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Rev. Mr. Ronnie A. Hathorne.....Deacon
The Josephites & Dedicated Lay People....Staff

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil4:30 PM
Sunday Mass9:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday5:30 PM
Thursday & Saturday.....7:45 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.....Marvin A. Hall (dec)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Religious Education ClassesSummer Break
Bible Study -Monday.....5:00–6:00 PM
RCIA Classes -ThursdaySummer Break

CHOIR REHEARSAL

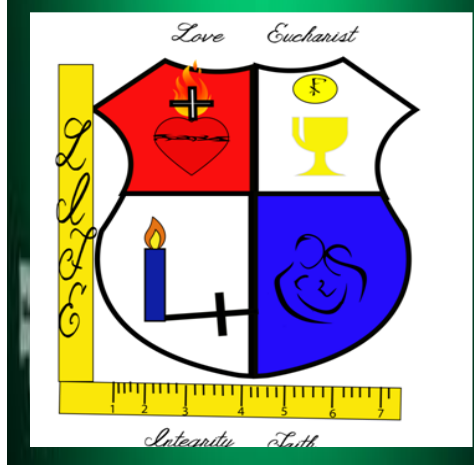
Friday:.....6:00 PM

LEGION OF MARY

Thursday8:30 AM

Media & Public Relations Committee:

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Thomas Whittaker	Anita Lott
Tiffany J Barnes	Marva Carter
Ruth Pettaway	Ruth McKitric
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1703 Dublin Street ▪ Mobile AL 36605

Staffed by the Josephites and Dedicated Lay People of St. Joseph Parish

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2014

REFLECTION

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like a Hidden Treasure

By Michael Steele



Hidden Treasure

In the first reading, God visits King Solomon in a dream at night. He asks Solomon what he wants. Solomon answers that he is a lowly servant whom God has already blessed a lot, so he asks for an understanding heart to judge the Lord’s people and to distinguish right from wrong. The Lord was pleased because Solomon didn't ask for anything selfish or hateful such as riches or death upon someone. The Lord was pleased with Solomon’s request so he granted him what he wanted and then told him that he was one of a kind. This shows us that God is pleased with our prayers when we ask for unselfish things. God wants us to pray for and help others.

In the second reading, God teaches us that all things are done through His decisions. He made us to conform to the image of Jesus. If we live as Jesus did, love God above everything else, even if it means giving up our own desires to help others, we will be OK.

Finally, the Gospel reading teaches us that heaven is better than anything we have on earth. It is better than the riches, jewels, and food. Therefore, we should live our lives in a way to reach heaven. Just like Solomon and Jesus did by forgetting their own selfish desires to help God’s people.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH FAMILY

WELCOMES

Fr. Kenneth Keke

JOSEPHITE VOCATION DIRECTOR


New weekday



Mass
Schedule


Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday—5:30 p.m.
Thursday— 7:45 a.m.

We hope that this time change will be more convenient for our church family.



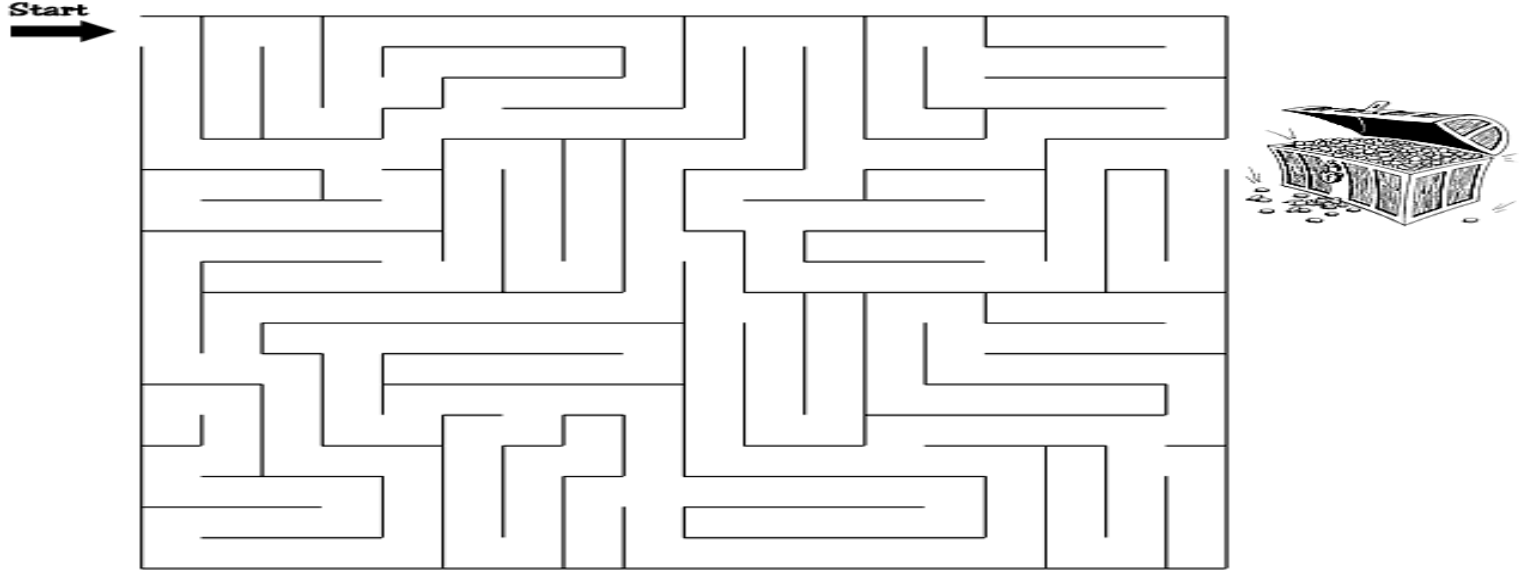
Our younger parishioners were given a charge of writing the weekly **REFLECTIONS** for the month of April, they completed that charge and also wrote them during May and June.
We thank and commend all of you for saying “YES”, and for doing such a great job! - Ella Everett & Ruth McKitric

Matthew Hawthorne	Azure Anderson	Aeneas Anderson
Kiara Hawthorne	Lance Johnson	Braden Turner
Ashley Lott	Kai Lott	Jessica Stevenson
	Caleb Roberson	



TREASURE IN THE FIELD MAZE

CAN YOU FIND THE WAY TO THE HIDDEN TREASURE?



"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."
Matthew 13:44

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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
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Liturgical Dancers.....Yvette Smith
Male Choir.....William Frazier
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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 – July 27

Lectors.....Windola Thompson
Pavia Dewberry
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....
.....Robert & Ruth Pettaway
Altar Servers.....Kai, Ashley, Azure

August 3

Lectors.....Kai Lott
Braden Turner
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....
.....Leona & Diona Rudolph
Altar ServersJessica, Keari B., Kiara

JULY CELEBRANTS

BIRTHDAYS

06.....Creshaun Hawthorne
08.....Kevin Hayes
10.....Tangela Joiner
12.....Nigel Steele
12Francesca Butler
13.....Bria Turner
15.....Irene Grove
17.....Savannah Young
19.....Metra Turner
20.....Debra Butler
22.....Rosemary Austin
23.....Rayford Carter, Sr.
23.....Sandra Donaldson

ANNIVERSARIES

10.....Pavia & Lisa Dewberry, 21 yrs.
10.....Walter & Billie Frazier, 22 yrs.
22.....Silas & Metra Turner, 14yrs.

Weekly Collection – \$ 2246.00

(July 20, 2014)

Attendance - 139
Communion - 74
Blessings - 16

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Penance: A Gracious Blessing not a Payable Punishment
By Fr. Stephen Sohe



After giving a penitent his penance during the sacrament of reconciliation, he said, “Can I get a harder penance?” This humble request of the penitent made me begin to wonder how we as penitents view penance?

It is important to note that the penance we receive during confession is not punishment in whatever form. It is not a punishment for the sins confessed, such that not carrying them out forgiveness is not assured. Or through it one can

buy or pay for God’s forgiveness and grace. It is rather a discipline – a discipline of our body, mind, heart, and spirit. Such discipline ought not to be carried out just for the moment following confession. As such, it ought to be an ongoing experience in our constant struggle with the power of sin and death. In other words, I believe penance is not a momentary disciplinary action that follows only immediately after confession. It should rather be a continuous disciplinary action putting the penitent continually in the state of grace.

As a discipline, it is an expression of a heart that is contrite and humble, leading to atonement. It begins with the penitent acknowledgement of his/her encounter with the merciful Christ. The example of Matthew the Tax Collector in Matt. 9:9-13 may help to explain this better. Matthew’s gracious and merciful encounter with Jesus Christ moved him to willingly and happily repay those he had unjustly cheated.

Penance draws us closer to Christ, our first Love, and our true prize. It helps us to fix our eyes on the prize. Like the Psalmist says, “I lift up my eyes to the mountain – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (Ps. 121:1-2). It helps the penitent to realize the abundance of the grace of God at work in him or her. For where sin abounds, grace abounds even more (Rom. 5:20). (Part 1, part 2, next Sunday)

PARISH ACTIVITIES

LET’S DO IT AGAIN!!!!



FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2014

In the parish Hall—donation \$8.00

11:00 a.m. - until the fish runs out!!!

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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 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 MASS
Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time
July 28—August 3



MON 28	First Reading: Jeremiah 13:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 13:31-35
TUE 29	First Reading: Jeremiah 14:17-22 Gospel: John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42
WED 30	First Reading: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46
THU 31	First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-6 Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53
FRI 1	First Reading: Jeremiah 26:1-9 Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58
SAT 2	First Reading: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24 Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12
SUN 3	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3 Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 36-39 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21



Parish Announcements

CONDOLENCES—to Deacon Ronnie Hathorne and family we extend heartfelt condolences for the loss of your uncle, Mr. Larry Hathorne who passed away this weekend. You are in our prayers.

UNITY MASS - Every First Sunday of the Month, will be our Unity Mass. We encourage everyone, especially those who attend the Saturday Vigil Mass, to join us in this Unity Mass, so that once a month we can be unified and serve the Lord as one body.

Although the **LEGION OF MARY** is primarily known as a worldwide apostolic organization, its main purpose is sanctification—1st, of its members and 2nd, of the society and environment in which it works. The Legion offers those who join a system of spiritual formation based on St. Louis de Monfort’s “True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin,” Our Lady’s Spiritual Motherhood of Souls and the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ. If you are interested in learning more about the Legion of Mary, please contact Hilda Carroway @ 251-476-2883 or Karen White @ 205-826-2137, or you can see Fr. Stephen Sohe.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - will be conducted by Chaplain Summers from Holman Prison which is required by the Department of Corrections. This training will take place August 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chancery ballroom. Archbishop Rodi invites all who are interested in Prison Ministry to attend, this training is open to: priests, deacons and lay persons involved or interested in Prison Ministry. .

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 co-operation.

Join us Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Corpus Christi Parish in Mobile for the **Called to Love Catholic Women’s Conference!** The event includes Mass with Archbishop Rodi, confession, vendors, door prizes and speakers - Teresa Tomeo, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, & Kelly Pease. \$35 registration fee includes a breakfast, lunch, and gift bag. Seating is limited with a September 4, registration deadline, so register today! To register visit www.calledtolovemobile.com (<http://www.calledtolovemobile.com>) or call Mrs. Sure Lyons: (251) 476-5966.



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

When: October 18, 2014

Time: 10:00a.m.-8: 00p.m.

There will plenty of good food, games, music, prizes and much more!

**PARISH QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY—
January 1 2014—March 31 2014**

Total parish receipts—\$33, 951.37
Total parish expenses—26, 789.24
Total After expenses—\$ 7,162.13