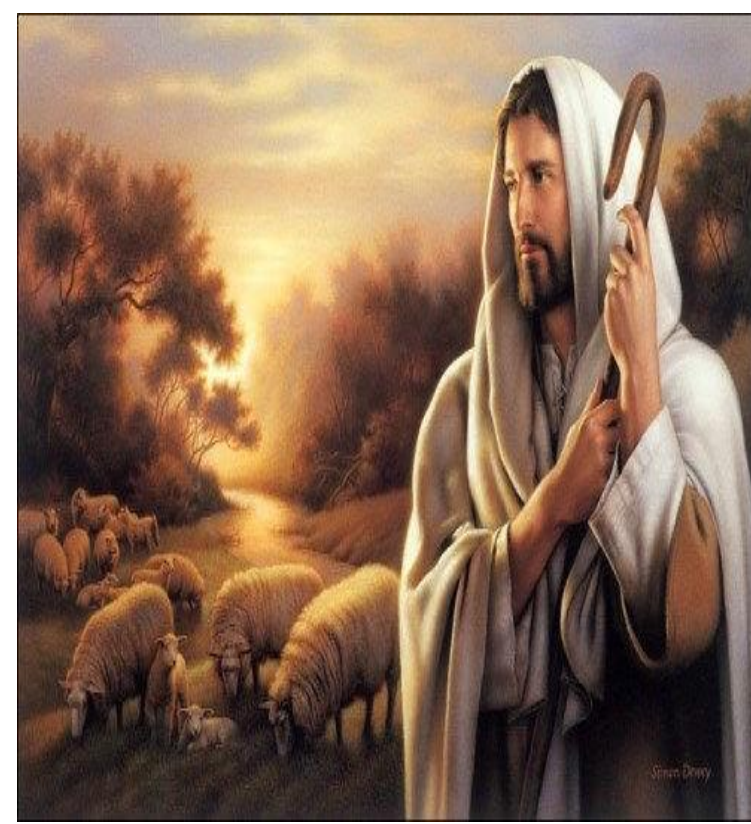




# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

REV. PRABHU AROCKIASAMY, PASTOR  
ED CONNICK, DEACON



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  
MONDAY-  
COMMUNION  
SERVICE TUESDAY–  
FRIDAY  
8:00 AM – HOLY  
MASS  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special words of appreciation and thanks to the People of the Parish, Lawn Party Core Committee, Parish Staff, Parish Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy committee, Altar Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliaries, Daughters of Mary, McGill Toolan Kids All volunteers from Mobile & Outside Mobile, DJ, Country Store people, Choir, Bereavement committee who made our Lawn Party so colorful and joyful. Without you, this could have not been possible. You did it. So, Many Thanks

1621 Club numbers will be sold by Judy Moore during this weekend after all Masses

This Sunday after 11:00am Mass, we have our casino bus trip to Beau Rivage, Biloxi.

7 May 2023, Monthly breakfast after 8:30am Mass. Thanks to knights and Ladies Auxiliaries for breakfast

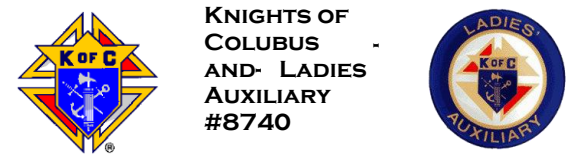
WEEKLY READINGS

- Sunday 30 Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
1 Pt 2:20b-25  
Jn 10:1-10  
Fourth Sunday of Easter
- Monday 1 Acts 11:1-18  
Jn 10:11-18  
Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter
- Tuesday 2 Acts 11:19-26  
Jn 10:22-30  
Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday 3 1 Cor 15:1-8  
Jn 14:6-14  
Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles
- Thursday 4 Acts 13:13-25  
Jn 13:16-20  
Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter
- Friday 5 Acts 13:26-33  
Jn 14:1-6  
Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter
- Saturday 6 Acts 13:44-52  
Jn 14:7-14  
Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter


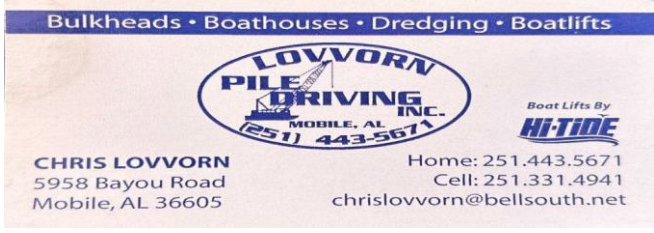
Collection details:

4/23/2023—\$ 2,726  
Parish Project—\$ 50  
Total Deposit—\$ 2781

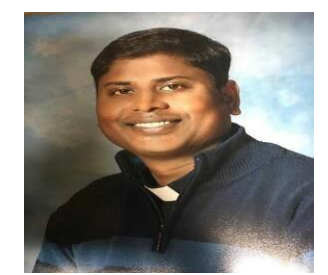
Catholic Charities—Now 88% of Goal



In the beginning  
was the word...  
Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy

ANNOUNCEMENTS




**Fr. Prabhu Arockiasamy celebrates his 14th priestly ordination Anniversary. You're encouraged to appreciate your priest on this very special day through your personalized cards and gifts.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 29**  
**4:00 PM**  
**+ BILLY KENNY**
- SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 30**  
**8:30 AM**  
**+ CRUZ ROCHA**  
**11:00 AM**  
**+ SANTIAGO SANCHEZ JR.**
- TUESDAY**  
**MAY 2**  
**8:00 AM**  
**+ EDWIN STACEY**
- WEDNESDAY**  
**MAY 3**  
**8:00 AM**  
**+ SAVINO SANCHEZ**
- THURSDAY**  
**MAY 4**  
**8:00 AM**  
**+ RONNIE WILLIS**
- FRIDAY**  
**MAY 5**  
**8:00 AM**  
**+ SANCHEZ FAMILY**
- SATURDAY**  
**MAY 6**  
**4:00 PM**  
**+ BILLY KENNY SR.**
- SUNDAY**  
**MAY 7**  
**8:30 AM**  
**DELOVES HARVEY**  
**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**  
**11:00 AM**  
**BRADLEE ROSKY B'DAY**

Eastern Shore Medical  
Weight Loss  
251-625-4030  
Physician Supervised  
FDA Approved



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

**66.** May we not sink to such depths! Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals. By his actions, the Good Samaritan showed that "the existence of each and every individual is deeply tied to that of others: life is not simply time that passes; life is a time for interactions".[57]

**Foot Note : Karol Wojtyła, Love and Responsibility, London, 1982, 126.**

**67.** The parable eloquently presents the basic decision we need to make in order to rebuild our wounded world. In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan. Any other decision would make us either one of the robbers or one of those who walked by without showing compassion for the sufferings of the man on the roadside. The parable shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good. At the same time, it warns us about the attitude of those who think only of themselves and fail to shoulder the inevitable responsibilities of life as it is

**Foot Note : Karl Rahner, Kleines Kirchenjahr. Ein Gang durch den Festkreis, Herderbücherei 901, Freiburg, 1981, 30.**

**.68.** The parable clearly does not indulge in abstract moralizing, nor is its message merely social and ethical. It

speaks to us of an essential and often forgotten aspect of our common humanity: we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love. We cannot be indifferent to suffering; we cannot allow anyone to go through life as an outcast. Instead, we should feel indignant, challenged to emerge from our comfortable isolation and to be changed by our contact with human suffering. That is the meaning of dignity

**Foot Note : Regula, 53, 15: "Pauperum et peregrinorum maxime susceptioni cura sollicite exhibeatur".**

**69.** The parable is clear and straightforward, yet it also evokes the interior struggle that each of us experiences as we gradually come to know ourselves through our

relationships with our brothers and sisters. Sooner or later, we will all encounter a person who is suffering. Today there are more and more of them. The decision to include or exclude those lying wounded along the roadside can serve as a criterion for judging every economic, political, social and religious project. Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders. And if we extend our gaze to the history of our own lives and that of the entire world, all of us are, or have been, like each of the characters in the parable. All of us have in ourselves something of the wounded man, something of the robber, something of the passers-by, and something of the Good Samaritan.

**Foot Note : Cf. Summa Theologiae, II-II, q. 23, a. 7; Saint Augustine, Contra Julianum, 4, 18: PL 44, 748: "How many pleasures do misers forego, either to increase their treasures or for fear of seeing them diminish!".**

**70.** It is remarkable how the various characters in the story change, once confronted by the painful sight of the poor man on the roadside. The distinctions between Judean and Samaritan, priest and merchant, fade into insignificance. Now there are only two kinds of people: those who care for someone who is hurting and those who pass by; those who bend down to help and those who look the other way and hurry off. Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others? Will we bend down and help another to get up? This is today's challenge, and we should not be afraid to face it. In moments of crisis, decisions become urgent. It could be said that, here and now, anyone who is neither a robber nor a passer

-by is either injured himself or bearing an injured person on his shoulders.

**Foot Note : "Secundum acceptionem divinam" (Scriptum super Sententiis, lib. 3, dist. 27, a. 1, q. 1, concl. 4).**

**71.** The story of the Good Samaritan is constantly being repeated. We can see this clearly as social and political inertia is turning many parts of our world into a desolate byway, even as domestic and international disputes and the robbing of opportunities are leaving great numbers of the marginalized stranded

on the roadside. In his parable, Jesus does not offer alternatives; he does not ask what might have happened had the injured man or the one who helped him yielded to anger or a thirst for revenge. Jesus trusts in the best of the human spirit; with this parable, he encourages us to persevere in love, to restore dignity to the suffering and to build a society worthy of the name.

**Foot Note : Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter Deus Caritas Est (25 December 2005), 15: AAS 98 (2006), 230.**

**TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK**

**The income, expenses & Profit for Lawn party will be presented to you after a week.**

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees. Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through

the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit—  
Amen

Rev. Prabhu Arockiasamy

**Deacon Ed Connick**

**This Weekend Dn. Ed Connick celebrates his 29th Diaconate ordination Anniversary. You could appreciate your deacon on his Anniversary thorough your prayers, Personalized cards & Gifts.**

**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, Anne Davidson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Janet Gafford, Tony Golemon, Mary Ann Keith, Dennis Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke, James M. O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Melanie Wacker, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Diane Little, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Fred L. Lorge, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell, Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Chuck Simmons, Damian Turk, John O'Conner, Fr. Francis J. Sofie Jr, Megan, Stephen Wiese, Matthew wiese, Raymond Floyes, Kay K Shaw, Lloyd J. Thompson, Ruby P Thompson, George E. Merren, Jr, Flora Decker, Mary Ann Fletchery, Pat McKeough, Mathew Wilson, Eddie Booth Jr, Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Diana Holifield, Bea Burton, Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven, Mark Westbrook, Ronnie Hudson, Jewanda Taylor Jowe, Nicholas Balch, Jean Stanley, Colleen O'Rourke, Perry Hockaday, David Curtis, Kristi D Young, Beth Kenny

**MASS OPENING**

**8 June 2023—Opening**

**9 June 2023—Opening**

**10 June 2023—Opening**

**11 June 2023—Opening**

**12 June 2023—Opening**

**14 June 2023—Opening**

**15 June 2023—Opening**

**16 June 2023—Opening**

**18 June 2023—Opening**

**19 June 2023—Opening**