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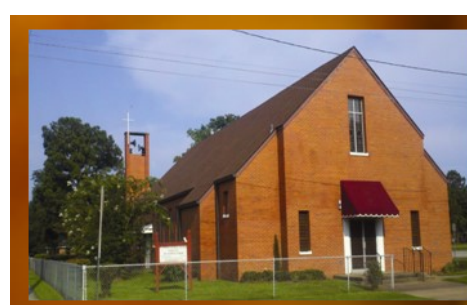
Business Cards.....\$25  
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**Paying Taxes to Caesar**  
Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21  
Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)

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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

Twenty—Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2014

**REFLECTIONS**

WILL YOU PASS THE TEST?

By

Leona Rudolph



Throughout our lifetime we will encounter a series of tests, some as it pertains to our knowledge, abilities and or examinations of our health. However, there are certain tests that may correlate to our maturity and spiritual growth as a Christian in areas like patience, humility, and piety. Nonetheless, in many of these areas we are defined by the success or failures that we may face according to our responses or results when we are presented with a test. Therefore, it is important that we are able to not only be prepared but have the ability to recognize when we are given tests. In today's Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21), Jesus is challenged by the Pharisees in an indirect and devious manner by the Pharisees attempt to make Jesus inconsistent with his teachings. Jesus was able to immediately discern the malicious intent of the Pharisees; therefore, he was able to respond in an effective and appropriate manner while maintaining his integrity and dignity. At times, we find ourselves in similar situations with our neighbors. Some of these instances may appear subtle as seen in the Gospel, while others may be more direct.

However, today's gospel challenges us to not only prepare for and be aware of tests on our road towards spiritual growth and maturity but most importantly to always in the midst of a test maintain our integrity and dignity as a child of God, so that we may be a testament of God's teachings by the way we live our lives.

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Stephen Remilekun Sohe, S.S.J. ....Pastor  
Rev. Mr. Ronnie A. Hathorne.....Deacon  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM  
Sunday Mass .....9:30 AM  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.....5:30 PM  
Thursday & Saturday.....7:45 AM  
Holy Days Of Obligation.....6:00 PM

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Sunday .....8:45 – 9:15 AM  
(or by appointment)

**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday.....For the People of the Parish  
Wednesday.....Sis. Suzanne Flanders (D)  
Thursday.....Thelma Waltz (D)

**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

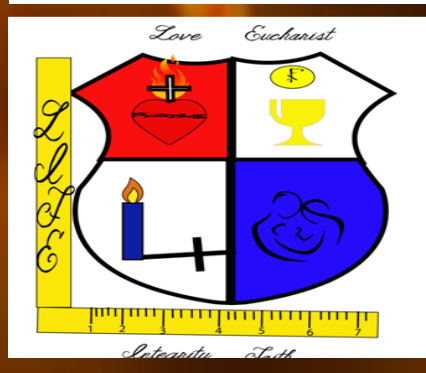
**LEGION OF MARY**

Thursday .....8:30 AM

**Media & Public Relations Committee:**

Greg Cyprian.....President  
Thomas Whittaker  
Tiffany J Barnes  
Ruth Pettaway  
Rosemary Austin

Anita Lott  
Marva Carter  
Ruth McKitric  
Brandon Barnes



**"Prayer for the Cure"**

October 19, 2014

October is **"Breast Cancer Awareness"** month, but today we celebrate all cancer survivors, and pray for a cure of this disease which has touched so many of our lives. Some of us have been personally touched with this disease and others have experienced it through family, friends or a love one.



**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 – October 19**

Lectors.....Joyce Williams  
Tiffany Malone

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....  
.....Robert & Ruth Pettaway

Altar Servers .....Kai, Ashley, Azure

**•Next Week– October 26**

Lectors.....Windola Thompson  
Pamela Barnes

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....  
.....Karen White & Yvette Smith

Altar Servers .....Jessica, Keari B., Kiara

**OCTOBER CELEBRANTS!**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 11.....Lillie Hayes
- 12.....Enjoli Hawthorne
- 13.....Anita Lott
- 17.....Jeanetta DuCloux
- 19.....Rayford Carter, Jr.
- 21.....Tiffany Malone
- 21.....Erika Roberson
- 25.....Jason Malone
- 26.....Ashley Hawthorne
- 26.....Braden Turner
- 31.....William Frazier
- 31.....Austin Howell

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 09.....Robert & Ruth Pettaway - 40 yrs
- 17.....Johnnie & Windola Thompson—61 yrs

**Weekly Collection – \$2,175.00**

(October 12, 2014)

- Attendance - 111
- Communion - 71
- Blessings - 10



# AN OVERVIEW OF RCIA Pt. VI

By Deacon Ronnie Hathorne



## What are the steps of RCIA?

Prior to beginning the RCIA Process, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church.

This period is known as the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate. For some, this process involves a long period of searching others a shorter time. Often, contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience lead people to inquire about the Catholic Church. After a conversation with a priest, or RCIA director, the person, known as an “inquirer,” may seek acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, through the Rite of Acceptance. During this Rite, the inquirer stands amidst the parish community and states that he or she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic church. The parish assembly affirms this desire and the inquirer becomes a “catechumen.”

The period of the catechumenate can last for as long as several years or for a shorter time. It depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they encounter along the way, and how God leads them on this journey. During this time, the catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to god’s inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic church means. When a catechumens and the priest and the parish team working with him or her believes the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic church, the next step is the request for baptism and the celebration of the rite of election. Even before the catechumens are baptized, they have a special relationship to the Church.

The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of names of those seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent, the catechumens, their sponsors and families gather at the cathedral church. The catechumens publicly express their desire for baptism to the diocesan bishop. Their names are recorded in a book and they are called “the elect.”

The days of Lent are final period of purification and enlightenment leading up to Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the elect, and prayers fro them by the parish communities. The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes places during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the catechumen receives the sacraments of Baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is full initiated into the Catholic Church.



**October**  
**MONTH OF THE ROSARY**  
**&**  
**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**



## THOUGHTS & REMINDERS

Keep In Prayer Our...

Ill & Homebound Parishioners

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

(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.

<b>READINGS FOR MASS</b> <b>Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time</b> <b>October 20 – October 26</b>	
MON 20	First Reading: <u>Ephesians 2:1-10</u> Gospel: <u>Luke 12:13-21</u>
TUE 21	First Reading: <u>Ephesians 2:12-22</u> Gospel: <u>Luke 12:35-38</u>
WED 22	First Reading: <u>Ephesians 3:2-12</u> Gospel: <u>Luke 12:39-48</u>
THU 23	First Reading: <u>Ephesians 3:14-21</u> Gospel: <u>Luke 12:49-53</u>
FRI 24	First Reading: <u>Ephesians 4:1-6</u> Gospel: <u>Luke 12:54-59</u>
SAT 25	First Reading: <u>Ephesians 4:7-16</u> Gospel <u>Luke 13:1-9</u>
SUN 26	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 Second Reading: <u>1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10</u> Gospel: <u>Matthew 22:34-40</u>



# Parish Announcements

**Please join us** in fellowship every Sunday after Mass at the CCC (Carrols Coffee Café) in the convent. We will have coffee and doughnuts !

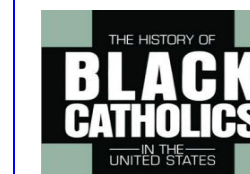
**Lectors Class** – will be rescheduled until further notice.

**Media Committee Meeting** will be held Tuesday, October 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**St. Joseph Parish Feast Day 2015 (Feast of St. Joseph)**  
Planning committee meeting will be held Wednesday 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**DIAMOND JUBILEE** - October 23, 2014 at 10am in the Church Hall. We will travel to the downtown library on Church Street. All seniors are welcome. Husbands bring your wives. Wives bring your husbands. And single seniors bring your buddies. For more information, please contact Tara Evans at 654-3859 or Sheila Mosley at 621-1947.

**ALL SOULS DAY/MEMORIAL MASS** - November 2, 2014. Please complete the list of names for loved ones you want prayed for and place in the basket at the end of the altar or on the table behind the pews in back of the church thru Sunday, October 19, 2014.



**NOVEMBER**

**BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH**

The entire parish is encouraged to dress in African attire on November 16, 2014 in celebration of our history.

So ladies get your outfits and headdress together, men get you dashikis ready!  
Please wear red, black or green if you do not dress in African attire!

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

The Holiday season is fast approaching. Preparations are being made for the 2014 holiday programs. We are asking you or your organization to sponsor a low income family this year through one of our programs.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets, Christmas Food Baskets, Elder Packs or the Angel Tree Program. Contact Neva Rogers at 251-348-8539 for more information.