

Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday is next weekend, January 29th. Every parishioner should have received a letter from Archbishop Rodi announcing the 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal and asking for your prayerful generosity. Please complete the pledge card that was mailed to you with the letter from Archbishop Rodi and put it in the collection basket next weekend or feel free to drop it by the parish office. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to 91999 for a link. Catholic Charities helps thousands of people in need across our archdiocese. All the funds collected are distributed to local ministries within the Archdiocese of Mobile. In the spirit of charity, we ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal.

Why would God want to come here?

All of us get "in the pits" at one time or another: When we do, everything seems to weigh us down.

One of those things, often, is how we are failing as Christians. That's normal, but it's not okay! Jesus Christ willingly came into our darkness, to rescue His people living in the darkness of sin. But still we think, "God forbid if I ever let anyone, even God, see this side of me!"

Today's Gospel reassures us that God already knows our deep dark secrets and sent His Son to save us for exactly those reasons. Someone has wisely said, "We are only as sick as the secrets we keep." We have no secrets from God. He'd like to shine the light of Christ into our lives and on our "dark side", healing our hearts.

Why would God come to such a dark place? To find the one He loves: you!

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: February 03, 2023 @ 5:30pm. followed by Holy Hour until 8pm. Hope to see you all there!

THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH: Next Class: Tuesday, January , 2023!

Answers:

- 1. **True.** God spoke through the law, prophets, and Wisdom books in the Old Testament. The Gospels, Paul's letters, and the Book of Revelation are in the New Testament.
- 2. c) "The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons" (CCC, 253).
- True. Adam's disobedience gave us original sin. Jesus' obedience gives us eternal life. "For since death came through a human being. the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Cori 15:21-22).
- b) Martin Luther criticized Church practices and started his own church when changes didn't come.
- c) "The Bishops...succeed the apostles. They are 'the visible source and foundation of unity" (CCC, 938).

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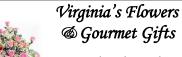


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Do not come to Church if you

Sanitize vour hands at enter

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The use of Face Mask i

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cooperation. Keep safe.

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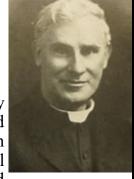


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III Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, January 22, 2022

The Supernatural

The great mystery we celebrated Trinity Sunday emphasizes the reality of the supernatural. The word Supernatural is comprehensive and may stand, at lea tin a wide sense, for the sum and center of supernatural existence, God; or it may mean the world of blessed



spirits with God, His Angels and Saints. It may mean ... these wonderful truths and mysteries entirely beyond the reach of human reason to know or to understand, truths that even the most luminous angelic intelligence could never have discovered had not God revealed these principles and truths to our thought and action.

The natural, in a stricter sense, is that which is conformable to our nature; in other words, what is human. Therefore, it is that which is weak and faulty and blind and foolish because man, relying on himself and his own thought, apart from God's grace and the leading of Faith, is a very foolish being. The natural in a wide and more common acceptance is that which we can weigh and measure and see and feel; so that it passes current among us that the natural stand for all that tempts and allures unthinking and sinful human beings ...

A supernatural person is guided by faith, and therefore he makes all temporal interests subordinate to the eternal. The natural person has for a guide human expedience and pushes temporal and material affairs ahead of the Divine and eternal.

Our Lord sums up the natural calling it "the world"; that is, those mortals who, indifferent to His teaching and revelation, lead lives shaped and informed only by promptings of vitiated and blind nature and selfish human interests. He warns us of the enemies of the supernatural using the word "world," also "the flesh" and "the devil." These are made convertible with the world, for all conspire to make us follow our lower nature ...

We have been favored above others in this, that God in His mercy has given to us a supernatural destiny and the means of obtaining it. He has freely given a revelation of its mysteries and He has even sent His only Son into this world that He Himself might lead and help us. We should be animated by these supernatural principles and maxims of Jesus, since we have all our hopes built on a supernatural principle-God, His heaven. The motive principle of our actions, if these were to be measured and scrutinized, would be found to be the supernatural love of God. Our hearts will be in heaven while our feet will be on earth.

Mass Schedule English Masses: Sat: 5:30pm

Thank you for your

Sun: 8:00am 11:30am Wed: 12:05pm

followed with adoration till 2pm Spanish Mass: Sunday: 9:30am Holy days Mass will be announced separately.

EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS

Father David: (229) 205-8520 Father Raul: (229) 726-5481 Father Victor: (334) 739-8920

CONFESSIONS: By appointment.

ONLINE STREAMING: Saint

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ple go in to our website: http:// www.stpatsphenixcity.org/ follow us on by simply clicking on the facebook logo. vx



III Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2023

Regular Collection: \$3,721 THANK YOU!

Please take the time to visit our parish's website: stpatsphenixcity.org to sign up for online giving its safe and you decide when and how much you will like to give.

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TRIFTH STORE: open Wednesday and Fridays from 10am to 1pm.

Donations of: House hold goods, kitchen items, Baby items layette and little shoes; winter clothing, coats. gloves, hats for all ages and blankets are needed.

Readings from Jan 22–30, 2023

01/22: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

01/23: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Un**born Children** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

01/24: Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35 01/25: Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18

01/26: Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18

01/27: Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:21-25

01/28: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

01/29: Memorial of Saint Thomas Aguinas, Priest and **Doctor of the Church** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

01/30: IV Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

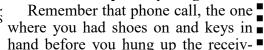
Rachel's Vineyard Abortion Healing Weekend Retreat: Have you been Emotionally and Spiritually impacted by a past Abortion experience? We would like to invite you to a weekend healing retreat on Feb. 10-12, 2023. For information Contact Deb Penzak (240)423-6083

SENECA CHOICES: "There will be a special Mass for Seneca, Choices for Life at St. Anne's on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 12:00 Noon. Immediately following, a blessing of the Seneca facilities at 3900 Rosemont Dr. in Columbus will take place. Refreshments served afterwards. All are welcome to either, or both, events!"

January 22, 2023

Drop Everything

Mt 4:12-23



er? The voice you heard may have carried the answer to your prayers or nightmare news but whatever the ■ call's content you were moved to action. Without hesitation you dropped everything and went. You had to.

That same level of urgency touched the hearts of James, John, Simon Peter and Andrew in today's gospel. They were moved by the call of their Savior, a call ■ to glory and terror, vision and blind faith. As Jesus' words "follow me" echoed across the waters, the new-■ ly chosen disciples' spirits answered immediately. They dropped everything to go where they were needed. They had to.

Take a moment to ask yourself, how have I answered God's call in my life? Do I greet His summons with • keys in hand and one foot out the door, or am I still slumped at the kitchen table? Let's pray that we too ■ will drop everything when it's God "on the line".

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No child is an inconvenience

"You need no words from me to see how the decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has portraved the greatest of gifts--a child--as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience." Mother Theresa

SEARCH Retreat for High School Youth is coming up January 27th - 29th @ Children's Harbor Lake Martin, AL. This is an Archdiocesan sponsored retreat. It's a tradition based on Cursillo spanning back over 50 years change your LIFE. can teens The weekend begins on Friday evening and goes to Sunday afternoon. Registration costs is \$125.00

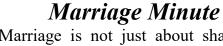
For information on registration contact: Brandon Bender-Search Team Co-Director 334-354-4007

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat upcoming retreats!

For registration call: 334-855-4474 or go to www.msbt.org/btsr

Annual Women's Retreat: Into the Arms of Father – Jennifer McKinney and Kelly January 20-22 - ONLY Tollman-**SPOT REMAINS**

Annual Men's Retreat: Fatherhood, the Source of Masculine Spirituality – Fr. Patrick Gilbreath – January 27-29



Marriage is not just about sharing a physical life together, but calling each Thomas other on to holiness. It is not always easy to keep Christ at the center of your marriage, so pray for the grace to help your spouse to heaven.

> PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Jim Kehoe Wyatt Gordon, Magaly Vazquez, Jim Eberharth, Stephanie Ayinde, Annabelle Mougnimben, Maria O'Malley, Luis Hernandez, Mike & Brenda Braxon,

PRAYER CHAIN: We want to help you storm heaven with special requests. Call Irene at (706) 888-1684.

• Happy Birthday!

• Jan. 20: Zoe Xuereb

• Jan. 29: Nadia Mae Horner **Earl Dawson**

• Feb. 01: Matt Eley

• Feb. 08: Betty Alexander

• Feb. 16: Margaret Simmons Feb. 21: Urbano Jr. (Junjun)

• Feb. 27: Jim Kehoe

• Congratulations on your Anniversary!

Feb. 1: Ray & Terry Xuereb!



The Knights of Columbus Council 13415 BABY CLOTHING DRIVE all weekends in January 2023 for Baby Steps Pregnancy Center, Please bring new or gently used baby clothes,

(toddlers to 5 years), blankets, diapers or other small items. If you are donating baby bottles, these must be be new. Place them in the box marked BABY STEPS, located at the back of the church. Gift cards may be given to Bill Cytrynak, Johnny Rodriguez or Rob Wilburn.

The members of St. Patricks' are invited to the Knights of Columbus induction ceremony of several of our parish members 6pm on Jan 23rd, 2023. The Knights will also host a Fraternal Benefits Night given by George Allard. and he will provide information on the various programs that are offered by the Knights of Columbus, ie insurance, mutual funds along with other options. If you wish to contact our agent directly he can be reached at (205) 876 9599.



God is Good! All the Time!



All the Time! God is Good!

We will meet with the 7th through 12th grade this weekend, as well as a parent class. Remember to bring your books! Many have not been bringing them back and forth, and as you know, parents will be charged for a student not returning it. Please, ensure that they bring it! New Mass sheets are in the back of the church. We need your student to return the old one, so that they get credit for having attended Mass!

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A Confirmation Sacrament make up day! We have been missing too much class! Remember that attendance is taken....so this make- up day will give you time to add 2 days to your attendance. You know if you have missed days! If you are not sure...I can let you know if you should come. The date for make-up will be 28 January 10-1.

Keep your eyes open for the Confirmation Class's fundraisers: First up! Chili Cook Off! Make your best pan of chili, enter it for twenty-five dollars, and maybe win! Best of all it supports our Religious Education students! 11 February 2023, in the Hall 12-4!

Las clases de Educación Religiosa son de Pre K - sexto grado, y los padres, el 15 de enero de 2023.

WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ

- 1. The Bible is broken into two major sections, the Old and New Testaments. True False
- "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy ". a) saints b) Church c) Spirit d) Bible 3. According to St. Paul, Jesus is the second Adam.
- (1 Corinthians 15:21-22) True False started the Protestant Reformation in the
- a) Gandhi b) Martin Luther c) King Herod d) King Henry VIII
- 5. The bishops around the world are the modern day of Jesus who are called to lead the Church. a) kings b) descendants c) apostles d) bosses

Answers are in the back!