

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY
JANUARY 25
4:00 PM VINCENT DUFF
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SUNDAY JANUARY 26
8:30AM
DON STOKLEY &
JUDY MOORE
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

11:00 AM
EDDIE & SANDY KIMBEROUGH
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

TUESDAY
JANUARY 28
8:00 AM
VINCENT DUFF
BIRTHDAY
11:30AM

USA PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL
CHAPEL
JOHN WACKER & MARY CLAIRE
WACKER

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 29
8:00AM
MC GILL FAMILY
SPECIAL
INTENTIONS
ROY BENTON
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

THURSDAY
JANUARY 30
8:00 AM KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
8740 COUNCIL SPECIAL
INTENTIONS

FRIDAY
JANUARY 31
8:00 AM
+ GEORGE
MOORE
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 1
4:00 PM

GREGORY
ANDRESS &
CLARA ANDRESS
SUNDAY FEBRUARY
02 8:30AM
KEN & AMY
KLEINCHRODTE
SPECIAL
INTENTIONS
11:00 AM BOB
& SHEREE
SPECIAL
INTENTIONS
+ THOMAS

BENDER

Eastern Shore
Medical Weight Loss

251-625-4030

Collection details :

January 19 2025

1st Collection \$ 3032 Candles \$
00.00 Parish Projects \$ 115

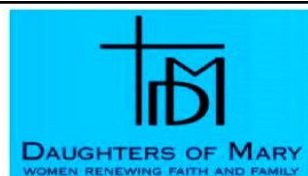
Total Deposit— \$ 3147



KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
AND LADIES
AUXILIARY
#8740

Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy

In the beginning



Our Lady
of Lourdes
Parish Hall
Tuesday
at 6PM

Bulkheads • Boathouses • Dredging • Boatlifts



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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday
26
Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6,
8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-
30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Third Sunday inordi-
nary Time

Monday
27
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28
Mark 3:22-30
Monday of the Third
Week in Ordinary
Time

Tuesday
28
Hebrews 10:1-10
Mark 3:31-35
Memorial of Saint
Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor of
the Church

Wednesday
29
Hebrews 10:11-18
Mark 4:1-20
Wednesday of the
Third Week inordi-
nary Time

Thursday
30
Hebrews 10:19-25
Mark 4:21-25
Thursday of the Third
Week in Ordinary
Time

Friday
31
Hebrews 10:32-39
Mark 4:26-34
Memorial of Saint
John Bosco, Priest

Saturday
1
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Mark 4:35-41
Saturday of the Third
Week in Ordinary
Time



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

REV. PRABHU AROCKIASAMY, PASTOR



January 26 2025
Third Sunday inordi-
nary Time

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND MASS SCHEDULES

SATURDAY 3:15PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
& CONFESSION
3:30 PM – HOLY ROSARY
4:00 PM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY
8:00 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
8:30AM- HOLY MASS
10:30 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
11:00AM- HOLY MASS

REGULAR WEEKDAYS
TUESDAY–FRIDAY
8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

2025– Catholic Charities Appeal

January 25th/26th Catholic Charities
Appeal Sunday.

2025 Catholic Charities goal for our parish is
\$ 27,300.00. So, please by your generous partici-
pation, help all needy people both in central and
southern half of Alabama benefit from your valu-
able contribution.

February 8 & 9, 2025: Mrs. Gina McKeller will
present the 2024 financial report.

February 15 & 16, 2025 2025: Mr. Ken
Kleinchrodt will speak the importance of finance
and stewardship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Charities Goal for our parish \$ 27,300.00
Week 1 total pledged \$ 9225.00 34./. Of our goal.

Weekly wisdom on the Blessed Sacrament

It is a sacrament of love, because it was pure love that induced
Jesus Christ to give us this gift and pledge of love: for he wished
that, should a doubt of his having loved us ever enter into our
minds, we should have in this sacrament a pledge of his love. —
St. Alphonse Liguori Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, source of
justice and love, have mercy on us!

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Monday : Office Closed
Tuesday—Friday : 9AM to 1PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY : OFFICE CLOSED

**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY
AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

Political love

180. Recognizing that all people are our brothers and sisters, and seeking forms of social friendship that include everyone, is not merely utopian. It demands a decisive commitment to devising effective means to this end. Any effort along these lines becomes a noble exercise of charity. For whereas individuals can help others in need, when they join together in initiating social processes of fraternity and justice for all, they enter the “field of charity at its most vast, namely political charity”. [165] This entails working for a social and political order whose soul is social charity. [166] Once more, I appeal for a renewed appreciation of politics as “a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good”. [167]

Foot Note : Ibid.: AAS 101 (2009), 642.

181. Every commitment inspired by the Church’s social doctrine is “derived from charity, which according to the teaching of Jesus is the synthesis of the entire Law (cf. Mt 22:36- 40)”. [168] This means acknowledging that “love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world”. [169] For this reason, charity finds expression not only in close and intimate relationships but also in “macro-relationships: social, economic and political”. [170]

Foot Note : Catholic moral doctrine, following the teaching of Saint Thomas Aquinas, distinguishes between “elicited” and “commanded” acts; cf. Summa Theologiae, I-II, qq. 8-17; M. ZALBA, S.J., Theologiae Moralis Summa. Theologia Moralis Fundamental. Tractatus de Virtutibus Theologicis, ed. BAC, Madrid, 1952, vol. I, 69; A. ROYO MARÍN, Teología de la Perfección Cristiana, ed. BAC, Madrid, 1962, 192-196.

182. This political charity is born of a social awareness that transcends every individualistic mindset: “Social charity makes us love the common good’, it makes us effectively seek the good of all people, considered not only as individuals or private persons, but also in the social dimension that unites them”. [171] Each of us is fully a person when we are part of a people; at the same time, there are no peoples without respect for the individuality of each person. “People” and “person” are correlative terms. Nonetheless, there are attempts nowadays to reduce persons to isolated individuals easily manipulated by powers pursuing spurious interests. Good politics will seek ways of building communities at every level of social life,

in order to recalibrate and reorient globalization and thus avoid its disruptive effects.

Foot Note : PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 208.

183. “Social love” [172] makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. Charity, with its impulse to universality, is capable of building a new world. [173] No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone. Social love is a “force capable of inspiring new ways of approaching the problems of today’s world, of profoundly renewing structures, social organizations and legal systems from within”. [174]

Foot Note : Cf. SAINT JOHN PAUL II, Encyclical Letter Sollicitudo Rei Socialis (30 December 1987), 42: AAS 80 (1988), 572-574; Encyclical Letter Centesimus Annus (1 May 1991), 11: AAS 83 (1991), 806-807.

184. Charity is at the heart of every healthy and open society, yet today “it is easily dismissed as irrelevant for interpreting and giving direction to moral responsibility”. [175] Charity, when accompanied by a commitment to the truth, is much more than personal feeling, and consequently need not “fall prey to contingent subjective emotions and opinions”. [176] Indeed its close relation to truth fosters its universality and preserves it from being “confined to a narrow field devoid of relationships”. [177] Otherwise, it would be “excluded from the plans and processes of promoting human development of universal range, in dialogue between knowledge and praxis”. [178] Without truth, emotion lacks relational and social content. Charity’s openness to truth thus protects it from “a fideism that deprives it of its human and universal breadth” [179]

Foot Note : Address to Participants in the World Meeting of Popular Movements (28 October 2014): AAS 106 (2014), 852.

185. Charity needs the light of the truth that we constantly seek. “That light is both the light of reason and the light of faith”, [180] and does not admit any form of relativism. Yet it also respects the development of the sciences and their essential contribution to finding the surest and most practical means

of achieving the desired results. For when the good of others is at stake, good intentions are not enough. Concrete efforts must be made to bring about whatever they and their nations need for the sake of their development.

Foot Note : Address to the European Parliament, Strasbourg (25 November 2014): AAS 106 (2014), 999.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase “Dear Reader” might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as “lover of God.”

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The “year acceptable to the Lord” is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were

forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Prabhu Arockiasamy

PRAYER LIST

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, Logan Bowers, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Tony Lemon, Mary Ann Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Elaine Moore, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Rudy Visperas, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell, Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Damian Turk, John O’Conner, Megan, Stephen Wiese, Matthew Wiese, Raymond Floyes, George E. Merren, Jr, Mary Ann Fletcher, Pat McKeough, Mathew Wilson, Eddie Booth Jr, Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven, Ronnie Hudson, Colleen O’Rourke, David Curtis, Kristi D Young, Beth Kenny, Chad Gorlett, Ted Beasley, Mark Tranier, Barbara Tranier, Linda Davis, Pat Carlson, Laura Huff, Linda Nowosielski, Mike Bell Jr., John, Jane Wigley, Darlene O’Rourke, Arlette Cooper, Tony Robertson, Linda Oblak, Blair Elizabeth Reusser, Bernadette Mctagette, June King

**MASS OPENING
February– 2025**

February 20—Opening
February 21—Opening
February 22—Opening
February 25—Opening
February 28—Opening
March 01—Opening
March 06, 07,08, —Opening
All Wednesdays Masses
for the year 2025 are
taken by the

McGill family