

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. April 27	4:00 pm	Raymond Zoghby, S Presley	Linsey & Jason Abraham, G Nichols	Marisol Limon	D Joyner, Walter White	Robinson Family	+Ashley Klepac
Sun. April 28	9:00 am	Brian & Elizabeth Blanchette	Jim & BJ Robertson, Jane Radka	Bowen & Cheney David	Winter Family	Olsen Family	Parishioners
Mon. April 29	11:30 am	Mass at Murray House, 1257 Government St. on Wednesdays					Victims of
Tues. April 30	11:30 am						Boston Marathon
Wed. May 1	9:30 am						Fr. Ed Beachum
Thur. May 2	11:30 am						+Msgr. Aherne
Fri. May 3	11:30 am						+Mary Jo Fitzgerald
Next weekend Sat. May 4	4:00 pm	Sandy Presley, Bob Bantens	Janice, Mary & Mike Kersten	Hartley & Luekett Robinson	D Joyner, Walter White	Robinson Family	+Doris McAleer
Sun. May 5	9:00 am	Genie Tallon, Kathy Weber	Gayle Conner, Doug & Susan McEnergy	Wally Neese	Ed Olsen, Syd Smith	Olsen 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.

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Today’s Readings are about NEW things: the new Jerusalem, a new heaven and a new earth, and a new commandment. Jesus’ new commandment tells us “Love one another as I have loved you.” We are to love other people in the same way He has loved us. This means a radical change of vision and reordering of our priorities in life. His followers would be known by their love. The command of Jesus is both new and old. It is a love that requires total commitment. It is the kind of love with which God loves us, a love that should be the model of the love we have for others. This love is more than a warm feeling toward others. It calls for love without limits or conditions. It would be the trademark of his disciples. Tertullian tells us that the heathens held the early Christians in high regard: “See how these Christians love one another.” HOW do we do this? Only those who are fully convinced that they are lovable can reach out and love. To love as God loves us first begins with our loving ourselves. It begins with SILENCE. Silence leads us to Prayer. And Prayer leads us to Love. And love leads us to Justice and Justice leads us to Peace, Mother Theresa of Calcutta told us. So it all begins with Silence. In that wonderful little book we used during Lent, “The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic” by Matthew Kelly, he tells us “God is always saying to me, Come to the quiet.” The world is noisy and distracting. It is in the Silence that we find God and our true self. Find Quiet places to go. It is in Silence that God speaks to us. Develop the habit of spending a few minutes each day in Silence. (More on this next week.)

Coming up: The Easter Season will be completed with the feast of PENTECOST. Pentecost will be May 19. On Saturday, May 18, the Vigil of Pentecost, Gaynell Mathers will be received into our Church at the 4:00 pm Mass. She will be baptized, confirmed, and receive her First Holy Communion. What a great day that will be, and you are all invited!

On Sunday, which will also be Mother’s Day, May 12, Joseph Collin Winter, the new son of Jeff and Melanie, will be baptized. Another great day to celebrate!

Amanda Johnson is also preparing for the Sacraments.

On May 27-30 Father Klepac and all our priests will be on Retreat. Pray for us!

Nominations for our new Parish Council members will be next weekend.

Ladies who prepare the altar this month are Genie Tallon and Kathy Weber. For the month of May: Melanie Winter, Jane Radka, and Bernice Lindsey.

Have you ever noticed the beautiful stained glass windows in the choir loft? Saint Cecilia, patron of Musicians, is in the center. You can see her now. Last week we took out some of the panels of wood in the bannister.)

Last weekend’s offertory collection was \$1,708.50.

The spring meeting of the “ACCW will be held on Wednesday, May 15, at 9:15 at the Marian Center of St. Ignatius Parish. For reservations call: 973-1126 or 479-8907 by May 11.