

3.17.2019

WELCOME!

Our parish community welcomes you! We are blessed by your active participation in our worship together. Thank you for helping us grow!

"Be faithful in little things."
-Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R

SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS
8:00 am and 10:30 am

CONFESSION
Sundays beneath the stairwell
before, between, and after Sunday Masses
or by appointment: call Fr. Jim

DAILY MASS
Wednesdays at 8:30 am at
Steinway Piano Gallery on Hwy 31

Thursdays at 8:30 am at
Women's Health Center off Hwy 31

Parishioners can still sign up to have a Daily Mass in their home via the church website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RAISING KIDS WHO CARE
MAR 17 @ 9:15 AM
Topic: "Habits of the Heart." All adults are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
MAR 17 @ 9:15 AM
All parishioners are welcome.

PRODISEE PANTRY SERVICE
MAR 20 @ 6 PM
All, young and old, are invited to pack boxes of food for those who go without in Baldwin County. Your help is needed! "If not you, then who?" Invite a friend!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Wild Goose, a video-based series on the Holy Spirit, is our suggested Lenten adult faith formation. Workbooks are still available at the entrance tables. View the six videos at home with your family, or partner up with other parishioners. Contact Theresa West for more information. Free videos at www.Formed.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Don't forget to bring your Rice Bowls back each week. The class that collects the most will have an ice cream party, after Lent. Yum!

Upcoming Class Topics & Details

3/17: Sacraments (Stations of the Cross)
3/24: Sacraments (Reconciliation for 2-5th gr.)
3/31: Kingdom of God (Reconciliation, 6-12th gr)

LENTEN RESOURCES

- + Consider starting a **Mass Journal** during Lent. Read the upcoming Sundays Gospel prior to Mass. How that Gospel speak to you? the Homily? After Mass, consider one thing you can do that week for Lent.
- + Discover simple ways to transform your life in 40 Days! Sign up for **Best Lent Ever** at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent
- + **Stations of the Cross** for your Lenten devotion can be found at Laudate.com or on the Laudate app. This is wonderful way to start a new family tradition.
- + **Rice Bowls** are available for all parishioners at the entrance tables. Collect change during Lent for Catholic Relief Services.

STEWARDSHIP: GIFT OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Tithe Collection: \$4,083.00 || Black and Indian Missions: \$669.00 || Building Fund: \$550.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

3/17: Lee County Tornado Relief

3/24: Building Fund

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office if you or anyone you know would like to receive weekly communion.

GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENT

Your gifts are needed in our community! Please contact the following parishioners if you are interested in assisting in the following ways:

- Altar Servers: Theresa West at (228) 209-4935
- Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Dryden at (251) 680-5541
- Coffee Social: Zannyha Wright at (334) 405-3631

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES RAFFLE

Enter to win a handmade Dresden Plate quilt with ice cream cone border, started in 1949 and completed in 1983. Tickets available at CSS on Hwy 59 in Robertsedale. \$1.00 per chance, or 6 for \$5.00. Winner will be drawn May 10, 2019.

WEBSITE SPOTLIGHT

Previous homilies and bulletins can be viewed on our website by selecting "News."

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Help us cover Planned Parenthood in prayer from 6am to 6pm from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday. To sign up to pray on the abortion sidewalk, visit 40daysforlife.com/mobile.

RCIA: RITE OF ELECTION

This Sunday, our community will send the Catechumen (those not yet baptized) and the Candidates (those to be received into full communion in the Church) to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. It will be our task to examine those to be called the Elect and to testify to their readiness to be called to the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. This will take place at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please pray for those who will soon be known as the Elect. Support them by your prayers and your example of Christian living.

Catechumen: Wyatt Purser, Jordan McGee

Candidates: Allen Ishmael, Martha James, Zander Purser, Michael Purser, Meredith Purser



FAMILY CONNECTION: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "Listen to him." The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

As you gather as a family, count the number of pieces of equipment in your home that produce sound: televisions, radios, CD players, computers, video games, etc. Observe if sometimes more than one piece of equipment is playing simultaneously and how this might affect communication. Discuss the question: What is it like to try to talk with one another when this equipment is on?

Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 9:28-36. Consider whether the noise and pace of your family life allows family members opportunities for quiet prayer. During Lent, it may be appropriate for your family to choose a time for quiet in the household by turning off televisions, radios, and CD players. Consider whether your family would like to establish such a time during this Season of Lent and suggest that it might allow you the opportunity to listen more attentively to one another and to find time for quiet prayer. Spend a few such moments as a family, asking God to help you listen well to one another and to Jesus.

Read more at www.loyolapress.com.

PRAYER DURING LENT

O God, bless us during this season of spiritual renewal. Fill our minds and hearts with love, that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in our midst. Amen.

CARDINALS IN THE COURTYARD

St. Michael Catholic High School is happy to announce our 3rd annual "Cardinals in the Courtyard" celebration to be held on our campus March 23, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. This fabulous celebration of Catholic Education will include a silent auction, live auction, dinner and entertainment. The Superintendent of Catholic schools for the Archdiocese of Mobile, Gwendolyn Byrd, will also be honored for her leadership and dedication. Tickets are \$60 a person and are available online at stmichaelchs.eventbrite.com or in the school office. (Must be 21 years or older to attend)

DAILY READINGS | MAR 18 - 23

March 18: Monday of the Second Week of Lent | DN 9:4B-10 / PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13 / LK 6:36-38

March 19: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16 / PS 89:2-5, 27 AND 29 / ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22 / MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A or LK 2:41-51A

March 20: Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent | JER 18:18-20 / PS 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 / MT 20:17-28

March 21: Thursday of the Second Week of Lent | JER 17:5-10 / PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 / PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6

March 22: Friday of the Second Week of Lent | GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A / PS 105:16-21 / MT 21:33-43, 45-46

March 23: Saturday of the Second Week of Lent | MI 7:14-15, 18-20 / PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 / LK 15:1-3, 11-32

March 17, 2019 | Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 | Philippians 3:17-4:1 | Luke 9:28B-36

THE GLORY IN SIGHT

*"From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him."
-Matthew 17:5*

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