

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 – August 24

Lectors.....Pam Barnes
Ruth McKitric

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....
.....Rita Hathorne & Ruth Pettaway
Altar ServersJessica, Ashley, Azure

August 31

Lectors.....Joyce Williams
Tara Evans
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....
.....Walter Battles & Sheila Mosley
Altar ServersBrandon, Keari B., Kiara

AUGUST CELEBRANTS

BIRTHDAYS

01.....Keith Brewer
02.....Aeneas Anderson
02.....Aaron Anderson
14.....Bridgette Stevenson
15.....Robert Clark
17.....Kiara Hawthorne
17.....Ruth Pettaway
25.....Teresa Gulley
27.....Rodney Lofton
28.....Rosalind Wallace

ANNIVERSARIES

25.....Kendrick & Tara Mackie , 13 yrs.

Weekly Collection – \$1985.00

(August 17, 2014)

Attendance - 109
Communion - 90
Blessings - 8

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Mass Attendance Precept

By Fr. Stephen Sohe

Last Sunday’s “Know Your Faith” addresses the question concerning the obligatory attendance at Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses. It reflected on the true meaning of Sabbath observance and the Eucharistic implication of obligatory attendance at Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses. This week it will continue to address the said question with a reflection on the baptismal implication of Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Mass precept.



In baptism the baptized are brought into a set of relationship with Christ in his suffering death and resurrection. It is the memorial of this Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection that we celebrate at Holy Mass. Is it not then necessary and appropriate that we be actively part of that celebration? I would not think that such celebration be an option any day, not to mention the

day set aside as the Day of the Lord.

Baptism makes us children of God and coheirs with Christ. As children of God, united in one spirit, it is fitting that none of us is found wanting at the Eucharistic meal, which is our source of unity and the bound of charity. Within an ideal human family, the children of the family are neither excluded not exclude themselves from the main family meal of the day, except for grave reasons. At the agreed mealtime, every member of the family, no matter where they are or what they are doing, returns home and seats at the dining table for the family meal. So it is expected of God’s children bound together by one sacrament of baptism. At that agreed time, generally on Sundays, we are all expected to leave our regular busyness aside, converge at the house of our Father, gather around the table of our Eucharistic meal, and partake of the meal.

Furthermore, at baptism we freely and willingly put ourselves forward to be initiated into the institutional Church, the Holy Roman Catholic Church. This Holy institution is governed by the hierarchy of the Church instituted by Christ himself, and through the instrumentality of doctrines and precepts, that is, the laws of the Church. And so, as people baptized into the Church, we give ourselves to the observance of the teachings and laws of the Church. One of such laws of the Church is the obligatory attendance and active participation at Masses on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. Exceptions to this law are reasons of grave cause. Such reasons as caring for sick relatives, someone in need of our help in emergency cases, working miles away from the availability of a church, and so on, could cause our unavoidable absence at Mass on some occasions. However, whatever may justly prevent us from attending Mass should be done in the spirit of charity.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

MAYSVILLE GOSPEL FEST 2014

October 11—St. Joseph Catholic Church. Maysville

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Theme: Fishers of Men



Gospel Fest 2014 is patterned after Jesus; preaching, teaching, healing, and feeding the multitudes in the book of Matthew. The gospel of Jesus Christ will be presented in words, preaching the gospel, in testimony, with evangelism teams giving witness to the gospel, and gospel music will be sung by church choirs, gospel groups and through praise dancing. There will also be a health fair, games, food and music.



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 parishionrs).

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
Twentieth First Week in Ordinary Time
August 25– August 31



MON 25	First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5. 11-12 Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22
TUE 26	First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3A, 14-17 Gospel: Matthew 23:23-26
WED 27	First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18 Gospel: Matthew 23:27-32
THU 28	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Gospel: Matthew 24:42-51
FRI 29	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25 Gospel: Mark 6:17-29
SAT 30	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
SUN 31	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



Parish Announcements

WRITERS NEEEEDED! Parishioners are needed to write **REFLECTIONS** for the Sunday readings! Many of you have already shared your reflection one or more times, including our young people. Your reflection will be published in our weekly bulletin. Please see Thomas Whittaker for more info. We look forward to hearing from you!

Our Monthly Fish Fry — is 9/5! We need donations of green beans, grated cheese, potatoes, and eggs. Monetary donations are appreciated as well. Thank you in advance for your continuous support! Let’s make this a BIG success!! Pat Reed and team.

JOB OPPORTUNITY The Little Sisters of The Poor, has the following paid positions available: Development Associate and Volunteer Coordinator. Apply in person at the Little Sisters of the Poor, Sacred Heart Residence, 1655 McGill Ave., Mobile, AL 36604 or e=mail admmobile@littlesistersofthepoor,org.

JUST FOR LAUGHS!!!

A little boy was overheard praying: “Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy, don’t worry about it. I’m having a real good time like I am.”

Now that Religious Education has started, let us continue to be mindful of their setup with the partitions as we have events in the hall this year. It takes time out of their religious education program to reset tables, chairs and partitions. So, after our events are over, let’s once again put everything back the way we found it. A special thanks to Pat Reed, CJ and Barbara Mitchell and Shawn Bivens for cleaning the hall last week.

ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS!! The Department of Catholic Education Kick-Off Day (formerly Catechist Celebration Day) will be on September 20th, in Daphne at Christ the King Parish. Please contact the DRE, Tiffany Barnes for more information.

Child Protection Training Classes are held on the 4th Wednesday of most months at 7:00pm at St Dominic Parish. The following dates are for those parishioners whom will be working with our youth and have not been certified within the past year: August 27th and September 24th. However, if you were certified last year, please re-certify online via www.mobilearchdiocese.org.

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 cooperation.



MOST PURE HEART OF MARY CHURCH & SCHOOL ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL! All are invited to come and join us for this fundraising event that helps to support the only Black Catholic Elementary School in the Mobile Area. **Where:** Most Pure Heart Of Mary, 304 Sengstak St., Mobile, AL, October 18, 2014, 10:00