

**Welcome to Saint Joan of Arc Church of the Catholic Archdiocese of Mobile**  
**1260 Elmira Street, Mobile, Alabama 36604**

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(Office Hours: Mon., Tues. Thurs., Fri., 7:30 am – 11:30 am)

Vigil Mass, Saturday, 4:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am; Holy Day Masses, 11:30 am on the Holy Day

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Mass This Week:	Time	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Intentions
<b>Saturday Feb. 4</b>	4 pm	Ray. Zoghby, Genie Tallon	Lolita Rivers, Gloria Wells, Rosalie Zoghby	+Hank Sierke
<b>Sunday Feb. 5</b>	9 am	Steven Murray, Eliz. Blanchette	Margaret Ann Davis, Doug & Susan McEnery	People of Saint Joan of Arc
<b>Feb. 6</b>	11:30 am	Monday	<b>(Daily Mass in Rectory Chapel)</b>	+John Klepac
<b>Feb. 7</b>	11:30 am	Tuesday		+Flora Klepac
<b>Feb. 8</b>	8:00 am	Wednesday		Paige Family
<b>Feb. 9</b>	11:30 am	Thursday		+Frank Klepac
<b>Feb. 10</b>	11:30 am	Friday		+Peggy Goff
<b>Next Weekend Saturday Feb. 11</b>	4 pm	Bro. Celestine, Sandy Presley	Mary & Mike Kersten, Linsey Abraham	+Geo., Emma Zoghby
<b>Sunday, Feb. 12</b>	9 am	Kathy Weber, Jeff Winter	Penny Gulley, Bernice Lindsey, Neff Weber	People of Saint Joan of Arc

**Sacraments:** **Confessions:** One hour before Saturday Vigil Mass & by appointment.

**Marriage:** Contact priest six months in advance of the wedding date.

**Baptism:** Preparation meeting by appointment.

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*Today's First Reading* invites us to reflect on the meaning of Suffering, a perennial question: "If God is good and just and caring, how could He allow someone as blameless as Job to suffer such loss?" Traditionally suffering was associated with sin. Job's friends told him that he had sinned and brought on the troubles he had. Job comes to the profound realization that life is a conundrum. Good people do indeed suffer. Children get cancer and die before they have a chance to enjoy a full life. Famines devastate entire populations. Calamities of nature cause pain and loss. Human suffering is a far more complex mystery that defies easy explanations. Job came to realize that he could not understand suffering, but he surrendered to the wisdom of God. Read the end of this book. Job's suffering is not the final word. He and his family and fortune are restored. His faithfulness is difficult, but Job did not give in to despair. The valuable question about our suffering is not "why" but "What am I going to do with it?" God does not cause suffering. He permits it. We can accept suffering and "offer it up". This means to accept suffering in union with Christ. Even though He is the Son of God, Jesus accepted it and offered it for our salvation. By our acceptance of suffering we "fill up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ." (Col 1:24)

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Thanks to all of you who signed your pledges to Catholic Charities. So far there have been 40 pledges for \$31,208.00. Our parish quota is \$35,000, so we need \$3,792 to meet our quota. Please if you have not already make your pledge, do so this weekend. Pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Last weekend's Offertory Collection was \$1,608.00.

**The Wednesday** evening small faith-sharing group meets at the rectory at 6-7 pm.

**The Thursday evening** RCIA meets in the rectory at 6-7 pm.

We ordered 100 new hymnals. So far 30 of you have asked to purchase one in memory of or in honor of someone or for your own personal use. Sign the list in the vestibule. The cost is \$20.00 each.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** will be February 22. At our last parish council it was decided: There will be Two Masses on Ash Wednesday, 11:30 am and 5:30 pm. Daily Mass will be at 5:30 pm. On Tuesdays of Lent we will have a light meal at 6:00 pm followed by a guest speaker at 6:30. The Catholicism film will be shown on Ash Wednesday. On March 6 the guest speaker will be T J Singleton; March 13 Dr. Norman McCrummen; March 20, Father Bry Shields. On Wednesdays of Lent Confessions will be heard from 6-8 pm, following the 5:30 pm Mass in conjunction with "A Light is on For You."

**Secular Servite Meeting:** Tom McDonald of the Family Life Office will speak on the Seven Catholic Principles that should inform voter choice on Saturday, February 11, 10 am at St. Catherine's Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served. Call Jerry or Millie Betbeze at 473-4804.

**The Knights of Columbus** throughout our state will be conducting a membership drive supported by both Bishop Baker and Archbishop Rodi. This drive will take place on March 3 and 4.

Transform the silent ache of abortion into a feeling of hope and peace through a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**, February 10-12, in the Mobile area. To register, call Bridget at 251-421-4313.