

**Welcome to Saint Joan of Arc Church of the Catholic**

**1260 Elmira Street, Mobile, Alabama 36604**

**Phone/Fax (251) 432-3505 Parish Office**

(Office Hours: Mon. & 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	Altar Servers	Ushers	Gift Bearers	Intentions
<b>Sat. Dec. 1</b>	4:00 pm	Raymond Zoghby, R Bantens	L Rivers, M Kersten, Ros Zoghby	Marisol Limon	D Joyner S Presley	W White Family	Janice Kersten
<b>Sun. Dec. 2</b>	9:00 am	G Conner I Jordan	BJ & Jim Robertson, M A Davis	Bowen Cheney David	W Neese M Winter	Blanchette Family	Parishioners
<b>Mon. Dec. 3</b>	11:30 am	<b>Mass At Murray House, 1257 Government Street</b>					+A Kersten, Jr.
<b>Tues. Dec. 4</b>	11:30 am						+A Kersten, Sr
<b>Wed. Dec. 5</b>	9:30 am						+June Sprague
<b>Thur. Dec. 6</b>	11:30 am						Paige Family
<b>Fri. Dec. 7</b>	11:30 am						+Mary Jo Fitzgerald
<b>Next weekend Sat. Dec. 8</b>	4:00 pm	L Abraham S Presley	J Abraham, J Kersten, H Robinson	Hartley Luckett Robinson	W White Bro Celestine	W White Family	Peggy Kersten
<b>Sun. Dec. 9</b>	9:00 am	P Gulley M Shirah	BJ, Jim Robertson, E Blanchette	W Neese M Limon	J Robertson Ed Olsen	Blanchette Family	Parishioners

**Sacraments:** **Confessions:** One hour before Saturday Vigil Mass, any time by appointment.

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

**Baptism:** Preparation meeting by appointment.

**Finance Council Members:** Jim Robertson, Neff Weber, Brian Blanchette, Luckett Robinson

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**Organist:** (Sunday) Richard Jones, 510-5442; [richardjones62@yahoo.com](mailto:richardjones62@yahoo.com)

**On this First Sunday of Advent** we are exhorted to be vigilant and aware that the Lord is coming. For most of us it was to be the moment of our death. Through Jeremiah, the Lord’s exhortation turns into encouragement. We are assured that the days ahead will be days that witness the faithfulness of God who keeps his promises to his people. These four weeks before Christmas excite us. We bring out all the old beautiful Christmas decorations for our homes. Is it walking into a friend’s home and being overwhelmed by the scent of a freshly cut Christmas tree? Maybe it is watching the excitement of your children or grandchildren thinking about Santa and Christmas gifts. Is it about receiving cards with greetings from loved ones, getting together for parties with family and friends. There is a certain energy that stirs us, awakens us and enlivens us at this time of the year. Above all, let’s make this Advent a special time to prepare for the Lord’s Coming!

There will be a Second Collection today after Holy Communion for the Christmas Flowers. (The cost of an 8-inch pointsettia this year is \$11.)

Please pick up your Envelopes and Church Calendars for 2013. They are on the last row of pews. If you see some for a friend or neighbor who is not here, please take them to them.

Friday, December 7, is First Friday; Adoration at 10:30 am followed by 11:30 am Mass.

Next Sunday Santa will be with us at the Coffee Social, so bring all the children and grandchildren. Our Parish Council will also meet next Sunday at 10:35 am.

We will need your help on Sundays, December 16 and 23 to decorate the church for Christmas. Will you sign the list to let us know you will stay to help? Thank you!

So far we have received 33 Tithing Commitment Cards that pledge to give \$1,260.67 each week. There are 90 of us in St. Joan of Arc Parish. Our weekly expenses are \$3,500. It will be only with your help that we will be able to pay our bills. Please sign your card and place it in the collection as soon as you can.

Last weekend’s offertory was \$2,211.89.

Congratulations to Celeste Birch upon receiving the Christ the King Medal for our Parish!

**Reminder:** The Scripture readings and hymns are all in the Hymnal. This weekend: **Page 909.**

**The Christmas Vigil Mass** will be on Monday, December 24 at 4:00 pm. Christmas Day Mass will be at 9:00 am.

Young Adult Christmas Celebration with Archbishop Rodi on Thursday, December 13, 6:30 pm, Praise & Worship Music & 7 pm Mass with the Archbishop in the Cathedral Crypt, followed by dinner and festivities at the Portier House. All those in their 20s and 30s are invited. Bring a friend and Christmas treat to share. Contact Lise Lirette 415-680-8594 for more information.

Richard Jones will be playing the organ for the Vigil Mass and on Christmas morning Terry Maddox will play. We ask for volunteers to sign up to sing in the choir on both days.