

The Baptism of the Lord **ST. MARY PARISH**

January 9, 2022

MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses: 6am, 9:30am, and 11:30am

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:

5-6pm Tuesdays & Thursdays,
and 1/2 hour before 9:30am and 11:30am
Sunday Masses

Parish Staff

Pastor: The Very Rev. Stephen Vrazel

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Cecil Spotswood

School Principal: Deborah Ollis

Pastoral Assistant: Laurel Wallace

Director of Development:
Marcelle Naman

Volunteer Coordinator:
Millie Dixon

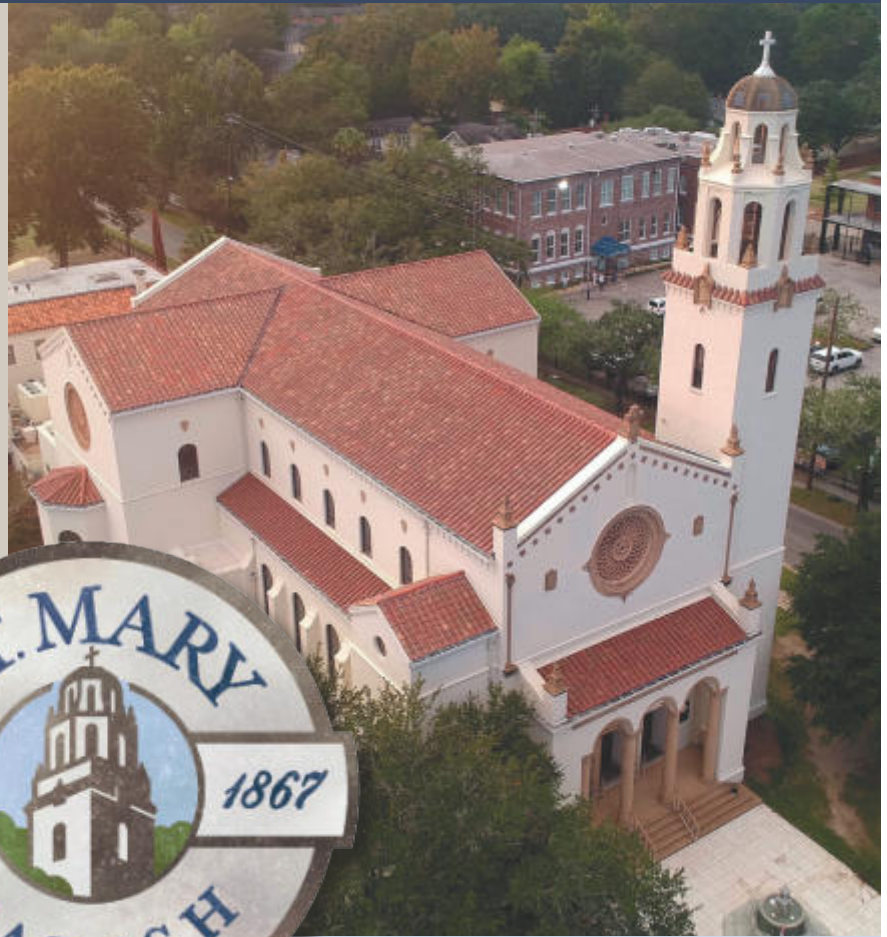
Parish Bookkeeper:
Anna Summersell

Youth Minister:
Abigail Standish

Organist/Music Director:
Richard Courtney

Music Team: Canticle Choir

Director of Religious Ed.: Steve Dolan, Jr.



MASS CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses- January 10th- January 14th:

Monday- 6am-TBA; 7:15am- Fr. Spotswood

Tuesday- 6am & 7:15am- Fr. Spotswood

Wednesday- 6am- TBA; 7:15am- Fr. Spotswood

Thursday- 6am & 7:15am- TBA

**Friday- 6am- TBA; 7:15am- Fr. Spotswood;
8:15am- TBA**

Saturday- January 15th:
7am- Fr. Spotswood

Sunday- January 16th:
6am- Fr. Spotswood; 9:30am- Fr. Spotswood;
11:30am- Fr. Vrazel

ST. MARY'S &
ST. JOAN OF ARC

NEW MASS SCHEDULES BEGINNING JANUARY 1!

Starting January 1, 2022 St. Mary's and St. Joan of Arc will begin
a new schedule of Masses:

Saturdays- 4pm Vigil at St. Joan of Arc

Sundays- 6am at St. Mary's

8:30am at St. Joan of Arc

9:30am at St. Mary's

11:30am at St. Mary's

*Please note there will be no longer be a
5pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Mary's as
well as no 6pm Sunday Mass.

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SCHOOL

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Gospel Meditation:

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord (©LP)

**GOD
CLAIMS US
AS HIS OWN**

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism. It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 23 Collection for the Church in Latin America

12/26 & 1/2 Stewardship Report

Sunday: \$8,554.00
Mailed in: \$22,510.00
Online: \$17,247.00
Total: \$48,311.00



Open your smart phone's camera and aim it at the coded square. A link will pop up on your phone. Touch the link to go to our online donation page.

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



Sunday:

6am- Jennifer Dolan (1-Birthday)
9am- Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish
11:30am- Blount, Huffaker, Owens, Finnorn, and Vrazel Families (1&d)

Monday:

6am- Kilday Family (1&d)

7:15am-

Tuesday:

6am-

7:15am-

Wednesday:

6am- Maria Jones (d)

7:15am- Ann & Rancy Luce (d)

Thursday:

6am-

7:15am- Deacon John Cretaro (d)

Friday:

6am- Dr. Le Grant (d)

7:15am-

8:15pm-

Saturday:

7am-

Please Pray for Pope Francis' January Intention:

For true human fraternity- We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

MUSIC DIRECTOR JOB OPENING

St. Mary Parish is in search of a Music Director. \$40,000- 50,000 per year. Email your resume to Fr. Stephen Vrazel at svrazel@stmarymobile.org along with an Archdiocesan Job Application. For both a complete job description and a printable copy of the Archdiocesan Job Application, please go to: <https://stmarymobilechurch.weconnect.com/work-at-st-mary-s>



Cindy Klotz, Christy Blackmon, Holly Reese, Martha Delmas, Pat Anderson, Gary Henrickson,

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St. Mary Catholic School Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year Begins in January!

Registration for Returning Families begins January 5. Open Registration for New Families begins January 18. St. Mary Catholic School educates children from 6 weeks to 8th grade. Our Early Child Development Center (Early C) is for children 6 weeks to preschool readiness. Our elementary and middle school programs include PreK3 - 8th Grade. Contact the School Office at (251) 433-9904 for more information or a personal visit at any time! Go to stmarymobile.org for registration information for Early C and PreK3 - 8!



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

Starting January 9th we will be changing our time for LIFE TEEN! We will now be meeting after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday's. We will meet from 12:30- 2:00pm in the youth house (III N Lafayette St.- just next to the school on Lafayette)!

Starting January 9th we will be changing our time for CONFIRMATION CLASS! We will now be meeting after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday's in the Sister's of Mercy Building.



Baptized in Christ:

Noah William Bowen
Carson James Weichman

St. Mary Marriage Night, January 11



6 to 8 pm
Welcome speakers A.J. & Stephanie LeGrone! \$30 suggested donation per couple. Babysitting provided with RSVP. RSVP to Laurel Wallace at lwallace@stmarymobile.org



Fraternus and Fidelis begins for students in grades 6-12 on January 11th

Mobile's chapter of Fraternus and Fidelis will meet Tuesday nights from 6-8pm at St. Pius X. Dinner included. Childcare available for any adults who would like to take part.

Fidelis is a Catholic multigenerational program inviting girls in grades 6-12 into sisterhood with women, young and old, leading each other to Christ. With our 'yes' to God we use intentional, virtuous and feminine means to form girls into women who can proclaim with confidence to God, "Paratum cor meum Deus, my heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready."

Fraternus 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.

Please RSVP for this first event, January 11 6-8 PM at Saint Pius by contacting Margaret Dudley at 251-458-7972 or Sean Dudley at 251-458-8071.



Welcoming our Priests for Christmas Dinner
Father Vrazel brings back the tradition of the Priest Christmas Day Dinner at the rectory. Special thanks to St. Mary parishioners, our Knights of Columbus and pork chop chef Chad Hicks for making this gathering possible!



March for Life Mobile 2022

January 21 in Cathedral Square
Downtown Mobile

-Pro-Life Rally at 9:45 a.m.

-March through downtown immediately following the rally

We are marching to spread the message that life, from conception to natural death, is worth protecting.

We aim to change hearts, change minds, and make Alabama 100% pro-life.

We will have music by the Celebration Church Praise Band; Keynote Speaker: MLFM president Emily Montague; Spirit Stick competition; Pro-life org. providing info on their services; T-Shirts for sale while supplies last.

For more info visit: marchforlifemobile.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 9
12:30-2pm
12:30 | LIFE TEEN resumes at it's new time
Confirmation Class at it's new time in the SOM Building |
| Jan 11
6-8pm
6-8pm | Marriage Night
Fraternis & Fidelis begins at St. Pius for students in grades 6-12 |
| Jan 18 | Open Registration for St. Mary's School begins |
| Jan 21
9:45am
1:30pm | March for Life Mobile, Cathedral Square
St. Mary's School March for Life
Archdiocesan Spelling Bee |
| Jan 26 | Catholic Schools Week |
| Jan 31- Feb 2 | St. Mary's Family Day |
| Feb 2 | St. Valentine's Day |
| Feb 14 | St. Mary Media Munch |
| Feb 26 | St. Mary Students in Floral Parade |
| Feb 28 | Lundi Gras
St. Mary's Students in Floral Parade |

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