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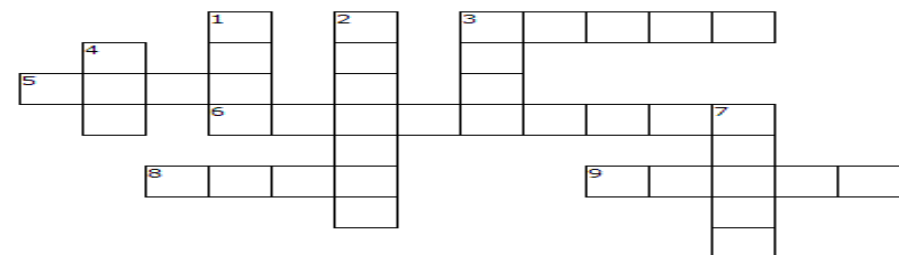
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Born Again!

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3 (NIV)

Based on John 3:1-17 (NIV)



- ACROSS**
3. A clear, colorless liquid; H2O
 5. To receive sounds with your ears
 6. A Pharisee who went to Jesus at night
 8. The period from birth until death
 9. The real facts about something; not false

- DOWN**
1. To be brought into life by birth
 2. A person who instructs or trains others
 3. The movement of air outside
 4. To observe by using your eyes
 7. Something that can be heard

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| HEAR WATER | TRUTH SOUND | NICODEMUS SEE | WIND LIFE | TEACHER BORN |
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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

**Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2014**

REFLECTION



Carrying the Cross
By Leona Rudolph

It is the second Sunday of Lent. Lent is a time of prayer, reflection and almsgiving. It is a time when we as Christians acknowledge the great sacrifice that Christ made on our behalf and when we make a sacrifice of our own in our efforts to emulate and revere him. Hence, during Lent we are able to grasp the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice in our efforts to sacrifice our time, finances and or desires.

However, it is not only during Lent that we experience times of sacrifice or a loss. Rather, these occurrences happen in our daily lives. We may experience financial hardship, or the illness of a loved one that may cause us to make sacrifices that may prove to be unwanted or inconvenient. However, 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 encourages us to accept these occurrences as our own cross to carry, as it is written, "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God". 2Timothy 1:8b-10 demonstrates that we will have help along the way as we carry our own crosses. Just as Simon was there to help Jesus carry his cross, God always provides us with the help that we need to make it through our trials and tribulations. Oftentimes, it is when we fall that we gain a greater dependence on God and it is by His grace, that although we may fall and go astray, He is always there to see us through and to bring us to what he has promised for us.

Hence, it is imperative that we gain an understanding that in this life we will encounter hardship, disappointment and our own cross. Like the human part of Christ we hope, wish, and pray that these occurrences will bypass us. However, like Christ our Savior, we must take up our crosses and rely on the strength that comes from our Father as it is made evident in 2Timothy 1:8b-10.

PASTORAL STAFF

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil4:30 PM
Sunday Mass9:30 AM
Tuesday5:30 PM
Wednesday – Saturday7:45 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
Tuesday.....Clifford Frazier (dec)
Wednesday.....Myrtle Frazier (dec)
Thursday.....Viola Green (dec)
Friday.....Warren & Carrie Boston (dec)
Saturday.....Clifford Clapp (RIP)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CCD ClassesAfter Sunday Mass
Bible Study -Monday.....5:00–6:00 PM
RCIA Classes -Thursday6:00–7:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL

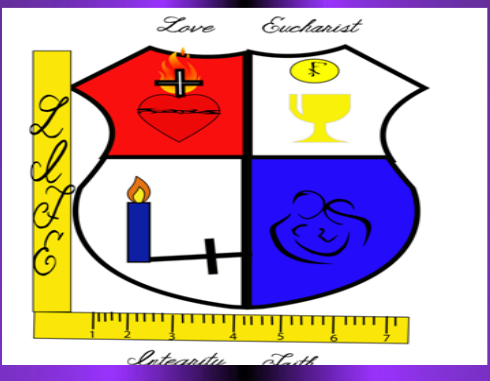
Friday:.....6:00 PM

LEGION OF MARY

Thursday8:30 AM

Media & Public Relations Committee:

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LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE



Stations of the Cross, every Friday throughout Lent.....6 p.m.
Lenten Reflection, April 1,6 p.m.

MINISTRIES

Altar Servers.....Brandon Barnes
 Altar Society.....Patricia Reed
 Bereavement.....Pamela Barnes
 Bible Study.....Ruth McKittrick
 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 – March 16**
 Lectors.....Tara Evans
 Joyce Williams
 Extraordinary Ministers of the EucharistKaren White & Rita Hathorne
 Altar Servers.....Bandon, Matthew, Lance
 Family Gift Bearers.....Diaz Family

March 23
 Lectors.....Tiffany Malone
 Anita Lott

Extraordinary Ministers of the EucharistKeith & Claudia Brewer
 Altar Servers.....Kai, Matthew, Pat
 Family Gift Bearers.....Pat Reed,
 Sharon Malone, Lillie Hayes, Walter Battles,
 Michael Smith

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS
 03.....Nichole Cyprian
 03.....Karen White
 09.....Ric Balasco
 10.....Sandra Haughton
 10.....Alicia Mathis
 12.....Richelle Wilder
 19.....Johnny Carroway
 19.....Valerie Smith
 24.....William Callier
 26.....Dionne Howell
 26.....Velma Diaz

ANNIVERSARIES
 03.....Leon & Sharon Malone
 05.....Akeem & Sandra Haughton

Weekly Collection – \$2383.00
 (March 9, 2014)

Attendance - 104
Communicants— 82
Blessings— 18



**KNOW YOUR FAITH
 INDULGENCE**
Fr. Stephen Sohe

Indulgence originally meant kindness or favor. It is later used to express release from captivity or punishment. In Catholic theology it is used to mean remission of temporal punishment due to sin. When we sin, we separate ourselves from God’s friendship with us. The result of this separation is the eternal damnation in Hell. When we separate ourselves from God’s friendship we invariably attach ourselves to worldly things, or other creatures. In other words, we attach ourselves to evil, the work of the Devil. The loss of our friendship with God condemns us to eternal punishment in Hell, while our attachment to this world condemns us to temporal punishment.

When we approach God in the sacrament of reconciliation with a contrite heart and a humble spirit, we return to the friendship of God, which never fails nor ends. However, our attachment to the world may remain. The temporal punishment resulting from such an attachment necessarily awaits us either in this world or in purgatory. To enter the Kingdom of God, we must purify ourselves of this punishment. This purification can be attained, in part, in this world through our nearness to God in prayers, penance, and works of charity. The purification could also be attained through indulgence, which is the remission of temporal punishment due to sin. It is important to note that indulgence is not a ticket or a free pass to commit sin. It is not the forgiveness of future sin. It is not an exemption from the law. It is not like buying forgiveness, nor is it a payment for salvation. Indulgence is rather an “extra-sacramental remission of the temporal punishment due, in God's justice, to sin that has been forgiven”.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Well family it is here, our **“INAUGURAL ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY WEEKEND”** The picnic is this Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. for parishioners, their families, and friends. It will be held right here on the church grounds. The Feast Day Mass will be on Sunday, March 23. We will honor 13 of our seniors who have diligently given of themselves throughout the years here at St. Joseph. Our Chief Concelebrant of the Mass will be the Superior General of the Josephites, Fr. William Norvell, SSJ. Let's all show-up for this special event in honor of our patron saint, Joseph, the spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary. A repast will be held in the parish hall immediately after Mass.



*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.*



LEGION OF MARY: LENTEN DEVOTION
 There will be a thirty minute **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** every **Wednesday** during this season of Lent in the convent from **6:00 pm—7:00 pm**. You are all invited to come experience a connection with the Lord in the quietness of your heart.

THOUGHTS & REMINDERS

Keep In Prayer Our...

Ill & Homebound Parishioners

Mrs. Delores Isom Mrs. Reola Juzang
 Mrs. Theresa Gulley Mr. James Thomas
 Ms. Josephine Betton Little Christen Roberson
 Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hickman Mrs. Ireola Frazier
 Sr. Jose’, Delores Lewis Sis. Rita Washington
 Mrs. Katie Peters

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

SACRAMENTS

Baptism Class is scheduled for Sunday, March 30, 2014, immediately after Mass.


Confirmation: Candidates and Parents meeting will be held Saturday March 29, at 2:00pm.

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

| READINGS FOR MASS | |
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| Second Week of Lent March 17 —March 23 | |
| MON 17 | First Reading: Daniel 9:4B-10 Gospel: Luke 6:36-38 |
| TUE 18 | First Reading: Isaiah 110, 16-20 Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12 |
| WED 19 | Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary First Reading: 2Samuel 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16 Second Reading: Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 Gospel: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24A |
| THU 20 | First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 |
| FRI 21 | First Reading: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 |
| SAT 22 | First Reading: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 |
| SUN 23 | First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 Gospel: John 4:5-42 |

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. Joseph Feast Day Picnic - Donations are needed for the following items: prepared baked beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, condiments, paper products, drinks, etc. In the rear of the church is a sign-up sheet. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

2B Choice for Women—The Catholic Social Service Center’s “Annual 2B Campaign” for unwed mothers and their infants has begun. Lent is the time of year when we as a church family collect items to help unwed mothers and their infants. On the left side of the altar by the purple cross is a baby’s playpen to place your gifts, you may select a gift from the list on the side door and in the vestibule of the church. Our Blessed Mother will not forget your generosity!

You are invited to the **LEGION OF MARY** Immaculate Conception Curia of Mobile **“2014 ACIES”**, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 711 College Avenue, Daphne, AL 36526 on March 22, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church, followed by lunch in Assumption Hall. Please join us for the rosary at 10:00 a.m., contact Hilda Carroway (251) 476-2883 for more info.

ONE FAITH ONE FAMILY— The first ever Archdiocesan Conference! It's Time For A Family Gathering! Archbishop Rodi is calling you to come and see what the *Holy Spirit* is doing in the Archdiocese and how you can be a part! Mobile Convention Center, April 5, 2014. High school and under free with a parent. For information and tickets visit www.FAMILYLIFEMOBILE.ORG/ONE or \$20 in the parish office.

FRENCH QUARTER FESTIVAL BUS TRIP

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Council/ Court #210 are sponsoring their annual trip to “The French Quarter Festival” in New Orleans on Saturday, April 12, 2014. Buses will depart from St. Joseph at 8:00 a.m. and return at 10 p.m. Donation—\$40, this is one trip you don’t want to miss! *Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!*

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Maysville), is in the process of forming a formal **Bereavement Committee**. The committee will meet with the bereaved family before, during and after the funeral. For more info, please contact Ms. Pam Barnes in person or by phone at 251-604-1425, or 251-639-9169.

How Will You Respond? Would you like to make a difference in your community, the country or the world? Do You want to serve those in need and work for social justice? **RESPONSE 2014**, a faith based service is available and free. Volunteers serve full-time for periods of 1 week to 1 year. Contact Catholic Volunteer Network to receive your free copy/copies. Email: info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

In the Footsteps of Saint Paul—a Pilgrimage to Greece including: Athens, Patmos, Phillipi, Corinth and more, plus an evening in Vienna Austria! June 06-17, 2014, sponsored by Fr. J.S. Savoie, all inclusive price is \$4199. For more information please call (251) 471-2449, leave your info with the secretary.