



# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

*Saturday, 4:00 pm ❖ Sunday, 10:00 am*

Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 am

First Friday, 10:00am

Holy Days of Obligation, 12:00 Noon and 6:30 pm

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm or by appointment

## First Sunday of Lent

**FIRST READING:** (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Romans 5:12-19) Gospel (Matthew 4:1-11)

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ON HOSPICE:** Please keep all the sick and their caregivers in your prayers.

**OUT OF RESPECT** for the privacy of our parishioners, names of those who are in the hospital are not listed in the bulletin without prior approval by the individual or an immediate family member if the individual is unable to speak for themselves.



**PRAYER BOOK:** The prayer book in the narthex is available for all prayer requests. Please pray daily for these requests.

**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:** Especially our families, friends and loved ones who are currently in active military service: Carlos Aguirre (Stateside) Darren Armentrout (Stateside), Darryl Balcom (Stateside), Jeremy Barton (Stateside), Joseph Byrd (Stateside), Matthew Cavender (Stateside), Melissa Dooley (England) Andy Easter (Afghanistan) Jaren Garton (Deployed) Brian Gibson (Iraq), Heath Gober (Iraq), Michael Anthony Grinston (Stateside), Andrew Hays (At Sea) Samantha Higgins (Stateside), Scott Jones (Stateside), Daniel Jordan (Stateside), Brett King (Stateside), Jenny Malone (Stateside), David Miller (Stateside), Richard Parvin (Qatar), Joey Serio (Iraq), Ben Perry (Qatar), and John Toombs (Afghanistan) . Please keep all of our brave men and women in your prayers. **If you know of any parishioner who should be added to or removed from this list, please contact the office.**

**PLEASE JOIN OUR PARISH!** We would love to have you as a registered member of St. Patrick. If you would like to join our parish, please pick up a Census Card in the narthex, fill it out and put it in the collection basket.

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES** Mickey Davidson. Please keep these, all the homebound, and their caregivers in your prayers. If you know of any parishioner who should be added to or removed from this list, please contact the office.

## **WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT**

<i>Account</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Diff.</i>
<i>Operations</i>	4,225.00	5,864.99	(1,639.99)
<i>Capital Imp.</i>	605.00	2,603.46	(1,998.46)
<i>Approved BF</i>	100.00	2,500.00	(2,400.00)

**LENTEN DAY OF SERVICE** Saturday March 7, 2020 7:30 am to 3:00 pm Breakfast, Snacks, Coffee, Juice and Lunch provided at no charge. Fellowship-Stewardship-Talent-Time. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board in the Hallway. Ten areas to work in.

**EVERYONE NEEDS A NEW CENSUS CARD!** Every family must have a family card and each member a member card. **NOTE:** by Gift Bearer please indicate Saturday or Sunday. Write in Angel Tree Ministry and Prayer Shawl Ministry. By Emergency Phone please indicate name and relationship.

**COLD AND FLU SEASON IS HERE!** Please remember that it is not a sin to miss Mass when you are sick. It is also not a sin to miss Mass if you need to stay home with a sick child. Even if it is “just a cold” In fact it is more in keeping, with Jesus’s commandment to love, for you to protect others from getting the flu or a cold. Remember an illness, that is “just a cold” to you, could be detrimental to the health of someone else. Especially the very young, the elderly, and those with compromised respiratory or immune systems. Please stay at home when you are ill and keep your children at home when they are ill.

**THIS IS A CHURCH** but it is also a public building. ALL Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult on the Church premises. This includes bathroom visits and outdoor fun! Please help us keep our children safe at all times.

**LITURGY SCHEDULES:** While it may not be on your mind, it is time to fill the 109 Minister positions for Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. Please let Janet Rubino or the church office know of your availability no later than March 15th.

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year:** Have you tried what Jesus directs us to do? Love of enemy, no payback, and going beyond what is asked are difficult to observe in our world. Be attentive to these commands and ask for the grace to live them. (Matthew 5:38-48). Let us pray for teachers, parents, and those who work with youth, that they may set an example of living Christian values. (**Vocation View is sponsored by Serra Club**)

### *Growing in Faith*

**FAITH FORMATION:** Ash Wednesday - February 26 - All students and catechists of Faith Formation will attend Mass at 6:30 pm as one of their classes. Students should be in the church with their teachers at 6:20pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY CONFIRMED YOUTH !!** Nicholas Bailey, Jacob Blanchard, Brayden Carroll, Ethan Denham, Mason Dougherty, Hallie Harrell, Angela Johnson, Alexandria Jones, Dylan Lukela, Sophia McClure, Jake Persky, Alex Scarvey, Rodney Shiflett, Draven Snider, Molly Vendt, Juan Vicente. Thank you x 10,000 to our Pastor, Father Vernon Huguley, the Confirmation Catechists, Chris Shaw and Barbara Shook and the parents and sponsors of these 16 amazing young men and women !!! The Holy Spirit surrounds these youth and we pray that they will continue in strength on their faith journey.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** Sunday's during the 10:00 am Mass unless otherwise noted. This is for children ages 3 through 2nd grade. No registration is necessary for CL attendance.

**RCIA:** Considering joining the Catholic Church? Catholic but never confirmed? Need to make your First Communion? Want to be baptized? Let us help you! Check out our RCIA classes for adults considering joining the Catholic Church. Come and Learn. For more information, please call the church office. Classes are Tuesdays, at 6:00 pm. unless otherwise noted.



**SHAWL MINISTRY:** The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet this Monday. Please join us on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you know of someone who is sick or in the hospital in need of comfort and prayers please let us know. Interested in joining? Call Mary Evans.

**A SPECIAL THANKS** to Karen Hall for her generous donation of yarn. We are most grateful for our friends who happen to find bags of yarn at yard sales and have donated them to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Also a special thanks to all those who have donated and are still donating gift bags for the ministry. We are most grateful for our thoughtful parishioners. The ministry has made and donated more than 2,100 items to nursing homes, homeless, men, women and children, sick and hospitalized parishioners and friends, people who have lost loved ones, veterans, patients at Children's Hospital, St. Jude Hospital and cancer patients. Thank you for your prayers and support. If you know of someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl please tell a Prayer Shawl member or give me a call. Mary Evans.



**MUSIC MATTERS:** Next Choir is March 1. 9:00 am Rehearsal with mass at 10:00

### *Youth Scoops*

**SPIRIT YOUTH** will present a live portrayal of the Stations of the Cross on March 13th at 7pm. The youth work hard and do a wonderful and moving presentation of Jesus' walk to Calvary. Please come and support our youth and bring a friend!!



**CARROLLIGHTS:** Calling All John Carroll Alumni, Family and Friends You are cordially invited to Carrollights - A Live and Silent Auction Celebrating John Carroll Saturday, February 29, 2020 6:00pm @ John Carroll \$50 per person For Tickets, Sponsorships or Donations: Charityauction.bid/Carrollights2020 or [nmessina@charter.net](mailto:nmessina@charter.net)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Cullman, March 27-29, at St. Bernard Abbey. You can get more information or register online at [www.ALFL-wwme.org](http://www.ALFL-wwme.org)

**GULF COAST'S GOT SISTERS!** | February 28-29 | Mobile, AL: Spend 24 hours visiting and praying with sisters from a variety of religious communities. Come experience community life while asking questions about discernment and getting answers in real time. Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact Sister Jean Rhoads, D.C., at [sisterjean.rhoads@doc.org](mailto:sisterjean.rhoads@doc.org) Participating communities: Apostles of the Sacred Heart; Benedictine Sisters of Cullman, AL; Carmelite Monastery, Mobile; Daughters of Charity; Little Sisters of the Poor; Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity; Sisters of Mercy; Visitation Monastery, Mobile

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE – SPRING 2020 – Feb. 26 thru April 5 KICKOFF EVENT - CANDLELIGHT VIGIL LAUNCH for the 24<sup>TH</sup> CAMPAIGN** on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in front of the current Planned Parenthood at 1211 27th Place S, Birmingham, AL 35205. Then come join us for our 24th Campaign of 40 Days for Life in Birmingham. We will have candles and flowers to leave as a memorial for all those harmed by abortion. Please come and bring your family, friends and church members to pray for the end of abortion in our community. Prayer, Fasting, Constant Vigil and Community Outreach.

**REBOOT WITH CHRIS STEFANICK!** Are you ready to take your life to a new level practically, and spiritually? If you want that “something more” do not miss Reboot! Live, at St. Francis of Assisi University Parish in Tuscaloosa, on **Wednesday, March 4th, 7-9 PM.** This is your chance to rediscover God and the life you were made for. Limited tickets are online at RealLifeCatholic.com or call the St. Francis. Please contact Tara Collins, [tara.collins@stfrancisuofoa.com](mailto:tara.collins@stfrancisuofoa.com) for more information.

**CAMP ST. BERNARD** offers overnight and day camps for children ages 6-14 on the campus of St. Bernard Abbey. Campers have the opportunity to participate in traditional summer camp activities, enjoy time in nature, and even meet some of the monks of the Abbey. Registration for June 2020 has begun. Please contact John Arndt at [campstbernard@gmail.com](mailto:campstbernard@gmail.com) for more information or visit online at [campstbernard.com](http://campstbernard.com)

**IAHS RAFFLE:** The society is once again sponsoring a trip for TWO to Rome, Florence, Bologna and Venice! The trip includes round trip airline tickets, hotels, transportation-train tickets/cabs to and from airport, breakfasts and fees to all historic landmarks. Museum tours included will be to the Vatican Museum in Rome and the Accademia Gallery in Florence which houses the Statue of David. A gondola ride in Venice will be included too. Chances for this unbelievable experience are \$50 and has a value close to \$8000. Drawing held June 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information go to the website IAHSBHAM.com or contact Leon Chiarella. All board members of the society have tickets available to sell along with many members having them too. (Raffle tickets were printed compliments of Brooklere Pharmacy.)

**OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME** to a Catholic exchange student from Spain or Germany for the coming 2020-2021 school year Volunteer host families (with or without children) as well as single parents are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the coming school year starting in late August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange organization. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud or visit our web site at [www.emfusa.org](http://www.emfusa.org)



# Understanding the Mass

## Part 1 in a series

*"Christ is always present in his Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. He is present in the Sacrifice of the Mass not only in the person of his minister...but especially in the Eucharistic species. He is present in his word since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church. Lastly, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he has promised 'where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them.' [The Mass] is an action of Christ the Priest and of his Body, which is the Church." "The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; it is also the fount from which all her power flows." (Vatican II, The Constitution On The Sacred Liturgy, 7, 10)*

I wanted to start this series of articles with a definitive statement as to how the Church views the Mass. For us to have a more complete understanding of the Mass it is important to know that it is a time when Christ is truly and fully present! This is why the Church calls us to **full and active** participation in the Mass.

If we do not completely understand why and what we are doing or saying during the Mass we may find ourselves merely going through the motions that we have learned over the years instead of actively participating. If so, we could be depriving ourselves of the blessings and joy that come from full participation in the Mass.

So, over the weeks to come we will spend time taking a close look at all aspects of the Mass and hopefully find ourselves coming closer to Christ in this most holy celebration of the Eucharist.

**Next week: "Let's start with the basics"**

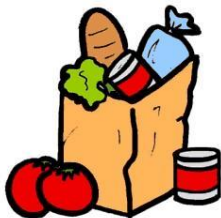
By: Deacon Robert Long



**SVDP MEETING:** The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 27th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to join us.

### **PLEASE HELP THE SVdP PANTRY**

Cooking Oil  
Corn meal  
Flour  
Jellies  
Mayo



See Brown Bag for a list of additional items needed

**SHOP AT AMAZONSMILE:** Amazon will donate a portion of any online purchase to SVdP. Simply click the icon on the SVdP page on St. Patrick website to place your order. Donations will be computed by AMAZON and automatically transferred to our account.

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect."  
**We must love our neighbor as being made in the image of God and as an object of his love.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

## Weekly Mass Schedule

		Saturday	02/22	4:00 pm	Bryant Collins – SI & H
		Sunday	02/23	10:00 am	Mass for the People
		Monday	02/24	No Mass	
		Tuesday	02/25	9:00 am @St. Stanislaus	
		Wednesday	02/26	10:00 am @St. Stanislaus	
		Wednesday	02/26	12:00 Noon	Fr. Vernon's Special Intentions
		Wednesday	02/26	6:30 pm	Mass for the people
		Thursday	02/27	9:00 am	Jeanette Laney -†
		Friday	02/28	9:00 am @St. Stanislaus	
Black & Inidan		Saturday	02/29	4:00 pm	Sara Serio -†
Missions		Sunday	03/01	10:00 am	Mass for the People

## Weekly Events and Meetings

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Children's Liturgy Shamrock Classic
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 24</b>		<b>No Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 25</b>	6:00 pm	RCIA
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 26</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Mass – Ash Wednesday</b>
		<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Mass – Ash Wednesday</b>
		6:20 pm	Faith Formation – Be in the Church and seated with class.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 27</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
		<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Mass - Confirmation</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 29</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass – First Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 01</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass –First Sunday of Lent</b>
		9:00 am	Choir Children's Liturgy

**DAILY MASS MINISTRY:** Volunteers are needed to be Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers during Daily Mass. If you would like to serve please check in at the office 15 minutes before Mass begins.

**LOST AND FOUND:** There are several articles in lost and found. Please call the Church Office for assistance.

**NEW CENSUS CARD PLEASE:** If any of your information has changed, please take the time to fill out a new census card completely. Not sure? Fill one out anyway and don't forget to mark your choices on the privacy line. That is, let us know if we may share your address and phone information with your fellow parishioners. This line is located on the Family Information portion under City / State / Zip

**VISITS TO THE SICK** If you are ill and in need of the Sacraments and would like a visit from Fr. Vernon, he has asked that you (or an immediate family member if you are too ill) contact him through the church office. The surest way of getting the message to Father is by speaking to him personally during office hours or calling the church office and leaving a message either on the answering machine or with a member of the office staff.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF CANS!** Thank you for your contribution of aluminum cans to benefit our youth programs at the church. Please remember to rinse your cans after use and do not crush them in any way so that they will fit into our can crusher properly. Finally, please deposit cans in the receptacle in the corner of the upper parking lot ensuring that they are placed in bags that are tied so that the cans do not fall out when retrieved by our volunteers. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and continue to **SAVE THOSE CANS!**