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He broke it and said,
"This is My body, which
is for you; do this in
remembrance of Me..."
1 Cor. 11:23

"When he was at table with them, he took
the bread and blessed it, and broke it, and
gave it to them. And their eyes were
opened and they recognized him..."
Luke 24:30-31

FEBRUARY 7 2021, 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REGULAR MASS TIMES

Saturday5:00 PM

Sunday.....8:30 AM, 10:30 AM (Bilingual)

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (Chapel)8:30 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Our office is closed to the public. All office visits are by appointment only.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Deacon Chuck Butler.....256-420-2296

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Announcement Highlights

- Please call or email the office to request your 2020 contribution statement.
- You may still pick up your 2021 contribution envelopes in the office.
- See page 3 for announcements.
- Horarios de Misa y Anuncios en Español, Pg. 5

THE LORD
HEALS THE
brokenhearted.

PSALM 147



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

MASS INFORMATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**Holy Mass 5:00pm***Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Holy Mass 8:30am - In Memory of Sue Scarbel; 10:30am (Bilingual)***Rosary 30 minutes before 8:30am, 10:30am Masses***TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9***Rosary – 8:00am Mass—8:30am***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11***Rosary – 8:00am Mass—8:30am***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12***Rosary – 8:00am Mass—8:30am***SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13****Holy Mass 5:00pm***Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Holy Mass 8:30am; 10:30am (Bilingual)***Rosary 30 minutes before 8:30am, 10:30am Masses*

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

— Mk 1:38-39

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2000, 1998, 1970 CCD

READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56 • St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23 • St. Scholastica, Virgin

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30 • Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10 • BVM

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45 • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

SACRAMENTS

- ♦ Anointing of the sick: Upon request: call the office prior to hospitalization, surgery or during illness.
- ♦ Baptism: Baptisms are held in the Chapel on Sundays after 8:30am Mass. Call the parish office for scheduling Baptisms. Parents and Godparents must have attended the baptism preparation class. Parents should be registered members of the parish 4-6 months.
- ♦ Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 4:00pm—4:30pm in the Chapel Sacristy
- ♦ Weddings: You must meet with the parish priest a minimum of 6 months in advance. Please meet with the parish priest before you set your wedding date.
- ♦ Funeral Planning: Planning a funeral for a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences we will face. When a funeral is needed, please contact the Church office as early as possible and we will assist.

Total Collection from 1/13/2021 - 1/26/2021

Regular: \$4,172.00 Building: \$3,829.00

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For all our parishioners, friends and family who are ill, we ask God to keep them in His care & restore them to good physical & spiritual health. We pray for our Military, for Peace, for our country and for our Pope!

Fr. Luiz Bastos
Jack Byrd
Shirley Klein

Lois Ware Glasper
Kenny Carwile
Steve Conway

Please call or email the office to request a loved one's name be put on the prayer list. Each month, the prayer list will be reviewed. Please let the office know if the person needs continuous prayers.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Christian Rodriguez and Idette Silva.....6 yrs...Feb 9
David and Angelica Flores.....25 yrs...Feb 10

Lenten Activities

Ash Wed Feb 17th: Mass at 9am and 7pm in the church
You may listen to the Mass in your vehicle and a deacon will distribute ashes similar to Communion

Stations of the Cross during Lent: Fri 5:30pm in the church

Lenten Small Faith Community Offering "The Presence"

This beautiful and faith enriching series from Formed.org on the Eucharist will be the focus of the small groups on Thursdays during Lent starting February 25, 2021. The Formed.org videos will be viewed independently by the participants and the groups will gather virtually to discuss the content on Zoom, Thursdays at 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM. There is no cost to participate as all the materials can be found online. Please register by Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 on the sheet in the back of the Church or by e-mailing Lori at ToLife5433@aol.com. We need your name(s), e-mail address, phone number and your time preference. You will need the use of a computer and web access to participate. We will provide help in accessing Formed.org and Zoom. Call Lori, at 757-291-5898, with questions.



Abstinence from meat (for ages 14-59 included) is obligatory on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting (for ages 18-59 included) and abstinence are obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Bishop Raica has extended the dispensation from the obligation to assist Holy Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation through March 14, 2021 (Inclusive).

GOSPEL MEDITATION**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery! Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.



St. John's School, in response to the pandemic, will not have its usual recruiting events during the school day. Rather, the administration will be conducting tours after school hours. Please use the code or link below to sign up for a tour. Should you need information prior to scheduling a tour, contact the principal at slewis@stjohnb.com. Additional dates will be added as needed. <https://tinyurl.com/toursjb2021>



Athens Limestone RSVP is once again sponsoring Free Tax Help through VITA to lower income people, persons with disabilities, and elderly taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. The Athens Group will be at the Athens-Limestone Public Library, starting Feb 1 on Mon, Tue and Thurs 10AM – 4 PM and in March through April 15th on Mon and Thurs only. In Decatur, clients will be aided thru April 15th on Mon, Wed and Thurs from 1:00 – 5:00 PM and Saturday 10AM – 2PM at the Decatur Public Library. Due to Covid-19 no walk-ins - APPOINTMENTS ONLY – call 256-232-7207, RSVP for appointments. In Ardmore volunteers will assist taxpayers each Wed, by appointment, from Feb 6th thru April 8th, at the Ardmore Public Library. Call 931-427-4883 for an appointment.

Parish Activities and Ministries

Religious Education
(K—12)
Ann Margaret Chapman,
Director, 256-337-6730

Decorating Committee
Beth Whitt

RCIA / Catholic INQUIRY CLASS
Michael and Pam McCue,
256-233-0831
Classes ongoing
Wednesdays 6:30pm
Church Hall

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Adult Faith Formation
Deacon Dennis Kobs
(256) 232-1426

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St. Paul Catholic Women
Pam McCue,
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Altar Server Ministry
Lori Wilson, tolife5433@aol.com

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Income and Expenses January through December 2020

Income:

- General Revenue	
- Weekly Offertory Fund	189,732.62
- Building Fund	<u>195,238.62</u>
Total General Revenue	384,971.24
- Program Revenue	<u>4,535.50</u>
Total Income	389,506.74

Expense:

- Personnel Expense	79,786.97
- General & Admin Expense	187,435.15
- Program Expenses	<u>3,634.62</u>
Total Expense	<u>270,856.62</u>
- Net Ordinary Income	118,650.12
- Other Income/Expense	<u>1,473.99</u>
Net Income	120,124.11

Eventos e Información Hispana

HORARIO DE MISAS

Sabado - 5:00 pm

Domingo - 8:30 am y 10:30 am (bilingüe)

Martes, Jueves y Viernes - 8:30 am

SI NECESITA UNA MISA PARA ALGUIEN, POR FAVOR LLAME A LA OFICINA UN
MES ANTES DE LA FECHA DESEADA .

**MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO
MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA**

Quizá ha tenido la experiencia de ser ministro de Eucaristía y llevar la comunión a los enfermos en su casa. Ha visto el dolor de cerca y su deseo es darles la mano y que se levanten de su lecho. Sí, ahora nos duele el no poder llevar la comunión por razón de la pandemia, aún existen muchas restricciones. Sin embargo, el Evangelio narra cómo Jesús visita a la suegra de Pedro que estaba enferma. Jesús le da la mano, la cura y ella se levanta y se dice que de inmediato se puso a servir. Claramente, se ve que enfermos no podemos hacer ministerio. Sanar, para servir.

“Jesús se presenta públicamente como alguien que lucha contra la enfermedad y que vino para sanar al hombre de todo mal: el mal del espíritu y el mal del cuerpo. Es de verdad conmovedora la escena evangélica a la que acaba de hacer referencia el Evangelio de san Marcos. Dice así: Si pienso en las grandes ciudades contemporáneas, me pregunto dónde están las puertas ante las cuales llevar a los enfermos para que sean curados. Jesús nunca se negó a curarlos. Nunca siguió de largo, nunca giró la cara hacia otro lado. Y cuando un padre o una madre, o incluso sencillamente personas amigas le llevaban un enfermo para que lo tocara y lo curara, no se entretenía con otras cosas; la curación estaba antes que la ley, incluso una tan sagrada como el descanso del sábado”. (Extracto tomado de la Catequesis del Papa Francisco 10 de Junio de 2015). ¡Así era Jesús! ¿Tú cómo eres?



Por favor, visite nuestro sitio web al
www.stpaulcatholicchurchathens.org
para ver los anuncios que aparecen en la página tres del
boletín.

¡Queremos que todos estén seguros en la Misa! Para protegerse a sí mismo y a los demás, por favor use su máscara y mantenga una distancia de 6 pies dentro de la iglesia.

La misa del sábado / domingo también se puede escuchar desde la radio de su vehículo en 98.5 FM.

Si se queda en sus autos, el diácono Dennis o el diácono Chuck distribuirán la comunión afuera de la iglesia.

Las canastas de recolección estarán en las puertas laterales.

El les dijo: “Vamos a los pueblos cercanos para predicar también allá el Evangelio, pues para eso he venido”. Y recorrió toda Galilea, predicando en las sinagogas y expulsando a los demonios.

— Mc 1, 38-39

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