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August 23, 2020: 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

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Pastor

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Parish Council

Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux
Jim Jackson Autumn Bowden
Jack Wright Jay Graham

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Paula Dyess Paulette Cauley
Carol Voss

MASSSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday 8:00 A.M.
Thursday 8:00 A.M.
Friday 8:00 A.M.
Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment
Saturday 4:30 P.M.
Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anytime: Please call the Office

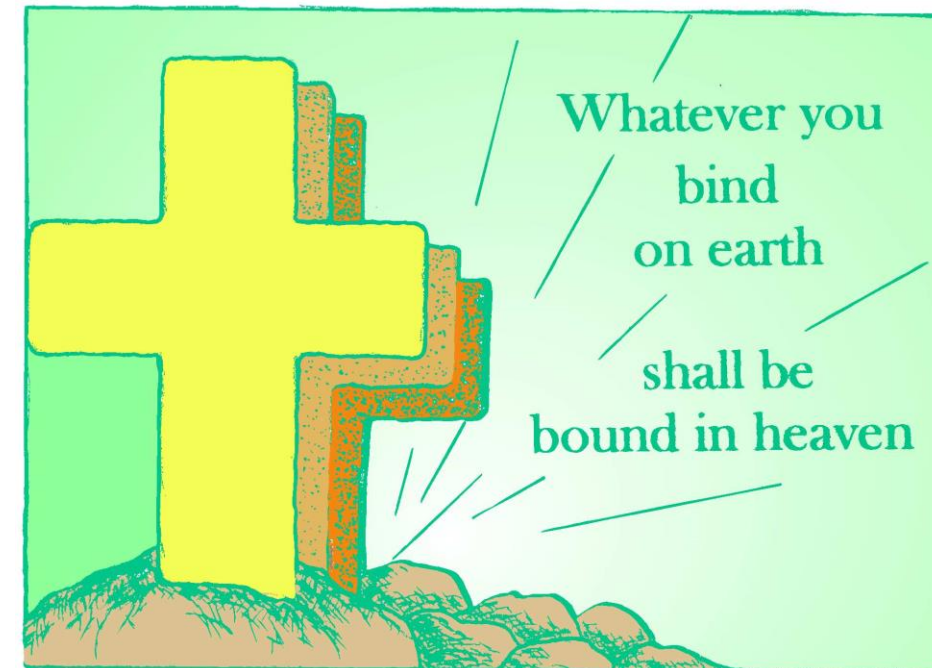
ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

RUMOR HAS IT . . .

During Jesus' time, there were many beliefs circulating about the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed of God. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all recount the story of Peter's profession of faith at Caesarea Philippi; only Matthew inserts the portion we hear today in which this inbreaking manifestation of faith for Peter makes of him the rock on which Jesus can found a church. Jesus knows, as he illustrated earlier in Matthew's Gospel with the parable of the houses built on sand and rock, that nothing can endure that doesn't have a sure foundation. We also hear Jesus today immediately follow up Peter's profession with a strict command not to go around right away and tell this to others. The faith that breaks in is the foundation, but it takes time and teaching and discernment to comprehend it adequately in order to tell others about it. Indeed, in all three Gospels, the very first thing Jesus does after he is revealed as Christ through Peter's faith is to begin teaching his followers that to be "Messiah" or "Christ" means to suffer much and to die, neither of which was commonly believed about God's Anointed One.

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Capital Campaign Progress

Take a look to the left at the "Capital Campaign" information from the Catholic Week dated August 14th. As you can see St. John's is leading the campaign in pledges to date with an outstanding 246% of our goal of \$195,000. Father Sherwin is extremely proud of the generosity of the people of this small parish.



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PARISH CAMPAIGN GOALS AND INTERIM PROGRESS

Campaign efforts are segmented to create momentum and maximize support. Each successive phase of a campaign provides the credibility, as well as, resources to excite and energize new donors. The Archdiocese of Mobile has also followed a phased approach that generates momentum and perfects our plan. In August of 2019, the Pilot Parish Phase launched our campaign efforts of 2020. Despite all that is going on in our world, we are experiencing tremendous generosity and success in the Bloc I Phase. Due to these interruptions, a handful of Bloc I parishes will continue their campaign efforts beyond the set out timeline. Bloc II is the final phase of the campaign and is planned to begin in September. The Pilot and Bloc I Phases are sorted, highest to lowest, by % of goal. The Bloc II Phase, which has not yet begun, is sorted alphabetically by parish name.

Pilot Parish Phase: August 2019 - January 2020			
PARISH	PARISH GOAL	RAISED TO-DATE	% OF GOAL
St. John, Grand Bay	\$195,000	\$479,266	246%
St. John, Enterprise	\$415,000	\$928,424	224%
Our Lady of Bon Secour, Bon Secour	\$35,000	\$71,500	204%
St. Bede, Montgomery	\$1,115,000	\$2,130,709	191%
St. Mary, Geneva	\$25,000	\$40,614	162%
St. Vincent De Paul, Mobile	\$560,000	\$672,562	120%
St. Columba, Dothan	\$1,410,000	\$1,496,539	106%
Cathedral, Mobile	\$245,000	\$252,438	103%
St. John, Magnolia Springs	\$140,000	\$140,075	100%
PILOT PHASE TOTALS	\$4,140,000	\$6,212,127	150%

Archbishop's Leadership Phase: 2019 - 2021			
LEADERSHIP PHASE	PARISH GOAL	RAISED TO-DATE	% OF GOAL
LEADERSHIP TOTALS	\$3,000,000	\$3,270,357	109%

Bloc I Phase: February 2020 - August 2020			
PARISH	PARISH GOAL	RAISED TO-DATE	% OF GOAL
St. Philip Neri, Belle Fontaine	\$185,000	\$427,800	231%
Immaculate Conception, Orville	\$30,000	\$46,800	156%
St. Vincent De Paul, Tallapoosa	\$215,000	\$250,200	116%
Holy Redeemer, Eufaula	\$190,000	\$213,730	112%
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Selma	\$220,000	\$244,100	111%
St. Joseph, Lillian	\$165,000	\$178,440	108%
St. Pius X, Union Springs	\$20,000	\$21,050	105%
St. Monica, Mobile	\$205,000	\$205,500	100%
St. Robert Bellarmine, Atmore	\$130,000	\$115,900	89%
Holy Spirit, Montgomery	\$1,910,000	\$1,664,406	87%
St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Montgomery	\$140,000	\$117,600	84%
St. Thomas Aquinas, Citronelle	\$40,000	\$33,440	84%
St. Jude, Montgomery	\$380,000	\$292,761	77%
St. Dominic, Mobile	\$1,345,000	\$1,002,898	75%
St. Michael, Heron Bay	\$70,000	\$51,200	73%
St. Joseph, Tuskegee Institute	\$100,000	\$69,500	70%
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mobile	\$340,000	\$192,850	57%
St. Edmund-by-the-Sea, Dauphin Island	\$105,000	\$56,500	54%
St. Martin of Tours, Troy	\$215,000	\$113,000	53%
Holy Family, Mobile	\$440,000	\$205,300	47%
St. Lawrence, Fairhope	\$1,845,000	\$842,885	46%
St. John the Evangelist, Butler	\$45,000	\$18,250	41%
St. Rose of Lima, Mon Luis Island	\$145,000	\$55,750	38%
St. Cecilia, Mt. Vernon	\$35,000	\$9,600	27%
St. John, Bromley	\$70,000	\$17,000	24%
Shrine of the Holy Cross, Daphne	\$380,000	\$86,500	23%
St. Theresa, Mt. Vernon	\$80,000	\$16,500	21%
Our Lady of the Gulf, Gulf Shores	\$655,000	\$114,800	18%
Prince of Peace, Mobile	\$220,000	\$32,100	15%
Little Flower, Mobile	\$900,000	\$124,000	14%
Sacred Heart, Grove Hill	\$185,000	\$20,000	11%
St. Thomas-by-the-Sea, Orange Beach	\$120,000	\$59,300	10%
St. Catherine of Siena, Mobile	\$180,000	\$14,500	8%
St. Matthew, Mobile	\$300,000	\$0	0%
Most Pure Heart of Mary, Mobile	\$270,000	\$0	0%
St. James Major, Prichard	\$235,000	\$0	0%
St. Joseph, Maysville	\$160,000	\$0	0%
BLOC I PHASE TOTALS	\$12,770,000	\$6,914,160	54%

Approved Combined Campaign Phase: 2019 - 2020			
PARISH	PARISH GOAL	RAISED TO-DATE	% OF GOAL
St. Joseph, Prattville	\$500,000	\$500,000	100%
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Spanish Fort	\$230,000	\$230,000	100%
St. Mary of the Mission, Opelika	\$210,000	Begins 8/17/2020	
COMBINED PHASE TOTALS	\$940,000	\$730,000	100%

Bloc II Phase: September 2020 - March 2021	
PARISH	PARISH GOAL
Annunciation, Monroeville	\$140,000
Christ the King, Andalusia	\$130,000
Christ the King, Daphne	\$2,110,000
Corpus Christi, Mobile	\$1,765,000
Holy Name of Jesus, Semmes	\$365,000
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission, Clio	\$30,000
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Wetumpka	\$515,000
Our Lady of Sorrows Mission, Fairford	\$15,000
Our Lady Queen of Mercy, Montgomery	\$220,000
Our Mother of Mercy, Mobile	\$45,000
Our Savior, Mobile	\$820,000
Resurrection, Montgomery	\$295,000
St. Agatha, Bay Minette	\$155,000
St. Bartholomew, Elberta	\$240,000
St. Bridget, Whistler	\$90,000
St. Elizabeth, Greenville	\$80,000
St. Francis Xavier, Mobile	\$120,000
St. Ignatius, Mobile	\$2,445,000
St. Joan of Arc, Mobile	\$160,000
St. John, Ozark	\$160,000
St. John the Baptist, Montgomery	\$40,000
St. Joseph Mission, Camden	\$20,000
St. Joseph, Fort Mitchell	\$60,000
St. Margaret of Scotland, Foley	\$775,000
St. Margaret, Bayou La Batre	\$165,000
St. Mary, Mobile	\$990,000
St. Maurice, Brewton	\$145,000
St. Michael the Archangel, Auburn	\$1,765,000
St. Patrick, Phenix City	\$255,000
St. Patrick, Robertsdale	\$595,000
St. Peter, Montgomery	\$485,000
St. Peter the Apostle, Chastang	\$75,000
St. Pius X, Mobile	\$615,000
St. Thomas the Apostle, Chickasaw	\$210,000



Wesley Dixon, Carey Olsen, Anita Wright, Lynda Jones, Doug Jones, Kathleen Borne, Aaron Poiroux, Michelle Waite, Jeff Waite, Callie Waite, Martha Delmas, Heather Cotton, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Becky Thompson, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechner, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Glenn Boney, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson. Levah White.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish:

Bob Heurion, Ida Clark, Theresa Wakeman, Jack Forbes,

Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

Known Birthdays for July 2020

09 th : Parker Bowden	20 th : Meagan Davis
12 th : James Baggett	22 nd : Anita Wright
13 th : Isabel Rel	24 th : Thomas Rasmussen
15 th : Paullette Cauley	25 th : Emilee Sprinkle
15 th : Ashley Cauley	27 th : Don Riley
15 th : Mattison Cauley	27 th : Zora Oliver
16 th : Rizza Pagala	27 th : Paula Dyess
17 th : Stan Heine	28 th : Matt Johnson
17 th : Gloria Krause	28 th : Pat Potter
18 th : Doris Wilson-Davis	30 th : Philip Poiroux
19 th : Wayne Jackson	

Known Anniversaries for August 2020

1st: Maribeth & Clarence Thompson
 5th: Pat & Neal Fisher
 6th: Paula & David Dyess
 12th: Ann & Joe Gable
 13th: Carol & Mark Voss
 20th: Judy & Philip Poiroux
 27th: Adele & Toby Logan

Upcoming Parish Events

Sunday October 4th: Pet Blessing (St. Francis Assisi)
Wednesday October 21st: Faith Formation Retreat
Wednesday November 11th: Veterans Day Mass
Wednesday November 25th: Thanksgiving Vigil Mass
Thursday November 26th: Thanksgiving Day Mass
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday December 1, 2 & 3: Advent Retreat & Penance Service

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish
 Sunday 10:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

Daily Mass intentions

Week of August 25 thru 28

Aug. 25, 26, 27 & 28 – For the eternal repose of the souls of relatives/friends of Elsa & John McBride.

Week of September 1 thru 4

Sept. 1, 2, 3 & 4 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Becky & Willie Thompson,
 Sept 2,3 & 4 – For the eternal repose of the soul of Steer Sema, Sr. by Doris Sema and family

Week of September 8 thru 11

Sept. 8, 9, 10 & 11 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Betty Pierce and Rita Sullivan.

Week of Sept 15 thru 18

Sept. 22, 23, 24 & 25 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Betty Pierce and Rita Sullivan

Capital Campaign

Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00
 Pledged to date \$473,266.00
 Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

Catholic Charities

Our Parish Catholic Charities Campaign pledge for 2020 was \$21,670.00 which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

Lectors for next weekend, Aug. 29 & 30:

5.00 pm on Saturday, Aug. 29, Teresa Dorriety
 10:00 am on Sunday, Aug. 30, Andrea Graham

Please remember that if you cannot lector at the time assigned it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Anyone that is interested in lecturing during Mass at St. John's, please contact Carol Voss at cavoss99@gmail.ocm.

Stewardship for August 16th:

General Fund: \$2,864.00

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at St. Joan of Arc, 1260 Elmira Street, Mobile, AL and will be filmed at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Father Stephen Vrazel and Father Dan Good will be the Celebrants for the two Masses.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN

Throughout the Gospels there is a relentless teaching by Jesus that how we live and act on earth is intimately connected to the workings of God's heavenly reign. "Your will be done on earth as in heaven" we pray, along with "forgive us as we forgive others." In Matthew's Gospel the Last Judgment is portrayed with us being told that the manner in which we treated the hungry, poor, lowly, and oppressed is how we treated Christ. Today Jesus gives Peter—and all of us, the baptized, the church—our vocation. We can misread or misunderstand this passage to think that we have been imbued with some sort of control over the workings of heavenly grace and mercy. Rather, Jesus gives us a potent (and a bit overwhelming) charge to live the life of heaven's boundless forgiveness, to be witnesses to him, the Messiah, the Christ who, as he died on the cross to fulfill the work of those names, made his last words, "Father, forgive them."

Announcements for Week of August 22, 2020

- 1) **Special for Beirut** – The Archbishop has asked for a special collection to help the suffering in Beirut after the recent explosion.
- 2) **New Members** – New families are asked to see Deacon Graham after Mass for a registration form so that we can welcome you officially into the Parish.
- 3) **CRE** starts remote and in classroom on September 13th. Registration Forms are available starting the weekend of August 29th and 30th in the Church Hall.
- 4) **The CRE Calendar** (tentative) has been finalized for the 20-21 CRE School Year.
- 5) **Sanitizing the Education Building:** We will be getting the education building sanitized this month, prior to the start of CRE.
- 6) **Capital Campaign** status is on the back page. Please take a look at that information and see that St. John is leading the program.
- 7) **Known Birthdays:** 22nd: Anita Wright, 24th: Thomas Rasmussen, 25th: Emilee Sprinkle, 27th: Don Riley, Zora Oliver, Paula Dyess, 28th: Matt Johnson, Pat Potter, **Known Anniversaries:** 27th: Adele & Toby Logan

Squirrels in the Church

The Presbyterian Church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrels. After much prayer and consideration, they determined the squirrels were predestined to be there and they should not interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist Church the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The Elders met and decided to put a water slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Episcopal Church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist Church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water slide.

But the Catholic Church came up with a highly creative strategy. They baptized all the squirrels and consecrated them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from **the Jewish Synagogue**, but it is rumored that they took one squirrel and circumcised him. They have not seen a squirrel on their property since.