6th Sunday of Easter

St. Mary Parish

May 9, 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

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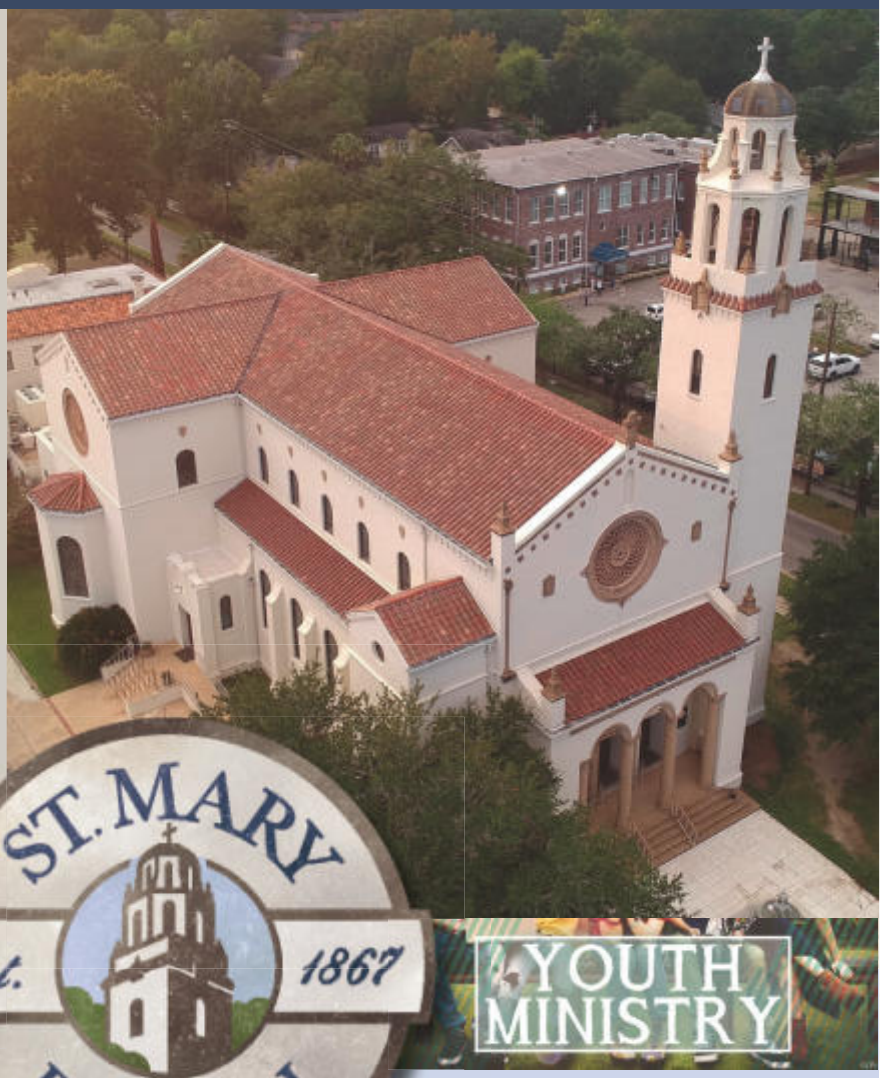


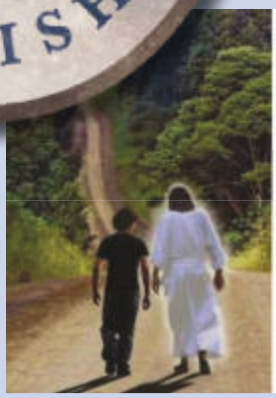
Mass Celebrant Schedule

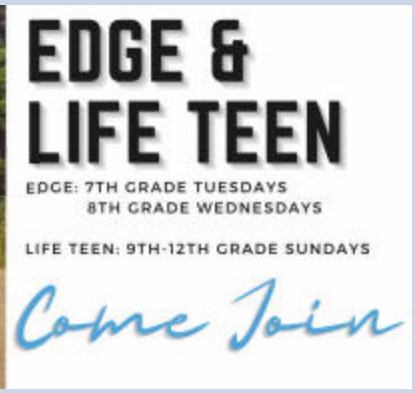
Weekday Masses- May 10th- May 14th:

Monday- **6am** & **7:25am**- Fr. Spotswood
Tuesday- **6am**- Fr. Vrazel; **7:25am**- Fr. Spotswood
Wednesday- **6am**- Fr. Vrazel; **7:25am**- Fr. Spotswood
Thursday- **6am** & **7:25am**- Fr. Vrazel
Friday- **6am**- Fr. Vrazel; **7:25am**- Fr. Spotswood
8:15am- Fr. Vrazel

Saturday- May 15th:
7am- Fr. Vrazel; **5pm**- Fr. Vrazel

Sunday- May 16th:
6am- Fr. Vrazel; **9am**- Fr. Vrazel;
11:30am- Fr. Spotswood; **6pm**- Fr. Spotswood





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EDGE FOR 7TH GRADE TUESDAYS AT 3PM
EDGE FOR 8TH GRADE WENDAYS AT 3PM

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Gospel Meditation:

May 9, 2021

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"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share. ©LPi

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women:

Is having their Spring quarterly meeting on Wed. May 28, 2021 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall at 4980 St. Vincent Dr. Mobile, AL 36619. Registration: 9-9:45am, meeting at 9:45am, Mass at 11am. Lunch immediately following- Price $13. Please make reservations with Carlee Russell at 251-533-4771 or carlee.russell@icloud.com or with BJ Robertson at 251-423-5135 or robertson391711@icloud.com by May 26, 2021. For those who cannot attend contact Shirley Alexander at 251-367-4239 or shirley.alexander1@gmail.com

***Calling All Ushers!**- Fr. Vrazel would like to schedule Ushers for each Mass. Please call the Parish Office or email Laurel Wallace at lwallace@stmarymobile.org. We are accepting volunteers ages 14 and up, both male and female.

***Adoration-** We are in need of someone to volunteer for the 2am-3am Adoration hour on Saturday mornings. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested.

Congratulations to all of our First Communicants.

May Jesus always remain with you and keep you close to his heart.

Marie Eleanor Abraham; Cayden Matthew Augustus; Barrett Ryder Copeland; Taylor-Renea Elise Crudup; Julia Owens Dickson; Elizabeth "Lizzy" Hyland Gilmore; Owen Barksdale Goff; Martina Cortes Gomez; Charlotte "Lottie" Rhee Hassell; Joshua "Mason" Haywood; Patrick Vaughn Howell, III; Adelinh "Addy" Ameila Kahalley; Frances Evelyn Kindt; Charlotte Grace Koen; Elaine "Ella" Flaherty Lee; Greyson Carter Martin; Stephanie "Betty" Elizabeth O'Dowd; Harper Grace Rhames; Macie Clare Sasser; Owen Woodford Sharp; Emoline "Emma" Angelina Tew; Stephanie "Clare" Tolbert; Lindsay Kaylee Trenier; Mary Adelyn Turner; Taylor McKenzie Wilson; Joseph "Collin" Winter

5/2 Stewardship Report

Sunday:	**$3,051.00**
Mailed in:	**$2,925.00**
Online:	**$10,038.00**
Total:	**$16,014.00**

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday:
6am- Kilday Family (l&d)
9am- Parishioners of St. Mary Parish
11:30am- Dale McMulty (d)
6pm-

Monday:
6am-
7:25am- Deacon John Cretaro (d)

Tuesday:
6am-
7:25am- Robin McKitric (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.

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Congratulations to all our Confirmands:

Payton "Clare" Barrett; Kennedy "Francis" Beamon; Joseph "Thomas" Blanchette; Preston "Francis" Carr; Grant "Peter" Carpenter; Cade "Andrew" Castleberry; Dillon "Damian" Delaney; Javon "Maurice" Edwards; Conor "Augustine" Finnegan; Sean "Patrick" Givens; Ursula "Teresa" Holbert; Isabelle "Catherine" Hooks; Henry "Augustine" Kilpatrick; John "John" Lynam; Brayden "Pier Georgio" Mims; Claire "Maria" Morrow; Isabella "Mary" Mueller; Ainsley "Gianna" O'Donnell; Ryan "Michael" O'Donnell; Thomas "Maximillian" Roberts; Kennedy "Cecilia" Rogers; Michael "Michael" Shine; Alexandra "Dymphna" Smith; Brody "Pio" Tomlinson; Justin "Maximillian" Wallace; Reid "Joseph" Williams; Julia "Bernadette" Waechter; Marie "Elizabeth" Robinson; Sarah "Teresa Benedicta" Moore; Daniel "John Paul" Fleming

The final Marriage Night until Fall is May 11, 6-8pm. The guest speaker is Deacon Bill Harkins. He will be speaking on the Christian meaning of human suffering based on the writings of Saint John Paul II. Reservations required. Email Laurel Wallace at lwallace@stmarymobile.org. Deadline to RSVP Monday, May 10. Suggested donation is $25 per couple. Bring a bottle of wine or beverage of your choice to share.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day- both spiritual and physical, those who desire to be mothers, and those missing their children. Keep, strengthen, and refresh themin your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 9
Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 11
6-8pm Marriage Night

Sunday, May 23
Pentecost Sunday

Wednesday, May 26
TBD 8th Grade Completion

Friday, May 28
Last Day of School

May 30- June 4
Archdiocesan Priests' Retreat

June 5
Archdiocesan Priests' Ordinations

June 6
Feast of Corpus Christi
Procession from St. Joan of Arc to St. Mary's --details to be announced

June 11
Feast of The Sacred Heart
Fr. Vrazel's 10 year priestly anniversary

Please Pray for Pope Francis' *May* Intention:

The World of Finance- Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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, John Hayes, Georgia Dominick, Pete Banks, Graham Family, Daniel Lawrence, George Finkbohner, Andrew Mills, Dorothy Rose, Laura Cummings, Fr. John Holleman, Carnes Craig, Felice Lomangino, Philip Tapia, Dale Andrews, Pamela Stiles, 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, Barbara McDonaugh, Andrew Sanders, Michelle Keith, Adiene Carroll, David Delmas, Scott Gonzalez, Phillip Gonzalez, Louis Petro

PLEASE PRAY FOR the Deceased

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Wednesday:
6am- Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:25am-

Thursday:
6am- Andrew Mills (l)
7:25am- Jennifer Johnson (l)

Friday:
6am- The Allen Family (l&d)
7:25am- Joanne Murphy Davidson (d)
8:15am- Lillis Lewis (d)

Saturday:
7am-
5pm-

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