

# MOST PURE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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## Our Mission

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church & School is a gospel faith community baptized into the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We invite all people into a personal relationship with Christ through prayer, worship, stewardship and service to God and neighbor. Eucharist is the center of our faith and we celebrate our Catholic African American Heritage.



## Watch And Be Ready - The Day Of The Lord's Coming Draws Near



November 27, 2022

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-5

They shall beat their swords into plowshares.

Psalm 122

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Romans 13:11-14

Now is the hour to awake from sleep.

Matthew 24:37-44

The Son of Man will come at an hour you least expect.

"Let us then throw off the works of darkness," Saint Paul exhorts us today. It is time to prepare for the coming of the light. We don't want to be caught unaware when the Lord comes. Though we naturally look forward to Christmas Day, today's readings remind us that Jesus will also come to judge us at the end of time. Unlike Christmas Day, which always falls on December 25, the end of the world will come at a time we cannot know. Therefore, let us live in the light of Christ, "the armor of light" as Paul calls it, ever prepared for his coming.

## Parish Staff

### Pastor

Father Bura Koroba,  
S.S.J.

### Deacon:

Mr. James D. Bryant

### Principal:

Mrs. Jekirra Johnson

### Parish Secretary:

Mrs. Gatha Warnsley

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Morning:  
8:00am and 11:00am

### Daily Masses: Tuesday

(Novena Mass) 4:30pm;

Wednesday, Thursday and

Friday at 8:30am.

**Confessions:** 30 minutes before  
weekend Masses and before the  
Tuesday Novena Mass - CCD :  
After 8:00am Sunday Mass

## Parish Ministries

### SISTERS

Sr. Joanne Cozzi, DC

Sr. Catherine Clemons, DC

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Joseph Keith

### FINANCE COUNCIL

### SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Maxine Wilson

### SACRISTAN

Leland Busby/Montiel Fluker

### CCD

LaTanya Brown

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Yasmine Burney, Judy Sullivan

### RCIA

Dcn. James Bryant/ Eric Crenshaw

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Anna Watson

### LECTORS

Wilborn Jones

### ALTAR SERVERS

Leland Busby/Montiel Fluker

### USHERS

Alfred Jones

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Carolyn Smoke

### SENIORS CLUB

Violetta Perkins/Patricia Ransom

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Brooke Jackson/Tyler Reynolds

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

Stephanye Singleton

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Amanda Wilson/ Isaiah Bess

### TRIBUNAL CASE SPONSORS

### B.V.M. SODALITY

Tynia Hollins

### LEGION OF MARY

David McCord

### ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

Monica Simpkins

### HEALTH MINISTRY

Fannie Burden

### PRISON MINISTRY

Eric Crenshaw

### BEREAVEMENT MIN.

Fannie Burden

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Joe Keith

### DREXEL SOCIETY

Marcelene Dennis

KPC - Lionell Smith

### KPC LADIES AUX.

Marcelene Dennis

### GROUPS & MAINTENANCE

David McCord/ Ernest Lynch

### Photographer

Anna Watson

### MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

David McCord/Ernest Lynch

### AYAS FELLOWSHIP

Melanie Knight

## Sacraments

Any member who wishes to arrange a **Wedding** must contact the priest  
at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Parents desiring **Baptism** for their children are encouraged to contact the  
Rectory to arrange for the required preparation class  
for parents and Godparents.

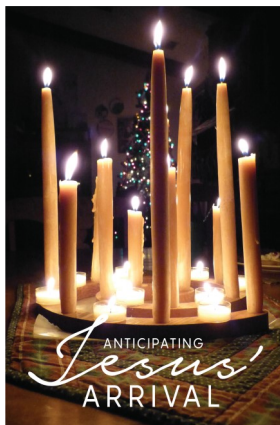
When a **Funeral** is to be celebrated, please contact the priest before  
contacting the Funeral Home. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays  
or Holy Days of Obligation.

## Readings For The Week

Monday- Is.4:2-6 and Mt.8:5-11  
Tuesday- Is.11:1-10 and Lk.10:21-24  
Wednesday- Rom.10:9-18 and Mt.4:18-22  
Thursday- Is.26:1-6 and Mt.21:24-27  
Friday- Is.29:17-24 and Mt.9:27-31

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday,	29th at	4:30pm- Special Intentions - No Mass
Wednesday,	30th at	8:30am- Special Intentions - No Mass
Thursday,	31st at	8:30am- Special Intentions - No Mass
Friday,	1st at	8:30am- Special Intentions - No Mass
Saturday,	2nd at	4:00pm- Special Intentions
Sunday,	3rd at	8:00am- Deacon John Cretero -
Sunday,	3rd at	11:00am- For the Good of the people of the parish



*Advent people - watching with expectant faith  
and yearning for Christ's coming*

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the Day when the  
Lord would judge between the nations and estab-  
lish peace over the earth. In that day the righteous  
- all peoples who believed in him and who lis-  
tened to his teaching and instruction - would  
come to his holy mountain and house to worship  
him and dwell with him in everlasting peace  
(Isaiah 2:3-5). The Advent season reminds us that  
we are living in the time between the first coming  
and second coming of the Lord Jesus.

*Christ  
IS Coming!*

Why did Jesus compare "the coming of the Son of Man" with the "days of Noah" (Matthew 24:37)? Scripture describes both events as a day of judgment and the separation of the just from the unjust. It is a time when the Lord of heaven and earth gathers to himself those who are his own. Separation is an inevitable consequence of the fundamental choices people have made - whether for God or against God. The fundamental choices we make can either lead us towards God and his will for us or they can lead us in a direction that is opposed to God or contrary to his wisdom and plan for our lives and well-being.

Upcoming Dates and times of Masses for Christmas TBA between MPHM and St. Joseph (Maysville)  
This year, **Christmas** falls on a Sunday, Christmas Eve Mass is Saturday, Dec. 24th TBA, Christmas morning Mass TBA.

This year, the **Solemnity of Mary** also falls on a Sunday, thus our schedule will be: Mass TBA for New Year's Eve, and on Jan. 1st (New Year's Day) TBA.

Please keep in mind that Thursday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass will be TBA.



**Most Pure Heart of Mary Christmas Giving Programs**  
**Christmas Food Drive** - Collect can goods and non-perishable items to

donated to a local food pantry.

**Christmas Toy Drive** - Collect toys for the less fortunate and donate to a local charity.

Start Date:  
November 28;  
End  
Date Sunday  
December 18.



We need **All Parishioner's and YOUTH** to participate in both programs for them to be a success! Please place items in the designated bins in the back of the church. Or drop off at Rectory on Tuesday's or Thursday's between 8am and 5pm. Rectory phone number is (251) 432-3344.

**Let us not forget "The Reason for the Season."**



## Stewardship Update

Last Weekend - Attendance - 81

Collection - \$2265.00

Thank You for Your Stewardship

**Next Special Collection**

**Dec. 11th Retired religious**

Our **Christmas Poinsettias** will be available at \$15 each. Your Memorial Poinsettia will decorate our Church for Christmas, then you may take it home after the Christmas morning Mass. There are only 25 available on a first come, first served basis.

Advent Folders are now available in the Lobby of the Church for those who would like to participate in this Advent Tradition.

Our Parish Penance Service and Benediction Time and Date TBA. Please take this opportunity prepare yourself spiritually for the celebration of Christmas.

You are Cordially Invited to Legion of Mary  
Immaculate Conception Curia of Mobile  
Annual General Reunion on



When: December 10, 2022

Where: Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

304 Sengstak St.

Mobile, AL 36603

Rosary: 09:00 am

Mass: 09:30 am

Reception & Fellowship following Mass

Hosted By: Most Pure Heart of Mary &  
Mother of Christ Praesidium

Leontyne Anderson,  
Cora Brown,  
Georgia Suggs,  
Pauline Brown,  
Kierra Freed  
Lillian Sawyer  
Melanie McKay  
Lemoyne Cade  
Veronica Young



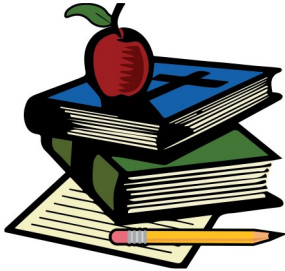


# HOMCATHOLIC



Heart of Mary Catholic  
♦ Pre- K - 8th Grade  
Mrs. JeKirra Johnson, Principal  
310 Sengstak St.

## Welcome Back Teachers & Students



**Most Pure Heart of Mary  
Catholic School**  
Pre- K - 8th Grade  
Mrs. JeKirra Johnson,  
Principal  
310 Sengstak St  
Mobile, AL 36603 -  
Phone: 251-432-5270



**Heart of Mary and Friends Float - Secure your child a Space NOW for the 2023 MLK Mardi Gras "School Day Parade" (on MLK Avenue) on Mardi Gras Monday, February 20, 2023. Cost: \$175.00 per child ages 6-18 yrs old. All youth are welcome to ride. Spaces are limited (16) and on a first pay basis. Deadline for payment: November 30, 2022. Contact: LaTanya**



**Brown (251) 487-8891; Marcelene Dennis at (251) 610-6163 or Arenthal "Rock" Spears (251) 648-0493. Give your child the opportunity to be a part of Mobile's and Most Pure Heart of Mary's Mardi History. Don't wait call today**



**Youth Christmas Program - Most Pure Heart of Mary Church Youth Christmas Program. All Youth are welcome to join in celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ by participating in this year's Christmas Program. Date Sunday, December 18, 2022. Time 12:30pm after the 11:00am Mass. Youth interested contact Mrs. Stephanye Singleton at (251) 709-8855.**



**Program Practice**

Christmas Program Practice will be held on Sunday, November 27th, December 4th, and 11th after the 11am mass. All youth are encouraged to participate by singing a song, reciting a poem, performing a dance, playing a musical instrument, or acting in the play. Parents contact Mrs. Stephanye Singleton at (251) 709-8855 to sign your Youth up. Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season!

### HOM Alumni Update

HOM Alumni awarded the School with a generous donation of \$2,000.00 for school support at a school prayer Service on Friday November 18, 2022 - Thank You HOM Alumni!  
There will be a Pot Luck Christmas Party for all HOM Alumni on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 5:00pm in the Parish Hall - For Everyone attending, please bring a dish.

**Advertisement In Our Bulletin**  
We now have spaces available for advertisement in our weekly bulletin. - Call the Parish Office at 251-432-3344 to make arrangements. First come, first served.



We will participate in this Liturgy with the Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Prayer at the beginning of Mass.

At each Mass of Advent we need 2 participants for the **Advent Wreath** blessing; one to read the prayer and one to light the candle (s).

### Lector's Schedule November 2022

Saturday-November 12  
4pm Bernadine Allen  
Sunday-November 13  
8:00 Cathy Lee  
11:00 Stephanye Singleton  
Saturday-November 19  
4pm Demaris Brown  
Sunday-November 20  
8:00 Maynard Odom  
11:00 Robin Reed  
Saturday-November 26  
4pm Demaris Brown  
Sunday-November 27  
8:00 Maxine Wilson  
11:00 -Youth

# Puzzle!

Although the Bible doesn't mention turkey feasts, the gospels do describe a miracle dinner that made thousands of hungry people thankful (see Matthew 14:13-21). Fill in the words to complete a poem about that meal.

**Hint:** Each pair of line endings should rhyme.



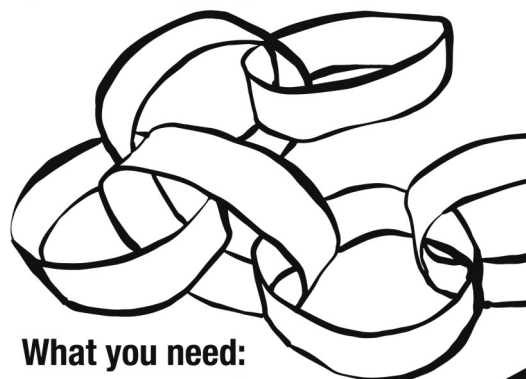
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began	late	ran	ton
bunch	lunch	rest	true
done	men	spaces	you

Jesus was tired and went to find \_\_\_\_\_.  
 So away from the crowd he started his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It came to an end before it \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they \_\_\_\_\_.  
 His boat pulled ashore, and he looked at their \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Five thousand men, plus families, filled all open \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And so Jesus spoke, and he taught until \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The disciples told him it was time they all \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And feeding this crowd is now up to \_\_\_\_\_."  
 Feeding five thousand! It could not be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 What would they do? They'd need a whole \_\_\_\_\_.  
 But then a young boy came and offered his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Five loaves and two fish to feed this big \_\_\_\_\_?  
 Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
 it fed all the women, the children and \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

## Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



### What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.