

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 30
4:00 PM
+ MR & MRS THOMAS BENDER SR

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31
8:30AM
+ PATRICK MUNIZ
11:00 AM
+ STACY MCNEELY

3:30 PM
CHRISTIANE PELOUX B'DAY

MONDAY JANUARY 1
9:00 AM
+ PATRICK HOHMAN

TUESDAY JANUARY 2
8:00 AM
+ RITA RAVON

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3
8:00AM
+ RITA RAVON

THURSDAY JANUARY 4
8:00 AM
+ SYDNEY PEARSON

FRIDAY JANUARY 5
8:00 AM
PARISH SHUT-INS WELLBEING

SATURDAY JANUARY 6
4:00 PM
+ STACY MCNEELEY

SUNDAY JANUARY 7
8:30 AM
BEASLEY FAMILY INTENTIONS

11:00 AM OPENING FOR PEOPLE NO ONE TO PRAY FOR

Collection details : 12/24/2023 & 12/25/23

Candles \$ 40
Last Sunday collection \$ 2723 Christmas eve & day \$ 3205 Flowers \$ 35 Parish project \$ 25

Total deposit \$ 6038



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND LADIES AUXILIARY #8740



In the beginning was the word...



Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
Tuesday at 6PM

Bulkheads • Boathouses • Dredging • Boatlifts



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Catholic Charities appeal by Mr. Garfield Burke Jr. PhD. On 20 & 21 January 2023 @ 4:00pm, 8:30 am & 11:00am Masses.

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Mobile Deanery : Fall board meeting on 24 January 2024; Venue: Catholic Social Service center, Located at 188 S. Florida Street @ 10:00am

Winter quarterly Meeting on 31, January 2024: Venue: St. Joan of Arc Parish, 1260 Elmira Street, Mobile, Al 36604

Please make your reservations with Carlee Russell @ 252-533-4771 or carlee.russell@icloud.com Lunch : \$ 15 Meeting @ 9:45Am

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday 31
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
LK 2:22-40
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Monday 1
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Tuesday 2
1 JN 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28
Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Wednesday 3
1 JN 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34
Christmas Weekday

Thursday 4
1 Jn 3:7-10
Jn 1:35-42
Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday 5
1 Jn 3:11-21
Jn 1:43-51
Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday 6
1 Jn 5:5-13
Mk 1:7-11
Christmas Weekday



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

REV. PRABHU AROCKIASAMY, PASTOR
ED CONNICK, DEACON



December 31 2023
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

Wishing all the families, A very happy feast of the Holy Family. May God bless your families on this great day and keep you from all harms.

New Year Mass Schedule
12/31/ 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 8:30 & 11:00am Masses
12/31/2023 New Year Eve mass @ 3:30pm only one mass
1/1/2024 New year day mass @ 9:00am

The Parish thanks all liturgy committee members & volunteers for decorating the Church for Christmas, New Year & for Epiphany.

The Parish Finance council meeting on 11 January 2023 @ 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

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Monday : Office Closed Tuesday—
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**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY
AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

164. Charity, on the other hand, unites both dimensions – the abstract and the institutional – since it calls for an effective process of historical change that embraces everything: institutions, law, technology, experience, professional expertise, scientific analysis, administrative procedures, and so forth. For that matter, “private life cannot exist unless it is protected by public order. A domestic hearth has no real warmth unless it is safeguarded by law, by a state of tranquillity founded on law, and enjoys a minimum of wellbeing ensured by the division of labour, commercial exchange, social justice and political citizenship”.[139]

Foot Note : Encyclical Letter Laudato Si’ (24 May 2015), 191: AAS 107 (2015), 923.

165. True charity is capable of incorporating all these elements in its concern for others. In the case of personal encounters, including those involving a distant or forgotten brother or sister, it can do so by employing all the resources that the institutions of an organized, free and creative society are capable of generating. Even the Good Samaritan, for example, needed to have a nearby inn that could provide the help that he was personally unable to offer. Love of neighbour is concrete and squanders none of the resources needed to bring about historical change that can benefit the poor and disadvantaged. At times, however, leftist ideologies or social doctrines linked to individualistic ways of acting and ineffective procedures affect only a few, while the majority of those left behind remain dependent on the goodwill of others. This demonstrates the need for a greater spirit of fraternity, but also a more efficient worldwide organization to help resolve the problems plaguing the abandoned who are suffering and dying in poor countries. It also shows that there is no one solution, no single acceptable methodology, no economic recipe that can be applied indiscriminately to all. Even the most rigorous scientific studies can propose different courses of action.

Foot Note : PIUS XI, Address to the Italian Catholic Federation of University Students (18 December 1927): L’Osservatore Romano, 23 December 1927, p. 3.

166. Everything, then, depends on our ability to see the need for a change of heart, attitudes and lifestyles. Otherwise, political propaganda, the media and the shapers of public opinion will continue to promote an individualistic and uncritical culture subservient to unregulated economic

interests and societal institutions at the service of those who already enjoy too much power. My criticism of the technocratic paradigm involves more than simply thinking that if we control its excesses everything will be fine. The bigger risk does not come from specific objects, material realities or institutions, but from the way that they are

used. It has to do with human weakness, the proclivity to selfishness that is part of what the Christian tradition refers to as “concupiscence”: the human inclination to be concerned only with myself, my group, my own petty interests. Concupiscence is not a flaw limited to our own day. It has been present from the beginning of humanity, and has simply changed and taken on different forms down the ages, using whatever means each moment of history can provide. Concupiscence, however, can be overcome with the help of God.

Foot Note : Cf. ID., Encyclical Letter Quadragesimo Anno (15 May 1931): AAS 23 (1931), 206-207.

167. Education and upbringing, concern for others, a well-integrated view of life and spiritual growth: all these are essential

for quality human relationships and for enabling society itself to react against injustices, aberrations and abuses of economic, technological, political and media power. Some liberal approaches ignore this factor of human weakness; they envisage a world that follows a determined order and is capable by itself of ensuring a bright future and providing solutions for every problem.

Foot Note : Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (24 November 2013), 205: AAS 105 (2013), 1106

168. The marketplace, by itself, cannot resolve every problem, however much we are asked to believe this dogma of neoliberal faith. Whatever the challenge, this impoverished and repetitive school of thought always offers the same recipes. Neoliberalism simply reproduces itself by resorting to the magic theories of “spillover” or “trickle” – without using the name – as the only solution to societal problems. There is little appreciation of the fact that the alleged “spillover” does not resolve the inequality that gives rise to new forms of violence threatening the fabric of society. It is imperative to have a proactive economic policy directed at “promoting an economy that favours productive diversity and business creativity”[140] and makes it possible for jobs to be created and not cut. Financial speculation

fundamentally aimed at quick profit continues to wreak havoc. Indeed, “without internal forms of solidarity and mutual trust, the market cannot completely fulfil its proper economic function. And today this trust has ceased to exist”.[141] The story did not end the way it was meant to, and the dogmatic formulae of prevailing economic theory proved not to be infallible. The fragility of world systems in the face of the pandemic has demonstrated that not everything can be resolved by market freedom. It has also shown that, in addition to recovering a sound political life that is not subject to the dictates of finance, “we must put human dignity back at the centre and on

that pillar build the alternative social structures we

Foot Note : Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter Caritas in Veritate (29 June 2009), 2: AAS 101 (2009), 642.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke’s Infancy Narrative.

Today’s Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today’s Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus’ birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke’s Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel’s hope for redemption. In Simeon’s words we find a prediction of Mary’s witnessing of Jesus’ death on the cross. The Cantic of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, Nunc Dimitis, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

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

Rev. Prabhu Arockiasamy

Announcement

Fr. Prabhu A (Pastor) & Deacon Ed Connick thank those people for their valuable prayers, Personalized cards and gifts for this delighted and merry Christmas.

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, Kelly Wally, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O’Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schindler, Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Tillman, Tyler Upton, 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, 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 Fletcher, 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, Chad Gorlett, Ted Beasley, Angie Beasley, Mark Tranier, Barbara Tranier & Linda Davis

MASS OPENING

January 14 2024—Opening

January 16 2024 —Opening

January 17 2024—Opening

January 18 2024—Opening

January 19 2024—Opening

January 20 2024—8:30am

Opening

January 21 2024—Opening

January 23 2024—Opening