

# 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.

We empower our youth to be gospel witnesses through faith-building programs.

# THOUGH I WAS BLIND NOW I SEE



## LITURGICAL SUNDAY

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 19, 2023

### Liturgy of the Word

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7,

Samuel anointed David to be king. 10-13a

Psalm 23

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Ephesians 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, children of light.

John 9:1-41 or 9:1,

I know this much: I was blind, but now I see. 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Today's readings explore the theme of blindness, both literal and metaphorical. The man born literally blind receives his eyesight by Jesus' action in the Gospel, but we also witness Samuel's metaphorical blindness to David's fitness for kingship, the Pharisees' blindness to Jesus' holiness, and even the willful blindness of the blind man's parents when they are questioned. May God's word help us examine our own blindnesses as we welcome the light of Christ.

## 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 - Sammie Davis Grace

### 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- 2 Sm.7:4-5a and Lk.2:41-51a

Tuesday- Ez.47:1-9 and Jn.5:1-16

Wednesday- Is.49:8-15 and Jn.5:17-30

Thursday- Ex32:7-14 and Jn.5:31-47

Friday- Wis.2:12-22 and Jn.7:1-2

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday,	21st at	4:30pm- Special Intentions - No Mass
Wednesday,	22nd at	8:30am- Special Intentions - No Mass
Thursday,	23rd at	8:30am- Special Intentions - No Mass
Friday,	24th at	8:30am- Special Intentions - No Mass
Saturday,	25th at	4:00pm- Special Intentions
Sunday,	26th at	8:00am- Deacon John Cretero -
Sunday,	26th at	11:00am- For the good of the people of the Parish

## Women's History Month



The Women's  
History  
Month 2023  
theme is  
"Celebrating  
Women Who  
Tell Our  
Stories."



**At Most Pure Heart of Mary Church** - Our **Palm Sunday** celebration and the **Blessing of Palms** will be held during our regular weekend Masses on **April 1st & 2nd.**

The **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper** will begin on



at **5:00pm @ MPHM** April 6th. Joint

Mass/Foot Washing/ Sacrament to be Blessed reposed in the Hall **Eucharistic Adoration**

On **Good Friday** /Stations of the Cross at **TBA**

Our **Holy Saturday Vigil** will begin at **TBA** at **MPHM**; and the **Easter Morning Masses** will be celebrated at 8:00am and 11:00am.

*Join us for our Easter Service*

**Lenten Folders** are now in the back of the Church. Please stop to pick up your Folder after Mass, if you have not already done so.

*May this Lent be a time of renewed Faith in our life and in our world.*



We are once again offering "**Easter Lily Memorials**" to our parishioners and friends. We have 30 lilies available. Please use **ONLY** the special envelopes to make your memorial. Donation: \$15.00.

Dollar Promise Pledge



**Greetings in Christ Fellow Parishioners of**

**Most Pure Heart of Mary:**

Our Dollar Promise Pledge Plan has started and is now in full effect. Please remember to pick up your envelopes, in the boxes arranged in alphabetical order and located the back of the Church.

The Dollar Promise Pledge was very successful during this past year and that's exactly why we are deciding to do it again for this year.

"The Dollar Promise is a 12 month Promise of \$20.00 a month. Monthly envelopes would be provided and payments could be made monthly, in full or partially as long as the complete \$240 .00 is made by the designated completion time. Thank you for your support and please continue to support our parish and our fund raising goals.



## Stewardship Update

Last Weekend- Attendance - 102

Collection - \$2719.00

Thank You for Your Stewardship!

**Special Collection Mar. 19th**

**Catholic Relief Services**



Join us for our **Lenten Friday Fish Dinners/**

Chicken Dinners are also available  
Menu:

Fish, Chicken, Green Beans/Baked Beans, Potato Salad/Cole Slaw, Bread, Cake, Condiments.

\$10.00/order

Fish Sandwich \$5.00

Extra \$2.00 for Potato Salad

Drinks/Water - \$1.00

Call or Fax your order to Parish Office

Phone (251) 432-3344

or - Fax (251)432-1192.

Call Mrs. Meryl to place orders 251-709-5160

Please pass the word to your friends and co-workers.

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics, 14 years of age or older, on all Fridays during Lent. **Abstinence and Fasting** are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday by all adults thru age 59. Those who are exempted are students in school, pregnant women, or anyone with a medical condition that would be adversely affected by Fasting. **Sundays** are not considered days of either fasting or abstinence as they are the Lord's Day to celebrate His victory over death.



Make the Fridays of Lent your time to "walk with Jesus" as we pray the **Stations of the Cross**, followed by Benediction. Every Friday of Lent.: **5:00pm MPHM**

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

Veronica Young

**PRAYER**  
*list*

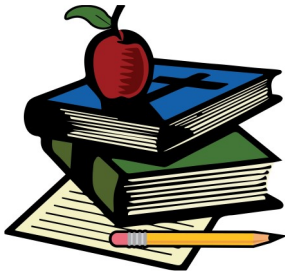


# HOMECATHOLIC



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

**Open Enrollment Now ! For the 2023-2024 School Year**



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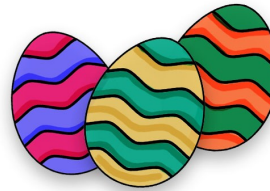


## Youth Ministry News

**Youth Sunday is March 26th.**

All Youth are in-  
vited to breakfast  
in the Parish Hall  
before Mass.

Breakfast will be served  
from 9am until 10:15am.



Immaculate Conception Curia Of Mobile  
Legion of Mary  
Acies

Saturday, March 25, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

Hosted by Our Lady of Guadalupe  
St. Patrick Parish

Fr. James Morrison, pastor

23035 State Highway 59 - Robertsedale, Alabama 36567

Luncheon following Mass in parish center

Please bring your favorite covered dish to share.

Spiritual Directors and/or Pastors are invited to

Concelebrate the Mass

Legion of Mobile Spiritual Director Fr. Stephen Vrazel

Welcome all Active and Auxiliary Members

Please RSVP by March 1, 2023

Sonia Cruz (251) 752-9185

Email: [cruzskc@gmail.com](mailto:cruzskc@gmail.com)

Please bring a flower for Our Lady



For those interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Church. Contact persons are Deacon James Bryant and Mr. Eric Crenshaw.

Please join us in the parish hall for Coffee and Doughnuts each month after Masses. Time & Date TBA

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Black History  
Presenters  
Chase Lindsey,  
Hunter Lindsey,  
and Terrell Beverly



There will a meeting for all HOM Alumni on Sunday, March 19th after the 11:00am Mass. Refreshments will be served. Please make plans to attend.

## Lector's Schedule March 2023

Saturday, March 4

4:00 PM Bernadette Allen

Sunday, March 5

8 AM Cathy Lee

11 AM Stephanye Singleton

Saturday, March 11

4:00 PM Demaris

Brown

Sunday, March 12

8 AM Maynard Odom

11 AM Robin Reed



Saturday, March 18

4:00 PM Bernadette Allen

Sunday, March 19

8 AM Maxine Wilson

11 AM Eva Stallworth

Saturday, March 25

4:00 PM Demaris Brown

Sunday, March 26

# LENTEN FISH FRY

at Heart of Mary Church

304 Sengstak St. Mobile, AL 36603

*(corner MLK, 1 block east of Broad, in the Hall, next to the Church)*

**Fish And Chicken**  
**\$10.00 Per Plate**

**\$5.00 For Fish**  
**Sandwich**  
**\$2.00 Extra - Potato**  
**Salad**  
**Time:**  
**10am - 2pm**



**Menu**  
**Chicken**  
**Fish**

**Green Beans or**  
**Baked Beans**  
**Potato Salad**  
**Cole Slaw**  
**Bread**  
**Cake**  
**Drinks/Water**  
**\$1.00**

**Call Mrs. Meryl Foster 251-709-5160 to Place Order or Fax to 251-432-1192**

**Call - Parish Office**

**Call 432-3344 or Fax 432-1192 your order:**

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_\_\_

I want to order \_\_\_\_\_ Dinners at \$10.00 each for the following Lenten Fridays:

Dates

☐ Feb. 24th ☐ Mar.3rd ☐ Mar.10th ☐ Mar.17th ☐ Mar.24th ☐ Mar.31st

☐ Apr.7th **or** ☐ Standing Order every Friday

My preferred delivery time is:

☐ 10:00am ☐ 11:00am ☐ 11:30am ☐ 12:00noon ☐ 12:30pm ☐ 1:00pm  
☐ 2:00pm

