3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary Parish

January 24, 2021

Mass Times

Vigil: Saturday 5pm
Sunday Masses: 6am, 9am, 11:30am, and 6pm LIFE TEEN Mass
Weekday Mass: Monday- Friday: 6am & 7:15am; Saturday: 7am
Holy Days: Vigil- 5:30pm; 6:00am, 7:15am, 8:15am (during the school year) and 5:30pm
Reconciliation:
Saturday: 4- 4:45pm or anytime by appointment

Parish Staff

Pastor: The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Cecil Spotswood
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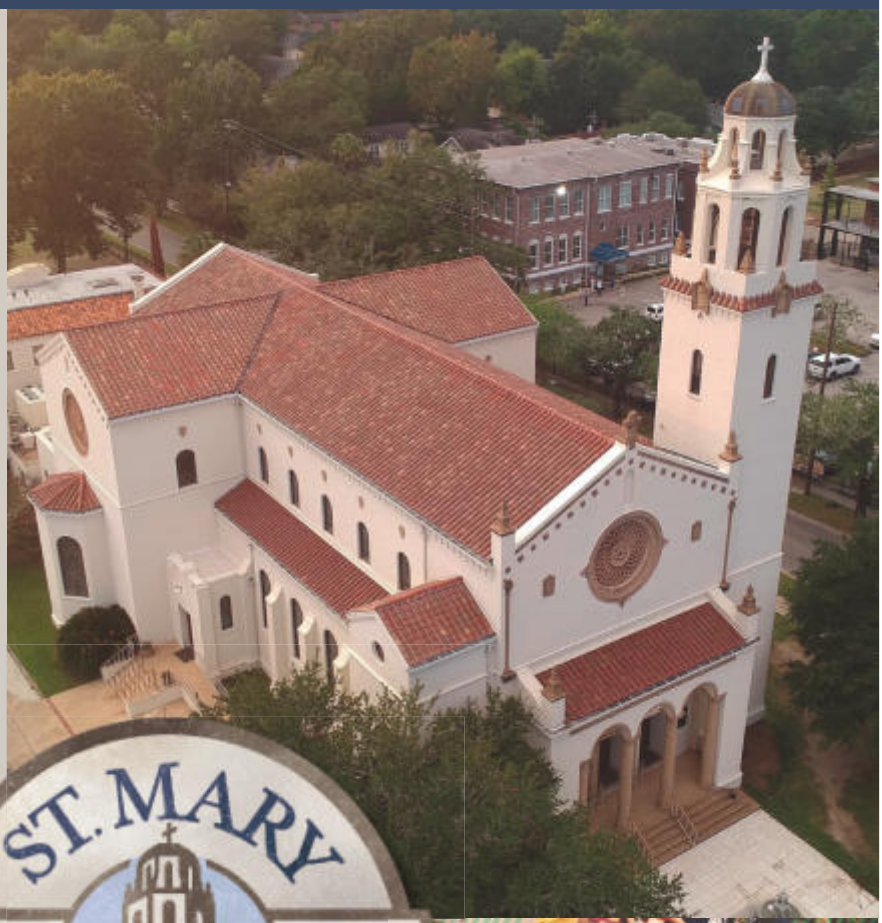

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Weekday Masses- Jan. 25th- Jan. 29th:

Monday-	**6am & 7:15am-** Fr. Spotswood
Tuesday-	**6am-** Fr. Vrazel; **7:15am-** Fr. Spotswood
Wednesday-	**6am-** Fr. Vrazel; **7:15am-** Fr. Spotswood
Thursday-	**6am & 7:15am-** Fr. Vrazel
Friday-	**6am-** Fr. Vrazel; **7:15am-** Fr. Spotswood; **8:15am-** Fr. Vrazel

Saturday Masses- January 30th:
7am- TBD **5pm-** Fr. TBD

Sunday Masses- January 31st:
6am- TBD; **9am-** TBD; **11:30am-** TBD; & **6pm-** TBD

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107 N. Lafayette St.
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Gospel Meditation:

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It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well. ©LPi

Tuesday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the celebration of Candelmas. This feast is a reminder for us that Jesus, the Light of the Nations, came to set the whole world ablaze and is a conclusion of the Nativity celebration. On this special feast day, St. Mary's will have Vespers and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church beginning at 6:30pm and ending with Night Prayer at 8:00pm (Vespers and Night Prayer will be live streamed via St. Mary's Facebook page). Candles that can be burned in your home will be blessed on February 2nd will be available in the church for a $5.00 donation the night of the event.

2021 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

Please submit your Stewardship pledge for 2021 on our website at stmarymobile.org. Your pledge helps us plan our budget for the coming year. Thanks to each and everyone of you for your generosity!

PLEDGE SUMMARY TO DATE:

Number of Pledges: 334
Dollar Amount: $761,721
This number includes:
90 who filled out a pledge via envelope or online
43 online recurring donors of $88,604
122 direct deposit rollovers of $164,516 (bank draft voided checks)
204 of these are school families: (39 of those pledge above the minimum of $1350)

1/17 Stewardship Report

Sunday Collections:	$2,331.00
Mailed in:	$1,800.00
Online:	$7,860.00
Total:	**$11,991.00**

Thank you for your support of St. Mary's!

You can use this QR code to make your stewardship donation. Simply open your smart phone's camera and aim it at the coded square. A link will pop up on your phone. Touch the link and it will bring you to our online donation page.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday:
6am-
9am- Parishioners of St. Mary Parish
11:30am- March for Life- Mobile, AL
6pm-

Monday:
6am-
7:15am- Deacon John Cretaro (d)

Tuesday:
6am-
7:15am- Shannon Milling (d)

If you have a bulletin submission or suggestion please email Emily Montague at emontague@stmarymobile.org two weeks prior to the desired publish date.

For those who are participating in Mass from home, Holy Communion will be distributed outside the church on the side closest to McGill, Sundays from 10:15 - 10:30am.

If you or a loved one is in need of a priest for anointing, please contact the parish office as soon as possible to request it. Many hospitals are not allowing priests to visit patients once admitted. Our priest will even meet you or your loved one at the emergency room if needed.

St. Mary's is looking for someone to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration every Friday from 2-3AM in the Adoration Chapel. If you are interested in spending one hour a week with our Lord, please contact St. Mary's Parish office.

MARCH FOR LIFE MOBILE

JANUARY 29, 2021
9:45am Rally in Cathedral Square
10:45am March through downtown Mobile
CELEBRATE LIFE!

Visit marchforlifemobile.org for more info!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 26
5-6pm Confession & Adoration at St. Joan of Arc with Fr. Spotswood

Thursday, January 28
5-6pm Confession & Adoration at St. Joan of Arc with Fr. Vrazel

Friday, January 29
9:45am March for Life Mobile Rally in Cathedral Square or streamed via Facebook Live
10:45am March for Life through downtown

January 31 to February 6
Catholic Schools Week!
Stay tuned for details

Tuesday, February 2
Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord
6:30pm Vespers, Adoration, & Night Prayer in the Church and live streamed on St. Mary's Facebook page.

Please Pray for Pope Francis' January Intention: Human Fraternity-
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the Sick

Kurt Thompson, Rev. Matthew Venuti, Cindy Klotz, Sonja Powell, John Stringfellow, Ellen Reilly, Christy Blackmon, Kim Lowe, Tom Davis, Harry Savells, Holly Reese, Sheri Graham, Emily Talasek, Larry Bush, Sr. Raymond, L.S.P., William Anderson, Walter Neese, Butch McPherson, Gwendolyn Daigle, Ollie McNichol, Martha Delmas, Donna Voivedich, Pat Anderson, Jennifer Clark, Gary Henrickson, Beatrice Tyler, Travis Conner, Fr. David Carucci, Bruce Conaway, Hoagy Kearns, Janet Pierre, Claujia Williams, Michael Newburn, Eddie Serda, Milton Days, Susan Sweeney, Anthony Gambino, Betty Spotswood, David Knizley, Ashley Spillman, Jimmy Van Hoof, Francis Arata, Kathie Wall, Marian Imsand, Lendora Freeman, Ann Schilling, Lynne Blissett, Karen Clarke Andrews, Gary Graham, Jeanelle Clarke, Anne Marie Stanley, Betsy McAleer, Peggy Hasser, Harold Harden, Theresa Hardin, John Hayes, Georgia Dominick, Pete Banks, Graham Family, Pat Hyland, Daniel Lawrence, George Finkbohner, Dorothy Rose, Laura Cummings, Fr. John Holleman, Carnes Craig, Felice Lomangino, Philip Tapia, Dale Andrews, Pamela Stiles, Tonya Edwards, Javon Edwards, Preston Griffith, James O'Donnell, Madison Palazzo, Karen Johnson, Bob Collier, Sandra Edwards, Stan Anderson, Jack Burke, Mary Lou Noletto, Marcia Kossik, Sandi Clark, Mickey Ludeigsen, Brad Jensen, Guillermo Hearreau, Cherie Lynn Williams-Hansen, Marsena Walsh; Michael Laird, Andrea Pennington, Barbara McDonaugh, Andrew Sanders, Michelle Keith

PLEASE PRAY FOR the Deceased

Pray for all the faithfully departed that they may enjoy eternal life with Christ:

Weekly Mass Intentions

Wednesday:
6am- Kilday Family (l&d)
7:15am-

Thursday:
6am- Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:15am-

Friday:
6am-
7:15am-
8:15am- March for Life- Mobile, AL

Saturday:
7am-
5pm-

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