

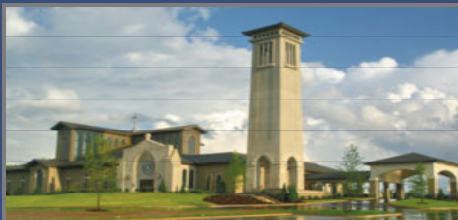
3rd Sunday OF LENT

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.’” - Lk 13:7a

March 20, 2022

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
 Confession.....4:00 PM on Saturday

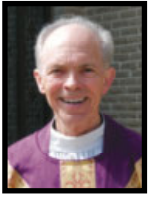


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Mass Schedule:

Sunday Suspended until further notice
Monsignor Michael J. Deering, Pastor
Father Victor Salomon, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Frank Slapikas, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Adrian Straley, Deacon

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Former President of the United States, **Ronald Reagan**, emphasized the fragileness of our **Democratic Freedom** by warning us that:
 “We can lose our freedom in one generation!”

Think about that!

Yes, if we fail to **love it and live it** and **pass it on** to our children ... our **beloved Freedom** can be lost in no time at all.

Well, that's not the only treasure that is fragile.

Another, even more precious treasure ... is our **Catholic Faith**.
 And it too, can be lost in one generation!

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 two weeks ago as I heard the **First Confessions** of some **20 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 of the children were not!**

It seems many have **parents** who, for some reason, want them to receive their **First Communion** ...

but have no plans to get their children to their **Second, Third, and 100th 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** today **are not going to Church** and **have fallen away from their Faith.**

It's because **so many parents** **have not loved and lived and passed on the Catholic Faith** to their children.

So please, **pray for the graces of Lent** to warm the hearts of **those not practicing their Catholic Faith** **to return to ...**

living it ... and loving it ... and handing it on!

God bless you! Love, Father Deering

Mass Intentions March 20 - March 26

Sunday, March 20

†Elaine Hall

Monday, March 21

SEAS & St. Henry

Tuesday, March 22

†Bubba Kampakis

Wednesday, March 23

†Rosalinda Bernardo

Thursday, March 24

†Harry Lee

Friday, March 25

†Jim McNorton

Saturday, March 26

†Frank Slapikas



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

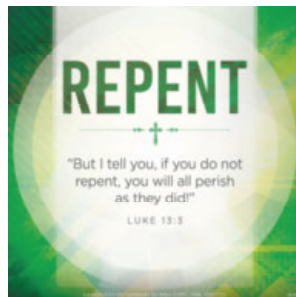
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel:

Luke 13:1-9



Next Week's Liturgical Schedule

4th Sunday of the Month

Saturday, March 26 th	Sunday, March 27 th	
5:00PM	8:45AM	11:00AM
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
Carol Naylor	Berni DellaPenna	Jose Giron
Nancy Shockley	Patty Jacobs	Haley Thompson
	Julia Bush	Michael Miller
Lectors		
Rite Lueth	Jennifer Billman	George Lake
Dan Tidwell	Berni DellaPenna	Lisa Lake
Altar Servers		
Rich Turkiewicz	David Doyle	Maggie Shore
Steve Leisure		Jose Giron
Roger Bedard		

AROUND THE PARISH

This Week

Sunday, March 20		
Mass	8:45am & 11:00am	Church
Divine Mercy Chaplet	10:00am	Church
Monday, March 21		
Daily Mass	6:45am	Church
Catholic Daughters	6:00pm	Parish Hall
Tuesday, March 22		
Daily Mass	6:45am	Church
RCIA—Evangelization & Apologetics	6:30pm	Parish Hall
Wednesday, March 23		
Daily Mass	6:45am	Church
Scriptural Rosary	5:30pm	Chapel
Bible Study	6:00pm	Knights Hall
Thursday, March 24		
Daily Mass	6:45am	Church
Mom's Group	9:30-11:00am	Parish Hall
Friday, March 25		
Daily Mass	6:45am	Church
Pro-Life Rosary	9:00am	WAWC
Stations of the Cross	5:30pm	Church
Fish Fry	6:00pm	Parish Hall
Hispanic Stations of the Cross	7:00pm	Church
Saturday, March 26		
Confessions	4:00pm	Church
Mass	5:00pm	Church

Prayer REQUESTS

Fr. John Francis Sofie	Dana Wolter
Edwin Raper	Sandra McDaniel
Virginia Cruse	Brenda Rhodes

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.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KOC): Meets 2nd Thurs @ 7 pm KC Hall. Grand Knight John Pomerleau (659) 239-0844
KOC LADIES AUXILIARY: Meets 3rd Thursday @ 2 pm KC Hall, President: Carol Naylor (349-5566)
HOLY SPIRIT LADIES GUILD: Meets 2nd Thursday @ 10:00 am Parish Hall. (September-May) President: Carol Naylor (349-5566)
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Meets 3rd Monday @ 6:00 pm Parish Hall. Regent: Kim Diano (205) 792-8711
ULTREYA/CURSILLO: 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: 1st Thursday at 10:00am in the Parlor. Contact Maggie Gray at (205) 556-6050
MEALS ON WHEELS: Serves 2nd Sunday, Contact Ken Miksis at (205) 242-2966.
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Call (205) 561-0282.
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Call (205) 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
HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL: Elementary School, principal Josh Saibini, phone (205) 553-9630; High School, principal Jonathan Loper, phone (205) 553-5606.

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—5:00 pm; Sundays at 2:15—3:00pm; daily after 6:45am Mass; or by appointment.
ANOIDING OF THE SICK: Recommended for all who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Contact the Parish Office.

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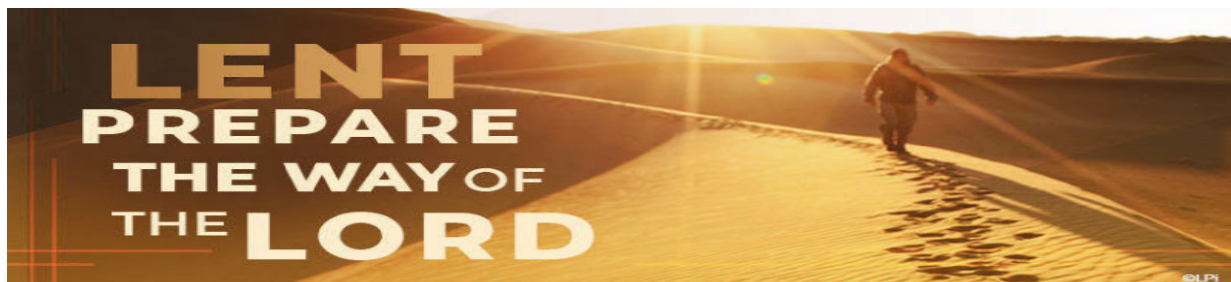
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Extraordinary Ministers/Lectors/Altar Servers: Peg Lyons,

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THE CROSS**

AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Please join us every Friday during Lent | 5:30



En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good.
I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF
FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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