4TH SUNDAY
OF LENT
For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.
- Jn 3:20-21
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March 14, 2021

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish is a faith community, centered in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim God's love and the Gospel message through word and action to all.

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
733 James I Harrison, Jr. Parkway E., Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

Mass Schedule:

Saturday.....5:00 PM
Sunday.....8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
Nursery available (up to age 5) during 8:45 & 11 AM Masses
Misa en Espanol (cada domingo) .....1:00 PM
Monday-Friday.....6:45 AM
Holy Days.....Check Bulletin

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday . . . . . Suspended until further notice

Monsignor Michael J. Deering, *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Frank Slapikas, *Deacon*
Rev. Mr. Adrian Straley, *Deacon*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

If a friend of mine discovers that a person is not going to Church on Sunday, he'll calmly ask them:

"When exactly did you give up on this Heaven thing?"

Fortunately, my friend has a very jovial personality and can get away with asking that question.

His hope is that asking that simple question would pierce their heart and get them to thinking:
What am I doing?

If you're reading this Bulletin today in either paper or electronic form, it's likely that you are **"going to Church on Sunday"** either in person or virtually on the TV or the Internet.

But **what's** so **alarming** is that ... there's a great number of people who aren't!

This came through over the past two Saturdays as I heard the **First Confessions** of some **24 2nd Graders** who hope to receive their **First Holy Communion** in May.

After stating their sins, I would often ask them if they were **going to Mass** or **viewing the Mass** on Sunday.

Sadly ... **many were not!**
They have parents who, for some reason, want them to receive their **First** Communion ... without giving a thought to bringing them for their **Second, Third, Hundredth** Communion after that!

We teach **our children** in **School** and in **Sunday School** that **"*going to Church on Sunday*"** is required. It's the **3rd Commandment of God** and **the only excuse** for not attending **Mass** is if you're sick or injured.

Some of these kids knew this and some were in tears as they admitted that Mom and Dad don't go to Church or watch the Mass virtually.

I always reassure these kids that it's not their fault ... and I simply suggest that they remind their Parents that they need to go to **Mass** with them every **Sunday**.

It gets worse.
When I ask the children if they **pray before meals** at home ... **many** say **no**.
When I ask them if they **pray before bed** ... **many** say **no**.

And then you wonder why many young people aren't going to Church and have fallen away from the Church.

It's because **so many parents** haven't modeled **the faith** to their children.

Be courageous and ask **the question** my friend uses:
"When exactly did you give up on this Heaven thing?"

Yes, and pray **special prayers** during **Lent** so **the great graces** that God is pouring forth this season will warm the hearts of **those who've turned away from practicing their Catholic Faith so that they** will return to ... **living it** ... and **loving it.**

God bless you! Love, Father Deering

Mass Intentions
March 14—March 20

Sunday, March 14
†Lucy Kubiszyn

Monday, March 15
†Robert Drabik

Tuesday, March 16
SEAS & St. Henry

Wednesday, March 17
†Mary Lake

Thursday, March 18
†Dr. Neil Sullivan

Friday, March 19
†Dr. Joven de Los Reyes

Saturday, March 20
†Mildred Deslattes

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Second Reading:
Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel:
John 3:14-21

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Next Week's Liturgical Schedule

3rd Sunday of the Month

Saturday, March 20	**Sunday, March 21**	
5:00PM	**8:45AM**	**11:00AM**
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
Marie Didyoung	Jason Wyatt	Max Elebash
Carol Naylor	Bill Colburn	Michael Krueger
Steve Shockley	Lori Colburn	Carol Talerico
Nancy Shockley	Joe Phelps	Bob Lyons
	Gene Schumacher	Peg Lyons
	Robert Poole	Paul Lake
		Haley Thompson
Lectors		
Harry McDade	Rich Schellhammer	Max Elebash
Dorothy McDade	Becky Davis	Edd Mansfield
Altar Servers		
Rich Turkiewicz	David Tabor	Carley Thompson
Aaron Snipes	Roger Bedard	Brady Campbell

AROUND THE PARISH

This Week

Sunday, March 14

Mass	8:45am & 11:00am	Church
Mexican Feast	11:00am	Parish Hall

Monday, March 15

Daily Mass	6:45am	Church

Tuesday, March 16

Daily Mass	6:45am	Church
Ladies Small Group Study	Will not meet this week	
RCIA — Sexual Morality	6:30pm	Church

Wednesday, March 17

Daily Mass	6:45am	Church
Scriptural Rosary	5:30pm	Church
Small Group Study	6:15pm	Parish Hall

Thursday, March 18

Daily Mass	6:45am	Church
Singles Small Group Study	6:00pm	Knights Hall
Youth Small Group Study	6:30pm	Multi-Purpose

Friday, March 19

Daily Mass	6:45am	Church
Pro-Life Rosary	10:00am	WAWC
Stations of the Cross	5:30pm	Church
Fish Fry	6:00pm	Parish Hall

Saturday, March 20

Pro-life Rosary	9:00am	WAWC
Confession	3:45-4:45pm	TBD
Mass	5:00pm	Church

Congratulations!

The following students celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation recently. May they continue to seek God's mercy all of their lives!

Allie Mesecher
Avigail Ramirez
Brian Dubon Sanchez
Carson Sauls
Clare Brady
Duschka Pinedo
Edith Shoemaker-Snider
Ellie Mesecher
Ethan Lopacki
Izabella Mireles
JJ Webster
Klara Marquez
Luz Bernabe-Alamillo
Madison Garcia
Madisson Urrutia
Maria Ramirez
Mikey Ortiguera
Rafael Pinedo
Rosa Ramirez Lopez
Sophia Neill
Ulises Maldonado
Vianey Sanchez
Victor Valencia Luna
Zander Brady

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KOC): For Catholic Men, Meets 2nd Thurs @ 7 pm KC Hall. Grand Knight: John Pomerleau 861-6329
KOC LADIES AUXILIARY: Supports the Knights of Columbus. Meets 4th Monday @ 7 pm KC Hall, President: Carol Naylor 349-5566
HOLY SPIRIT LADIES GUILD: Open to all Catholic women. Meets 2nd Thursday @ 10:00 am Parish Hall. (September-May) President: Carol Naylor 349-5566
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Open to all Catholic women. Meets 3rd Monday @ 6:00 pm Parish Hall. Regent: Kim Diano 792-8711
ULTREYA/CURSILLO: meets monthly for a potluck meal on the 1st Monday, 6:30-8 pm, Parish Hall. Contact George & Lisa Lake, tuscaloosaultreya@gmail.com, my4lakes@gmail.com or text 205-792-2701.
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Meets 1st Thursday, Contact Maggie Gray at 556-6050
MEALS ON WHEELS: Serves 2nd Sunday, Contact Ken Miksis at (205) 242-2966.
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Provides help to needy persons and families. Call 561-0282.
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Provides help and relief to persons in need in West Alabama. Call 759-1268, located at 608 James I Harrison Jr Pkwy E, Open M - Th. 9:00-11:30 am & 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Director: Sister Maria Elena Mendez

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Parent/Godparent preparation. Contact the Parish Office.
FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION: Students must attend Catholic School or Religious Education classes to be eligible for this Sacrament. Contact Jeanne Doyle at holyspirittuscaloosa.reled@gmail.com.
CONFIRMATION: Students must attend Catholic School or Religious Education classes to be eligible for this Sacrament. Contact Jeanne Doyle at holyspirittuscaloosa.reled@gmail.com.
MATRIMONY: Arrangements should be made with the Priest six months in advance. Contact the Parish Office.
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church; daily after 6:45am Mass; or by appointment.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Recommended for all who are seriously

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Prayer REQUESTS

Violet Yumul
Andy Oswalt
Mary Jane Smitherman
Annie Hughes
Ed Lopacki

Names may be placed on the prayer list by calling the church office (553-9733 ext 2). The names will remain on the list for two weeks. Subsequent calls will add the name for another two weeks.

SAVE THE DATE

Date	Event	Time	Location
March 23	Ladies Small Group Study Facilitated by Mindy Sabatino	9:00am	Parish Hall
March 23	RCIA — Prayer & Confession	6:30pm	Parish Hall
March 24	Small Group Study Facilitated by Joshua Henry	6:15pm	Parish Hall
March 25	Singles Small Group Study Facilitated by Paul Lake	6:00pm	Knights Hall
March 25	Youth Small Group Study Facilitated by Haley Thompson & Chace Lake	6:30pm	Multi-Purpose Room
March 26	Stations of the Cross	5:30pm	Church
March 26	Lenten Fish Fry	6:00pm	Parish Hall

Church Maintenance

March 15—19 we will be doing maintenance work in the main church. This will require it to be closed to the public.

Parishioners wishing to pray should use the Chapel.

We need childcare volunteers that are over 21 years of age. The primary need is for someone that can help us during the weekday morning hours.

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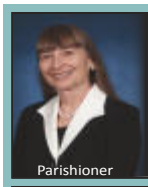
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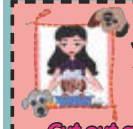
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