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December 26, 2021

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 8:00am, 11:00am & 5:30pm Spanish Mass Sunday 3:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:15am Monday through Saturday 6:30pm Monday through Thursday

First Friday: 6:30pm followed by all night Eucharistic Adoration First Saturday: 8:15am

We are <u>Live Streaming Mass</u> during the week at 8:15am and Sunday at 8:00am on our parish Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/ HolySpiritParishMGM/

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30pm-5:30pm Wednesday 6:00pm-6:25pm and by appointment

Welcome

New Parishioners:

Welcome to Holy Spirit Parish. We encourage you to join our parish family by completing a family registration form located in the vestibule of the church and return it to the church office or drop it in the Sunday collection.

Active Membership is determined by:

- · Registration in the parish
- Faithful attendance at Sunday Mass & Holy Days
- Support of the parish through Time, Talent and Treasures.

HIGHEST

PASTOR

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PAROCHIAL VICAR

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Archdiocese of Mobile http://mobarch.org

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Retired Priest

Reverend Philip McKenna frmckenna@holyspiritmgm.org 334-277-5631 334-395-6300

Priest in Residence

Reverend Michael Sreboth frsreboth@gmail.com 334-207-3851

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH STAFF

Faith Formation:

Catechetical Leadership: Tom Riello 221-4575 PreK3 – 8th Grade: Charity Firestone 277-1989 dre@holyspiritmgm.org

Assistant: Marie Thompson 277-1989

Middle School Youth: Gordon Talbot 220-2882 High School Youth: Lindsey Tynan 207-5651

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Sacristan: Patrick Gregorius 328-9775 sacristan@holyspiritmgm.org

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Stewardship of Treasure Report

Due to the early submission of the bulletin during the holidays, collection totals are not available.

The Parish Office will be closed

Monday, December 27 and Friday, December 31

Wishing you and your family

A Wonderful and Blessed Christmas and New Year



Mass Intentions				
Dec 24	5:00pm	Gladola Petro (D)	The Nativity	
	7:30pm	Mary Nell Pecot (D)	of the Lord	
Dec 25	12:00am	Holy Spirit Parishioner	rs (Christmas)	
	9:00am	Gene & Monica Wadas	(D)	
	5:30pm	+ NO MASS +		
Dec 26	8:00am	Pete Campisi (D)	The Holy Family	
	11:00am	Raymond Petro, Sr (D)	Jesus, Mary, Joseph	
	3:00pm	Joseph E. Malus III (D)	Spanish	
	5:30pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners		
Dec 27	8:15am	Paul Hughes (D)		
	6:30pm	Bubba Chastain (D)		
Dec 28	8:15am	Joseph Hsu (D)		
	6:30pm	Edwin Atilano (D)		
Dec 29	8:15am	Del Maraman (D)		
	6:30pm	Patria Atilano (D)		
Dec 30	8:15am	Paul Hughes (D)		
	6:30pm	Dr. Carl Raque (D)		
Dec 31	8:15am	Nelson Aponte (D)		
Jan 1	8:15am	Joseph Hsu (D)	Mary, Mother of God	
	5:30pm	Andria Schulz (D)		
Jan 2	8:00am	Sally Allen (D)	Epiphany	
	11:00am	Robert Ryan (D)	of the Lord	
	3:00pm	Alma Richardson (D)	Spanish	
	5:30pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners		



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Saturday, January 1st Mass is celebrated at 8:15am

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 26, 2021

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society,



and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf.

5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/

Mt 2:1-12



† The sick, homebound and hospitalized . . .

Sr. Ansgar Sr. Kathleen Sparky Adams Marina Agudelo David Alexander Connie Almand Lourdes Astilla Sr. Barbara Ann Elaine Beyerle Fave Brantlev Mary Ann Bronson Barbara Brown Anne Marie Calligas Scap Cicero Katie Davenport Brian Davenport Elizabeth Davino Michael Devine Al Dotson & Family Jo Douglas Joyce Edwards Mary Catherine Fletcher Paul Fussell, Jr. Paul Fussell, Sr. Rosalind Gardner Janice Geng

Ross Gervasi Patricia Gibbs Connie Givens Hank Golden Glenn Hamell Sheila Hansen Diane Herndon Gene & Ann Hill Jeanette Jackson Sandra Johnson Charles & Joan Karst Bill Klein Andrea Klimek Reid Kotulak Barbara Lewis Wayne Lewis Narcisa Maier Rosemarie Malik Annalese Mann Liam Marchant Judy McCall Lori McCullough Jack McElhinney Kathy McUmber Fr. Philip McKenna John McNerlin

Sherry Meyerson Carol Miller Allison Miller-Nunez Lynette Morado Carolyn Moss Katie Nissman Rose Marie Pelote-Dowers Edna Polk Maureen Pirozek Jack Prewitt Nathan Puckett Lois Rankins Brenda Roper Richard Roper Edna Sadie Brian Salmons Lesly Simon Gloria Smith Fr. Francis Sofie Spiker Family Nathan Ta Monica Trott Rosie Vo Inez Williams

† Parishioners and family members serving in the Military at home and over seas

† Pray for Religious Vocations

† Pray for those that have no one to pray for them

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

December 24, 2020 Jeanne Sheridan McGinty

27, 2014 Lorenz "Larry" Neuhoff III

28, 1981 Josephine Malinowski

30, 1999 Joseph E. Malus, III

30, 2010 Abundio M. Esmero, Jr.

31, 2007 Dave J. Poundstone, Jr.

Our Deceased Parishioners

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday, Dec 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and

Joseph

Monday, Dec 27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday, Dec 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday Dec 29 Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

Thursday, Dec 30 Saint Sabinus, Martyr Friday, Dec 31 Saint Sylvester I, Pope

Saturday, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saint Basil, Bishop

Sunday, Jan 2 Epiphany of the Lord



Christmas Poinsettias In Loving Memory Of . . .

Joseé & John McCassin Ella & Wilbur Moore Richard Wade Ralph & Bruna Siegel Charles & Ann Florey Richard Florey The Valente Family The Traverso Family The Siegel Family The Florey Family Tom & Ann Lendrum Trey Long Glenn Sanford Joseph D. Barker Eleanor Barker The Ceasar Family The Olmi Family James John Aretz, Jr.

The Goins Family

William Sehstedt Gilda Sehstedt Les Gunther Kathy Gunther Millicent Barbara Carrie Barbara Charles Barbara Margaret K. Ernst Charles R. Ernst Gloria Bedard Carol Campbell Donna Murphy Marianne Hardin Hans Hardin Hoyt Hardin Dodie Pappanastos George Pappanastos Phebe Truslow

Richard Moore

Dana Driscoll Mr. & Mrs. Chester Comeaux Dr. & Mrs. John Bibb Frances & Pete Campisi Florence & Charlie Scholl Raymond & Betty Vollenweider Grace Brown Frank& Wanda Collins The Borchard Family The Morgan Family Helen McNanny Robert McNally Barbara Williams Jerry Williams Rosetta Miller Maryanne McSarley *Edward & Dorothy Alexander* Dana Driscoll

In Honor Of . . .

Maureen & Thomas Moore Family

Andria Schulz

~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ~

THIS WEEK AT HOLY SPIRIT PARISH			
Dec 25		Nativity of the Lord - Christmas	
Dec 26		The Holy Family	
Dec 27		Office Closed	
Dec 29		Eucharistic Adoration	
	5:30pm	Men of St. Joseph	
	5:30pm	Daughters of Mary	
Dec 31		Office Closed	
Jan 1		Mary Mother of God	
Jan 2		Epiphany of the Lord	

The City of St. Jude Parish

December 27, 2021

7:00pm

Benefit Concert



Two professional singers, Keanu & Ariel Aiano-Netzler, a husband and wife duo, will be presenting an evening of Opera music, Sacred music, and Christmas music with Rev. Andrew Jones as their pianist! The is concert is free and open to the public, and a love offering will be taken up with proceeds to benefit the parish. All are welcome. [2048 West Fairview Avenue, Montgomery]

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Respect Life

"Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, 'in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat' (PC 3). His 'yes" to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our won call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

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We pray for all families that as the domestic Church, they may pursue holiness, pass on the faith and persevere in love.



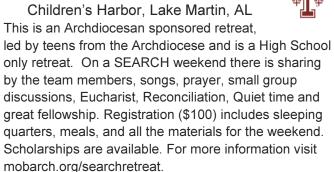


Calling ALL Dedicated Catholic Men

Fraternus is an organization which is dedicated to mentoring boys into virtuous Catholic men. It is a Catholic brotherhood for all ages. For over a decade, Fraternus has been recovering the lost art of mentoring, harnessing the power of brotherly men and fathers, and teaching the virtues rooted in Christ as the path to authentic manliness. If you are a Catholic manand especially a father - and this sounds like something that you would like to be a part of, come to an interest meeting Thursday, January 13th from 7:00 - 8:30pm at Holy Spirit in the parish hall as we consider starting a chapter here in the Montgomery area.

For more information contact Fr. Den Irwin 334-567-0047 frirwin@ologchurch.org or Doug Davis 334-354-1131 gdougdavis@gmail.com. Check out Fraternus.net

SEARCH Retreat for High School Youth January 7th - 9th





Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament is present for Adoration from Wednesday 9:00am to Thursday 8:00am. All are welcome to sign up for a hour or come as you please. Contact Anne Ceasar at 334-868-0187 or latoceas@gmail.com.



Urgent: Adorers needed Wednesdays5pm - 6pm10pm - 11pm

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat

BTSR Upcoming Retreats

Please check their website for details www.msbt.org/btsr

 Women's Retreat - How are the Joyful Mysteries of Miryam of Nazareth Reflected in Your Life's Journey? with Sr. Chris Wiltrakis, MSBT. January 21-23, 2022

For Your Information - Be An Informed Catholic

- newadvent.org
 Cardinalnewmansociety.org
- CatholicWorldReport.com
 EWTN.com
- pewsitter.com
 CatholicVote.org
- USCCB.org (official website of the US Bishops)

Faith Formation Classes

Every Sunday

Contact: Charity Firestone at dre@holyspiritmgm.org or Marie Thompson at pclasst@holyspiritmgm.org

Be a Rebel, Be a Catholic (9-12 Grades) 9:15am, School Contact: Bob Vinti:rvinti6348@charter.net

Adult Faith Formation 9:15am, Parish Hall Contact: Tom Riello at TomRiello@gmail.com

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults
9:15am, Library Contact: Liz Gregorius 334-324-1320, lizgregorius@charter.net

Adult Study Who Am I to Judge?" 9:15am, School Contact: Mark Sadie 334-546-6950.

Every Wednesday

Mother's Prayer and Study 9:15am, Parish Hall Contact momstudy99@gmail.com

Men of St. Joseph 5:30pm, Library Contact Tom Ohland 334-201-8076

<u>Daughters of Mary</u> 5:30pm, Parish Hall Contact Teresa Green 334-233-1136

Adult Bible Study Class 7:00pm, Library Contact Tom Riello: TomRiello@gmail.com

Holy Spirit Youth Group 7:00pm, Parish Hall Contact Lindsey Tynan: lindseytynan@yahoo.com

Middle School (7-8 Grades) Youth Group 7:00pm, Parish Hall Contact Gordon Talbot: talbotseven@hotmail.com

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MCPS HOLY SPIRIT CAMPUS

This week...

December 18 to January 2 · Christmas Holidays

Holy Spirit Campus: (334) 649-4404 St. Bede Campus: (334) 272-3033 Middle School Campus: (334) 272-2465 High School Campus: (334)272-7220

Monte Carlo Night

Join us for our 14th Annual Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, February 19, 2022 from 6pm-10PM. It's our biggest fundraising event of the year! This is an adult-only event. Purchase your tickets during the month of December and receive a \$10 Discount. Now through December 31, tickets are only \$40 each.

Go to montgomerycatholic.org/monte-carlo to by your tickets today!

We are here for YOU!

If you, a family member, or another parishioner is in need of some help, **Congregational Care** volunteers are ready to jump in and help you get through a difficult period. These fellow parishioners can help with meals, house work, yard work, and many other areas. To contact Congregational Care, call Anne Ceaser 334-868-0187 or Dan Luehrs 334-300-6551.

Parish Nursery Hours

Sunday 7:30am - 12:30pm
 First Friday 5:00pm - 8:00pm

HIRING: Part Time Nursery Caregiver

Must be available Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and Friday evenings the first Friday of the month. We are also open for occasional other parish events. Must enjoy working with children, be dependable, have organizational skills, a positive attitude, and be flexible.

- Must be 18 year of age
- CPR/First Aid training (must obtain by the American Heart
- Association or the American Red Cross within the first three months of employment)
- Archdiocese Child Protection Training (provided by Holy Spirit Parish)
- Nursery Staff Training (provided by Holy Spirit Parish)

If interested, please contact Charity Firestone in the parish office at dre@holyspiritmgm.org or call 277-1989.

~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ~

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents need to be registered in our parish, practicing the Catholic faith and attend a baptismal preparation class. These preparation Classes are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00pm, in the Library. To register for the class, please call Joe and Maurite Scanlan at 279-8318.

Sacrament of First Communion

Children in the second grade are prepared for this sacrament within the Parish Religious Education program Please contact the DRE Office, 277-1989.

Sacrament of Confirmation

In the Archdiocese of Mobile, Confirmation takes place in the 11th Grade. For more information, please contact the DRE Office, 277-1989.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage are to be made at least 6 months prior to anticipated wedding date. Please contact the Parish Office to begin this process.

In the event of serious illness, death or other sacramental emergency, please call the Parish Office. Parishioners who anticipate having surgery are strongly encouraged to arrange to receive this anointing before they enter the hospital.

Anointing of the Sick

Prayer Line Ministry

There are many needs and concerns. Let us pray for one

another. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Line

Ministry or place someone on our prayer line, please call

Bulletin Prayer List, please contact the parish office.

Maureen Moore 279-5848 or Lois Miller 277-4415. For the

Hospital Visits

Hospitals and nursing homes do not call the parish to inform us when a parishioner is admitted. It is the responsibility of the family to contact the parish office for the appropriate pastoral care may be arranged.

Communion for the Homebound

Specially trained Extraordinary Ministers are available to bring Communion to parishioners who are homebound on Friday mornings. Please call the Parish office.



Download our App!

Get the latest news and updates about our parish. There are links to other websites and resources that may be helpful.

Bulletin Notices: Deadline for notices: Monday 4:00pm
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