

July 10, 2022
The Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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July 3rd Collection: \$9,830.76
Direct Deposit: \$2,171.00
Online Deposit \$1,608.50
Building Fund \$2,348.25

Upcoming Second Collections
July 10th No Second Collection
July 17th No Second Collection
July 24th No Second Collection
July 31st St Vincent DePaul

Summer Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00PM
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Mass Schedule

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.
Vigil: Sat.–5:30 PM Sunday 8AM, 10:15 AM

Weekday Masses:

Mon. – 5:30 PM, Tues. 8:15AM, Wed. – 6:00 PM,
Thur. & Fri. – 8:15 AM

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,
Sunday 8:00, 10:30 AM; 1:30 PM in Spanish

Holy Rosary Mass Schedule: Sunday: 9:00 AM

St. Fabian Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,
Sunday: 10:00AM



Adoration

Monday Adoration:

Hours are 2-9PM. Starting at 4:45PM the Patriotic Rosary will be prayed during Adoration led by Noelanne Bennett. After the Rosary, we will pause Adoration to prepare for the 5:30 PM Mass. Adoration will resume when Mass is over and will continue until 9PM. Visitors are more than welcome and can come anytime for whatever amount of time they'd like. For any questions, contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620 by phone or text

Tuesday Adoration

From 9am after daily Mass until 12 noon. Please consider spending an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please be sure to sign in so we know the hours are covered.

Thursday Adoration

begins after the 8:15 AM Mass and goes until 9:00 PM in the church. At that time Our Lord is moved into the Adoration Chapel and adoration continues through the night until Friday Mass. **We currently need help with the 1am hour.** To offer your help or for information please contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.

A USM graduate student is looking for some part-time work cleaning your house. She has experience, is flexible, and is good with pets. She is available for weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly housecleaning services. If you have questions, or are interested, please contact Kathy in the church office (601-264-5192) for additional information.

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Thank you so much to those who have committed to our goal for FOCUS. We appreciate your investment in our Catholic Students! As of July 3rd, we have raised \$48,750.00 of the \$67,000 needed to cover the cost for the year. (Only \$18,250 to go!!). If you are interested in pledging for FOCUS, please pick up a green pledge card, located in the pews and near the entrances of the church. To turn your pledge card in you may drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the office. Please help us reach our goal & Thank You for your support.

Bible Study:

Beginning in September we will start the bible study, The Bible and the Virgin Mary. The 12 sessions are part of the St. Paul Center's dynamic journey through the scripture bible series. It is based upon Dr. Scott Hahn's book, Hail, Holy Queen. We will meet Mondays from 1:00 PM to 2:30PM and Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Sign-up sheets are at both doors. Please sign up so we know how many books to order. You do not need to attend both sessions, but if you miss one day you can catch up in another class. It also will be available online. The cost of the books is \$30.00

Mass Intentions

M-July 11th Heidi Authement –
In Thanksgiving - BD
T-July 12th Rogene & Merrill Molaison –
RIP
W-July 13th David Adams – RIP
T- July 14th Charles Ramer – RIP
F-July 15th Ty Cannon – RIP
Sat-July 16th Richard Samuel Mohn –
RIP
Sun-July 17th
8:00 Parish
10:15 Cecile Johnson –RIP
6:00 NO PM MASS

Readings July 11th – 17th

M Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34–11:1
T Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
W Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
T Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
F Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
Sat Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
Sun Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk
10:38-42

July Lector Schedule

9th 5:30 Liz Yankay
10th 8:00 Laurie McCarty
10:15 Italo Subarrao
16th 5:30 Patricia Sherman
17th 8:00 Kathy Schimel
10:15 Valerie Acocella
23rd 5:30 Roger Smith
24th 8:00 Rich Mohn
10:15 Shirley Hendricks
30th 5:30 Debbie Boyer
31st 8:00 Renee Brett
10:15 Silvia Preston



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Eddie Cross who died July 3, 2022. There will be a memorial service for Eddie on Friday, July 15th at 1pm at St Thomas Aquinas. May God's loving presence strengthen them during this time of sorrow, and may they be consoled knowing that their loved one is at peace.

Please join us for Deacon Ralph's Retirement Party on Sunday, July 24th after the 10:15am mass.

It will be a covered dish with the parish providing the main course and cake. Please help us plan by signing up at the entrances of the church. Let us know how many will be attending, and what you will bring to the dinner. Thank You.



The next Women's Cursillo will be held at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Dedeaux July 14th – 17th. It's not too late to sign up to attend. What is a Cursillo you ask? The Spanish word "Cursillo" means "short course" or "little course". The full title is "a little course in living what is fundamental for being a Christian, but everyone simply calls it "Cursillo." For more information you can contact Ame Diaz or Shelby Miserendino in the church office. De Colores!!

Catholics in Recovery

Catholic in Recovery is a ministry that provides healing for those seeking recovery from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery with the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join us as we overlap scripture from Sunday's mass, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer.

Confidentiality is protected. We meet every Monday night at 6:30 in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Emily at Emilyosbornerhodes@gmail.com or leave a message at the St. Thomas parish office, (601) 264-5192.

WARNING! You may have received a spam text message or email pretending to be from Fr. Mark asking for assistance. **THOSE ARE FAKE!** If possible, report the message which can be done on most phones by forwarding them to shortcode 7726 (which spells out "SPAM" on most keypads.) NEVER reply to spam messages or tap on any of the links in the message and always report spam text messages immediately. Once reported, delete the message from your device.

**The Healing Road:
Moving Through the Change
Weekend
Retreat**

Friday, August 26 –
Sunday, August 28, 2022

Retreat Description: Everyone experiences at one time or another life events that bring them to their knees, where Hope and Light fade. The Healing Road retreat participant has an opportunity to tune in to God's healing presence in the context of prayer fellowship and wisdom words

WHAT TIME DOES IT START?
Check-in Friday night from 6-7 pm EST. Retreat begins at 7pm EST and ends after Lunch on Sunday

NEED INFORMATION?

Contact: Retreat Team
Leader

Cindy Hoover, MCA
Phone: 334-614-8669
Email: cjhoover_99@yahoo.com

WHERE IS IT HELD?

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat
107 Holy Trinity Rd
Ft. Mitchell, AL
36856

WHAT IS THE COST?

Overnight: \$200.00 per person (includes \$85.00 non-refundable deposit).

Day Hop: \$95.00 per person (includes a \$40.00 non-refundable deposit).

We ask you this week to pray for Jon Olivier. a New Orleans native, as he continues in his studies and discernment to become a priest for the Diocese of Biloxi.

"Hi, my name is Jon Olivier. I'm a seminarian for the Biloxi dioceses at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. This summer I'm assisting Fr. Mike Austin and Deacon Bill Vrazel at Holy Family Catholic Church in Pass Christian. Currently I'm assisting with weekend and daily Mass. Starting to work with the youth and High School students in bible study programs. It's a very exciting time for me but also challenging at the same time.

I was a late call to the Seminary. I was in my forties before I started taking my faith seriously. A married couple in Mass reached out and asked me to join them in a parish bible study on Acts. It started to change my life. I rarely prayed and read scripture outside of Mass. I finally met parishioners who lived their faith and were willing to take a chance on me. It eventually led me to get involved at the parish level and to ask God what I could do for Him. For me that led to prison ministry. God still had other plans. It took many years, but I started to feel the call to religious life and possibly to a priestly vocation. I've finished my third year at NDS, and the calling is stronger now than ever. My advice is don't be afraid to ask God what you can do for him. He will lead you exactly where you need to be to serve His Kingdom. God Bless."

Prayer for Seminarians:

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood. Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them. Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls. Amen.

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