submitted to the baptism of John the Baptist in order to show his solidarity with those to whom John preached. He identified, by that very act of being baptized, with us who are in need of repentance and reunion with the Father. In other words, Jesus, who knew no sin, was made to be sin so that we, who are sinners, might become the righteousness of God in Him (cf. 2 Cor. 5:21). Jesus' response to John's hesitation to baptize him is very inspiring and reassuring: to fulfill all righteousness. What is this fulfilment of righteousness? It is that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; the Divine took up human nature.



THOUGHTS & REMINDERS

Keep In Prayer Our...
Ill & Homebound Parishioners

Mrs. Delores Battle
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



First Week in Ordinary Time

January 13-19

MON	First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1-8
13	Gospel: Mark 1:14-20
TUE	First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:9-20
14	Gospel: Mark 1:21-28
WED	First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39
THU 16	First Reading: 1 Samuel 4:1-11 Gospel: Mark 1:40-45
FRI	First Reading: 1 Samuel 8;4-7, 10-22A
17	Gospel: Mark 2:1-12
SAT	First Reading: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1
18	Gospel: Mark 2:13-17
SUN 19	Second week in Ordinary Time First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Gospel: John 1:29-34

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 bethreain@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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

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.

Our Community Life Committee is asking for clothing donations for the WINTER CLOTHING & BLANKET DRIVE for Catholic Social Service.

