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January 23, 2022

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.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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bookkeeper@holyspiritmgm.org

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Faith Formation:

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lizgregorius@charter.net

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January 18, 2022 Stewardship of Treasure Report

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Mass Collections:	\$ 29,110.00	\$ 26,614.00
Online Giving:	\$ 34,269.00	\$ 27,942.00
Total:	\$ 63,379.00	\$ 54,556.00

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For information about St. Margaret

Catholic Cemetery in Montgomery, Please contact

Mrs. Frankie Young at 251-434-1557

The mouth of the just man utters wisdom, and his tongue tells forth what is just; the law of his God is in his heart.



Mass Intentions			
Jan 22	5:30pm	Andria Schulz (D)	
Jan 23	8:00am	Norbert Maertens (D)	3rd Sunday
	11:00am	Holy Spirit Parishioners	in Ordinary Time
	3:00pm	Jeannette Hendryx (D)	Spanish Mass
	5:30pm	Robert Ryan (D)	
Jan 24	8:15am	Joseph Hsu (D)	
	6:30pm	Ann F. Stapper (D)	
Jan 25	8:15am	Dene' Rosser (L)	
	6:30pm	Edwin Atilano (D)	
Jan 26	8:15am	Glyn & Yvonne Gray (D)	
	6:30pm	Marty Taylor (D)	
Jan 27	8:15am	Joseph Hsu (D)	
	6:30pm	Joaquin Atilano (D)	
Jan 28	8:15am	Del Maraman (D)	
Jan 29	8:15am	Joseph Hsu (D)	
	5:30pm	Joseph Berher (D)	
Jan 30	8:00am	Virginia Comer (D)	4th Sunday
	11:00am	Holy Spirit Parishioners	in Ordinary Time
	3:00pm	Ray Brazell (D)	Spanish Mass
	5:30pm	Robert Ryan (D)	

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or

12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk

4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor

12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature



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being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

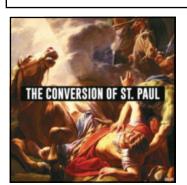
As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament is present for Adoration from Wednesday 9:00am to Thursday 8:00am. (2 Adorer's are needed for each hour) 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 • Thursdays 6-7am



January 25th

The conversion of Paul the Apostle was an event in the life of Saul/Paul the Apostle that led him to cease persecuting early Christians and to become a follower of Jesus.



† The sick, homebound and hospitalized . . .

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- † 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

January 22, 2013 Jeannette V. Hendryx

22, 2018 JoAnn R. Paddock

24, 2021 Johanna Francisca Lee

25, 2011 Yvonne S. Gray

26, 2008 Margaret A. S. Childers

27, 2009 Josslyn Blakely

28, 1982 Edwin J. Staub

29, 2007 Joseph J. Berher

Our Deceased Parishioners

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday, Jan 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, Jan 24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

Tuesday, Jan 25 Saint Apollo, Hermit and Founder

Wednesday Jan 26 Saint Paula, Widow

Thursday, Jan 27 Saint Datius, Martyr

Friday, Jan 28 Saint Julian of Cuenca, Bishop

Saturday, Jan 29 Saint Aquilinus, Bishop

Sunday, Jan 30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY SPIRIT PARISH			
Jan 23	9:15am	RCIA Class	
	9:15am	Adult Faith Formation	
	9:15am	Children Faith Formation	
	6:30pm	Confirmation Parent Meeting	
Jan 25	7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	
	7:00pm	Boy Scout Meeting	
Jan 26		Eucharistic Adoration	
	9:15am	Mothers Prayer and Study	
	5:30pm	Men of St. Joseph	
	5:30pm	Daughters of Mary	
	7:00pm	Adult Bible Study	
	7:00pm	Youth Group	
Jan 27	7:30pm	Hispanic Choir Practice	
Jan 30	9:15am	RCIA Class	
	9:15am	Adult Faith Formation	
	9:15am	Children Faith Formation	
	7:00pm	In Vino Veritas	

Traditional Latin Mass January 23 & 30, 2022

Join us at 1:45pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 543 South Union St. Montgomery. For more information, email friwin@ologchurch.org or call 334-567-0047. Everyone is welcome.

Children's Books Needed

Sister Beth Henken, M.S.B.T. would like

to open a lending library for children at St. Joseph's Church in Fort Mitchell, AL, where she operates Mother Boniface Family Literacy Center. She is in need of books for ages toddler on up in English and Spanish. Donation may be left with Karen in the parish office.

In Vino Veritas

Sunday, January 30th - 7pm

Come join us Sunday night in the Parish Hall for In Vino Veritas as Fr. Patrick will speak about the Good, the True, and the Beautiful

as it relates to our Catholic Faith. Invite a friend.

Holy Spirit Parish Confirmation Class 2022 Informational Parent Meeting Sunday, January 23rd, 2022 6:30pm in the Parish Hall



This meeting is for the parents of current 10th, 11th, or 12th graders who need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall.

(*Note: Youth are confirmed in the 11th grade in the Archdiocese of Mobile.)

Contact Charity Firestone with any questions: dre@holyspiritmgm.org 277-1989

Food For the Poor

Donations are always being accepted. Please place your <u>non</u> <u>perishable food items</u> in the basket located in the Church by the Gallery doors. Items are given to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Altar Servers - Ushers Needed!

All Weekend Masses......

Please contact Patrick Gregorius sacristan@holyspiritmgm.org or call the parish office 334-277-5631

YOUTH.... We need your help at our Sunday 5:30pm Mass!

Faith Formation

Every Wednesday

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

Every Sunday

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.

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

Please Make Plans to Attend

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35th Annual Memorial Service for the Unborn

Sunday, January 23, 2022 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. **Greenwood Serenity** Memorial Gardens, Montgomery (Use Harrison Road Entrance)

Please join us for prayer, song and remembrance of 18 unnamed babies found many years ago near a Montgomery Mall dumpster who died as a result of abortion. Through the efforts of local clergy and members of Alabama Citizens for Life, the babies were recovered and buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

This memorial service celebrates the sanctity of all life - the born, the unborn, the aged and the handicapped. The service also marks the 48th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States and claiming the lives of millions of innocent unborn children since that tragic date.

This event is outdoors and social distancing protocols will be in place.

For More Information: The Montgomery Respect Life Committee acl4life@gmail.com.

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Boy Scout Troop 4



Please Contact Carlos Martinez for more information on how to join cmtzr1@gmail.com 336-671-7148

The Boy Scouts are not officially part of the parish or Archdiocese of Mobile, but are a partner in carrying out our ministry.





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~ "An Adoption Love Story," 2014 Respect Life Program USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



Let us pray for the grace to turn from actions that are not life-giving; may we repent and embrace God's mercy and love.

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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.

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

Now Accepting Silent Auction Donations If you have a favorite bottle of wine, a special art piece, or tickets to fun things to do around town, you can support our silent auction! Our goal is have 200 Auction Items - Get creative and share your gifts for a GREAT cause! Contact Gina Izer, izerfamily@montgomerycatholic.org, for additional information or drop your donation off with Vicki Dickson at our Central Office on Vaugh Road.

Life on Wheels

is beginning a beautification project on



their lot across from the abortion clinic here in Montgomery. It's part of the message that life is beautiful. While there are several stages, some of which require technical expertise, they are looking for help on Stage 1 which is basic trach pick up/clean up day.

Life on Wheels is looking for volunteer help picking up trash on their lot across from the abortion clinic at 800 S. Perry St. on Saturday, February 12th from 8-11am. Volunteers should bring gloves. For more information you can contact Rick Aaron, and the MCPS Pro-Life Club at raaron@montgomerycatholic.org.

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Dear Holy Spirit Catholic Church,

On behalf of COPE Pregnancy Center, we would like to thank you all for your generous contributions to our center. We are forever grateful for the \$6,050 you raised through the 2021 Angel Tree Project! You all are helping us serve, empower, and advocate for the prolife movement. Your generosity will provide 84 car seats and 19 cribs that COPE families will have the opportunity to earn through our E.M.P.O.W.E.R program. E.M.P.O.W.E.R-Educating and Motivating Parents On Ways to Enhance Relationships—works with families by providing parenting education courses, group education classes, and a way for families to earn the necessary baby and children items in our center store. Holy Spirit Catholic Church has helped save 103 babies by providing the means to purchase safe equipment that many families would not be able to own without participating in our services/programs at COPE.

You all are COPE Companions and a part of our COPE family! Our staff and volunteers are also thankful for your support. We are able to walk with families during this beautiful season in their lives. As a non-profit we rely on support from the community, so you have brought many smiles. Most importantly, thank you for your yes! Your yes to celebrate life and to be a witness of our faith! Together we can pray to end abortion and strengthen the family unit.

We would love to stay connected with you! Follow us on social media or subscribe to our newsletter.

Let's Talk About It!

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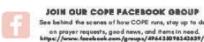
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Question: What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

Answer: Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of



our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!



~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~

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.

For Your Information - Be An Informed Catholic

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

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 Maureen Moore 279-5848 or Lois Miller 277-4415. For the Bulletin Prayer List, please contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick

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.

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.

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