

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
Sat. Dec. 8	4:00 pm	L Abraham S Presley	J Abraham J Kersten H Robinson	Hartley Lockett Robinson	W White Bro. Celestine	W White Family	Peggy Kersten
Sun. Dec. 9	9:00 am	P Gulley M Shirah	BJ & Jim Robertson, E Blanchette	W Neese M Limon	Jim Robertson Ed Olsen	Blanch- ette Family	Parishioners
Mon. Dec. 10	11:30 am	Mass At Murray House, 1257 Government Street					Paige Family.
Tues. Dec. 11	11:30 am						J Kersten
Wed. Dec. 12	9:30 am						+M, Mary Dipp
Thur. Dec. 13	11:30 am						+Pat Dolecki
Fri. Dec. 14	11:30 am						+George & Emma Zoghby
Next weekend Sat. Dec. 15	4:00 pm	L Abraham S Presley	J Abraham, J Kersten, H Robinson	Hartley Lockett Robinson	W White Bro Celestine	W White Family	Marie Feaster
Sun. Dec. 16	9:00 am	P Gulley M Shirah	BJ, Jim Robertson, E Blanchette	W Neese M Limon	J Robertson Ed Olsen	Blanch- ette 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, Lockett Robinson

Parish Council: Liturgical: Neff Weber, 433-5771, 295-7295; neffweber@gmail.com; **Religious**

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Organist: Terry D. Maddox – 406-1454; tmaddox@gspcmobile.org

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

Two of the Great Saints of this season are Mary who bore Christ to the world, and John the Baptist who announced him. Today we hear John's cry to prepare the way of the Lord. This is not a message meant just for those in Palestine, 2,000 years ago. This is a message to people of all times and places to hear. Let's pledge ourselves to hear and heed this message today, to prepare for the Lord's Coming in History, in Majesty and in Mystery. He comes to us in the Scriptures, in the Eucharist, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and in the people who need us.

There will be a Second Collection this weekend after Holy Communion for the Retired Religious. Give to those who have given a lifetime. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Your gift to today's second collection helps to provide the necessities needed.

Be sure to come to the Sunday Coffee this week. SANTA will be with us. He will tell us his story, Bring all the children and grandchildren to sit with him and receive a small gift. Thanks to the ladies who put up a beautiful Christmas tree in the hall last week, and the men who assembled a train.

Our Parish Council will also meet this Sunday at 10:35 am.

Did you pick up your envelopes and calendar for 2013 yet? They are on the last pew, alphabetically arranged. If you do not see a pack with your name on them, please write your name on the list provided and we will have them ready for you next weekend.

PLEASE: Plan to stay and help us decorate the church for Christmas next Sunday, December 16 and the following Sunday, December 23. If you would sign the list today, it will assure us that we will have enough helpers. Thank you!

There is also a list to sign for those who will help form choirs for the Christmas Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm and the Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am. Please go to the choir loft this weekend and introduce yourself to the organists and let them know that you will help with the music.

So far we have received 35 Tithing Commitment Cards that pledge to give \$1,294.67 each week.

There are 90 of us in St. Joan of Arc Parish. Our weekly expenses average \$3,500, so you can see how much we need YOUR support.

Last weekend's offertory was \$1,632.32. The Collection for Christmas Flowers was \$485.00.

Reminder: The Scripture readings and hymns are all in the Hymnal. This weekend: **Page 912.**

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.