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Into the Wilderness with Jesus

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. Mark 1:12-13 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Mark 1:12-15 (NIV)

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

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

REPENT SATAN	BELIEVE DAYS	TEMPTED WILD	NEWS FORTY	ANIMALS GOOD
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 The Josephites & Dedicated Lay People....Staff

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - Sunday Vigil Mass4:30 PM
 Sunday Mass9:30 AM
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.....5:30 PM
 Thursday & Saturday.....7:45 AM
 Holy Days O f Obligation.....6:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday.....For the People of the Parish
 Thursday.....Madame L. Franc,(dec)
(Mother of Superioress General)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Religious Education Class – After Sunday Mass
 Bible Study -Monday.....5:00–6:00 PM
 RCIA Classes -Thursday 6:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Friday.....6:00 PM

LEGION OF MARY

Thursday8:30 AM

Media & Public Relations Committee:

Greg Cyprian.....	President
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St. Joseph Catholic Church (Maysville)

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

First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2015

Reflection

I've Come Through The FloodI Can See Clearly Now



When you see a rainbow in the sky, what goes through your mind? Are you awestruck by its beauty? Do you make some quick scientific statement or judgment about light molecules bouncing off the moisture in the atmosphere? Do you wonder if there is a pot of gold at its end, and wish that you could find it? Maybe you take out your camera to get a shot of it. No matter how rainbows affect you, please know they have long captured the awe and fascinated the imagination of children and adults, authors, poets and songwriters. Retailers of every kind, political action organizations, and religious groups use the rainbow to market their products and ideas. Chasing after rainbows is a saying likened to going on a wild goose chase.

The rainbow is interpreted in some religions as a symbol of spirituality that portrays the power of beauty, and as a bridge between the realms of heaven and earth. All of this is nonsense since these things have nothing at all to do with what the Bible says about the rainbow after the flood. Today's first reading, and text, tells us that the Rainbow is a sign of God's grace and favor on the world. It is a sign of the covenant God established with Noah and "all flesh"; it is His promise that He will never again destroy life with a world-wide flood. It is shown to be a sign of God's grace and love toward the life that He created. God established a covenant of divine obligation which means He will keep His promise, regardless of what anyone else does. This promise did not depend on what Noah or any of his descendants did immediately after exiting the Ark, nor any time in the future of the world. When the sun finally appeared and those eight people exited the Ark, they must have wondered how long it would be before God unleashed His anger, on the world, and the next flood would come. God knew that it would take more than words to comfort them, so God gave them the Rainbow. The beneficiaries of this divine covenant are not only Noah and his descendants but also the animal world and "all flesh", which means that we are included in this covenant.

God said, “Behold, I will establish MY covenant” “I have set MY bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between ME and the earth The water shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh ...” He is saying that it is His Rainbow; His Sign. Man did not create it, nor can man destroy it or keep it from appearing. The next time you are feeling that you have been in the flood too long, that too many painful and traumatic events have swallowed you, or are beginning to drown you, just look up to the heavens, and when you “See Clearly” The Rainbow, just know that it is a sign of God’s grace and favor on your life.

MINISTRIES

Altar Servers.....Brandon Barnes
Altar Society.....Patricia Reed
Bereavement.....Pamela Barnes
Bible Study.....Ruth McKitric
Bldg. & Grounds Mgt.Walter Battles
Choir Director.....Lillie Key
Finance Chair..... Robert Pettaway
Hospitality & Ushers.....Sharon Malone
Legion of Mary.....Hilda Carroway
Liturgy.....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— February 22

Lectors.....Tara Evans
Shawn Bivens
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....
Yvette Smith & Sheila Mosley

Altar ServersJessica, Lance, Keari B.

NEXT WEEK— March 1

Lectors.....Braden Turner
Avery Howell
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....
Lee & Dee Rudolph

Altar ServersKai, Ashley, Matthew

FEBRUARY CELEBRANTS

BIRTHDAYS

1.....Patrick Hawthorne
2.....Josephine Betton
3.....Windola Thompson
3.....Feron Washington
5.....Ireola Frazier
5.....Mattie Medlock
5.....Ernest Diamond
6.....Shawn Bivens
6.....Laurence Hall
7.....Jacqueline Rice
8.....Kimara Hawthorne
10.....John Austin
11.....Charles Mitchell
14.....Willie Evans
14.....Katie Peters
16.....Suzan Wilder
21.....Jessica Stevenson
21.....Walter Frazier
21.....Brian Davis
22.....Travis Evans
26.....Selena Thomas

FEBRUARY 15, 2015
Weekly Collection - \$3,356.00
Attendance - 113
Communion - 79
Blessings - 12

FEBRUARY 18, 2015 (Ash Wednesday)
Attendance- 81



COURAGE - FOR THE STEP I'M ON

St. Josephine Bakhita

By Therese Wilson Favors and Rev. James E. Goode, OFM



Take Courage, dear Brothers and Sisters. St. Josephine Bakhita is praying for you. Take Courage, dear Brothers and Sister, our Jesus is praying for you and your family. Our Jesus will dispatch just the right amount of courage for the step you are on. Let’s “raise our eyes toward the mountains, from where our help comes! Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. God will not let your foot slip and our God never sleeps (Psalm 121:1-4). Pray dear Brothers and Sisters for Courage is on its way, let’s take it and fly as if on eagles wings!

This is the final installment about St. Josephine. We hope you have learned much.

Most of all, we hope you will remember, “Our Jesus stands ready to aid and assist, administering courage for the step you are on.”

PARISH ACTIVITIES
FAMILY LIFE



SAINT JOSEPH’S FEAST DAY COMMITTEE
Meeting Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 PM.
All interested parties please be present and on time,



PRAY THE 30 Days Prayer to St. Joseph each day from February 18 through March 19, which is the Feast Day of St. Joseph. We will conclude with our celebration on March 20-22.

Lenten Schedule



Mark your calendar

Stations of the Cross:
Every Friday during Lent 6:00 PM

Lenten Recollection:
Tuesday, March 17th 6:00 PM

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 Mr. David Simpson
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 1st Week of Lent

February 23- March 1, 2015

MON 23	Monday of the First Week of Lent First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46
TUE 24	Tuesday of the First Week of Lent First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11 Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15
WED 25	Wednesday of the First Week of Lent First Reading: Jonah 3:1-10 Gospel: Luke 11:29-32
THU 26	Thursday of the First Week of Lent First Reading: Esther C:12,14-16, 23-25 Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12
FRI 27	Friday of the First Week of Lent First Reading: Ezekial 18:21-28 Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26
SAT 28	Saturday of the First Week of Lent First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48
SUN 01	Second Sunday of Lent First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34 Verse before the Gospel: Matthew 17:5 Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Church contribution reports for 2014 are available!!!!
Please see Pam Barnes to get your report.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS: We have had one car broken into and a few attempted break-ins on church premises. PLEASE lock your doors at ALL TIMES and keep valuable items in the trunk or out of sight!

The “Mrs. Odette Balasco Baskets of Cheer” In honor of his mother, Mr. William Balasco pulled the names from the barrel. The winners are:

#4 Basket of miniatures - Mr. Greg Cyprian (St. Joseph)

#3 Basket-Deacon James "Doug" Bryant (MPHOM)

#2 Basket- Mrs. Darlene Brewer (St. Joseph)

#1 Basket- Ms. Keisha Harley

The Media Committee thanks everyone who supported this effort. A new sign for our parish is closer thanks to you!”

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY WEEKEND “DRAW DOWN”

Friday, March 20th, from 7pm-11pm. Each ticket is only \$25 and you need not be present to win. The grand prize is \$2500. Other cash prizes will also be awarded. Each ticket stub admits one person to the draw down where seafood jambalaya, turkey, and ham with sides and drinks will be served with music from a local dj..... The money raised will cover expenses of the Feast Day Weekend. **Get your tickets from Mr. Walter Frazier or Feron Washington.**



“BRIDGE CROSSING JUBILEE”

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Blood Sunday, the Selma to Montgomery March, and Voting Rights Act of 1965. Many activities are planned, which begins on Thursday, March 5— Sunday March 8, concluding with the crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

FISH FRY Friday, March 6, 2015. Don’t forget to place your orders. Walk-In orders are always welcome. Cost: \$8.00 per plate.

FREE FRESH FISH Next Thursday, March 5. Tell your friends and neighbors too.

CASINO BUS TRIP MARCH 8, 2015. KOPC Council/Court 210, invites you to join them on their monthly trip to the Imperial Palace Casino in Biloxi. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 2:00 PM.

FRENCH QUARTER FESTIVAL BUS TRIP - Come join the KPC Council/Court 210, as we travel to the Big Easy for the annual French Quarter Festival April 11, 2015. There will be lots of great music, food and fun, this is one trip you don’t want to miss!! Donation \$40.