

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

# ST. MARY PARISH

January 16, 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

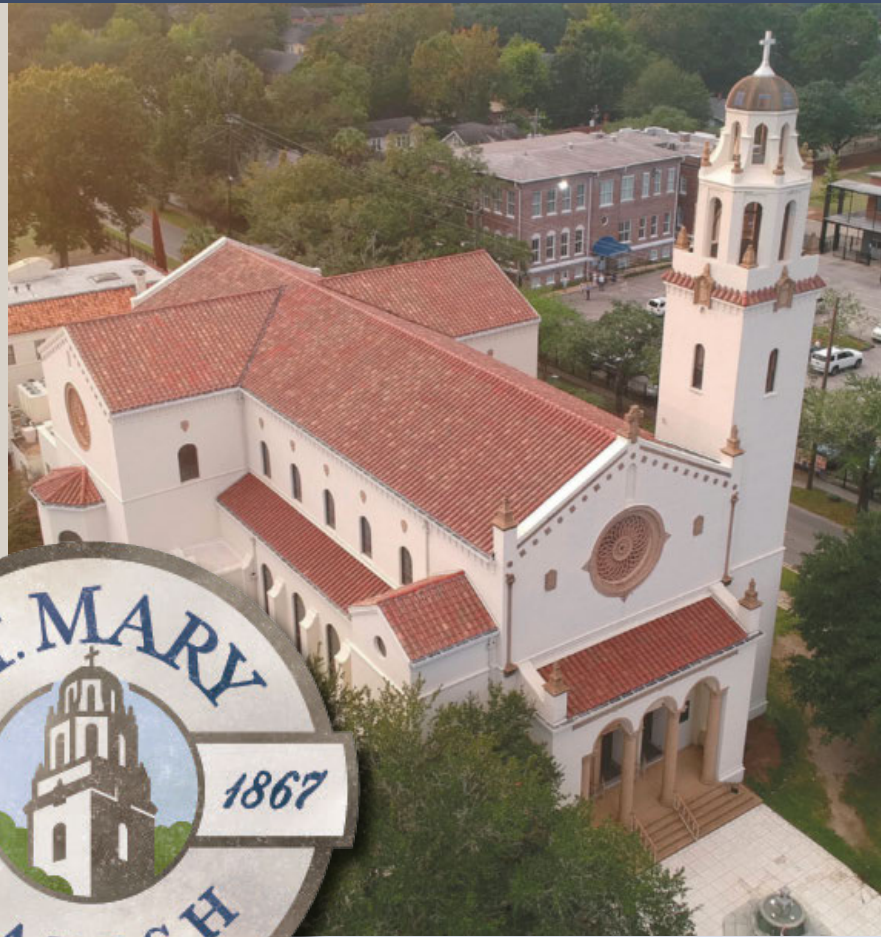
**Parish Bookkeeper:**  
Anna Summersell

**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 17<sup>th</sup>- January 21<sup>st</sup>:**

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

**Tuesday-** 6am & 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- January 22<sup>nd</sup>:**  
7am- Fr. Vrazel

**Sunday- January 23<sup>rd</sup>:**  
6am- Fr. Vrazel; 9:30am- Fr. Vrazel;  
11:30am- Fr. Spotswood

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.

### CHURCH

106 Providence St.  
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### SCHOOL

107 N. Lafayette St.  
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## Gospel Meditation:

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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 23 Collection for the Church in Latin America

### 1/9 Stewardship Report

Sunday: \$3,504.00  
Mailed in: \$11,725.00  
Online: \$6,568.00  
Total: \$21,797.00



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-  
9am- Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish

11:30am-

### Monday:

6am- Mignon Kilday (1- Birthday)

7:15am-

### Tuesday:

6am-

7:15am-

### Wednesday:

6am- Deacon John Cretaro (d)

7:15am-

### Thursday:

6am- Kilday Family (1&d)

7:15am-

### Friday:

6am-

7:15am- Holy Souls in Purgatory

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](mailto: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, Hoagy Kearns, Janet Pierre, Michael Newburn, Eddie Serda, Milton Days, Susan Sweeney, Betty Spotswood, Francis Arata, Kathie Wall, Marian Imsand, Ann Schilling, Karen Clarke Andrews, Jamie KupperSmith, Betsy McAleer, Peggy Hasser, Daniel Lawrence, George Finkbohner, Andrew Mills, Anne Hall, Patty Vanderpoole, Laura Cummings, Felice Lomangino, Philip Tapia, Dale Andrews, Preston Griffith, Madison Palazzo, Karen Johnson, Bob Collier, Sandra Edwards, Mary Lou Noletto, Marcia Kossik, Sandi Clark, Brad Jensen, Guillermo Hearreau, Marsena Walsh, Douglas Laird, Adiene Carroll, Scott Gonzalez, Mary Gonzalez, Philip Gonzalez, Bill Klein, Yvonne Mansfield, Idella Lang, Brother Celestine, Joel Bowman







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

Registration for Returning Families began 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](http://stmarymobile.org) for registration information for Early C and PreK3 - 8!

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Kasey Orr &  
Krystopher Thompson*



**Baptized in Christ:**  
Benjamin Parker Hamlin

### Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America:

"I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others." -Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81



On June 26, 2020, Fr. Ricardo Antonio Cortez Martínez, rector of the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary in Usulután, El Salvador, sent a request to the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America for financial aid for 42 seminarians in the philosophy stage of their formation. Less than two months later, on August 7, Fr. Ricardo was found assassinated. Despite a falling homicide rate in El Salvador, three priests were slain from 2019 through August 2020.

To answer the call to priestly or consecrated life is a courageous act of faith, especially in a time and place where priests face violence, as Fr. Ricardo did. The Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America recognizes the courage and openness of seminarians, such as those at the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary, by supporting their formation as they prepare for lives of dedicated service. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> makes it possible for young men in El Salvador and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to answer that call. Thank you for your generosity. For more info visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



### 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](http://marchforlifemobile.org)

## St. Mary Marriage Night Rescheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>

6 to 8 pm

Welcome speakers A.J. & Stephanie LeGrone! \$30 suggested donation per couple. Babysitting provided with RSVP. RSVP to Laurel Wallace at [llwallace@stmarymobile.org](mailto:llwallace@stmarymobile.org)



**Fraternus and Fidelis**  
for students in grades 6-12 is  
**RESCHEDULED TO START**  
on January 25<sup>th</sup>

Mobile's chapter of Fraternus and Fidelis will meet Tuesday nights from 6-8pm at St. Pius X. Dinner included. Childcare available for 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 25 from 6-8 PM at Saint Pius by contacting Margaret Dudley at 251-458-7972 or Sean Dudley at 251-458-8071.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 18  
5-6pm

Open Registration for St. Mary's School begins  
Confession & Adoration with Fr. Spotswood

Jan 20  
5-6pm

Confession & Adoration with Fr. Vrazel

Jan 21

9:45am March for Life Mobile, Cathedral Square  
1:30pm St. Mary's School March for Life

Jan 25  
6-8pm

Fraternus & Fidelis begins at St. Pius X

Jan 26

Archdiocesan Spelling Bee

Jan 31- Feb 2

Catholic Schools Week

Feb 2

St. Mary's Family Day

Feb 8

Marriage Night

6-8pm

Feb 14

St. Valentine's Day

St. Mary Media Munch

Feb 26

St. Mary Students in Floral Parade

Feb 28

Lundi Gras

St. Mary's Students in Floral Parade

March 1

Mardi Gras Day

March 2

Ash Wednesday *Mass times as follows:*  
6am, 7:15am, 8:15am, & 5:30pm

*There will also be a Noon Mass at St. Joan of Arc*

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