



St. Columba Catholic Church

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LEARNING FROM THE PAST...FORMING DISCIPLES FOR THE FUTURE

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Sr. Miriam Fiduccia
 Pastoral Associate

**Weekend Mass
 Schedule:**

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Vigil
 Sunday: 10 a.m., 5 p.m.
 Life Teen
 4 p.m. Mass in Spanish
 in the Chapel

Daily Masses

Monday - Saturday: 9 a.m.

**Adoration of the
 Blessed Sacrament:**

Mondays
 9:45 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Sacrament of
 Reconciliation:**

Fridays 9:30 a.m.
 Saturday: 4-5:15 p.m.
 & 6:30 p.m

**THE MISSION
 STATEMENT**

St. Columba is a diverse,
 Christian Community in
 the Roman Catholic
 tradition located
 in Houston County,
 Alabama.

We are called to nourish
 the members of this
 faith community,
 individually and
 collectively, through
 Word and Sacrament,
 and to witness to the
 values of the
 Good News in the
 service of
 all God's People

Sunday
June 26, 2016
Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

Today's second reading from the letter to the Galatians focuses on freedom. Freedom can mean different things to different people. We pride ourselves in this country on the fact that we enjoy freedom, which is guaranteed by our constitution. To be free, to some people, means that they may do whatever they please. Through baptism, Christians live in the freedom of the children of God. It is the way we use this freedom that is at the heart of the scriptures we hear today. What is central to true Christian freedom is found in today's second reading. There, Saint Paul writes that "the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, *You shall love your neighbor as yourself*" (Galatians 5:14). Freedom, in the Christian sense, has a forward-looking thrust. It is true that in baptism we are freed *from* sin, but there is also freedom *for* something. And that something is love of neighbor.

HOW DO WE SPEND OUR FREE TIME?

The first reading and Gospel for today tell stories about people who want to dwell in the past. Christian freedom means that, once the past is taken care of, we move forward toward a future where we can use our freedom to love our neighbors. Too often we are barraged with advertising that tries to tell us exactly how to use our freedom. We should be spending our free time in shopping malls. We should be freely spending our money on SUVs, boats, larger and larger homes, and the biggest-screen TV. We should be spending our leisure time traveling to exotic places. Christian freedom means something quite distinct from these values, espoused by so many in our society. Today the scriptures call us to use our freedom to make this world a better place for the poor and needy. Today is one of those days when the Christian message is clear, concise, and quite easy to grasp. Putting this into practice is the challenging part for all of us.

*Today's Readings: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
 Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62*
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THE “ELIJAH CUP”...VOCATIONS... This is a program of prayer for vocations. Thanks to those who participate in it. If you would like to be part of this Vocation effort, please call Glenda Miller, 692-3285. This week the Consecrated Chalice will be in the home of Tonny and Ann Peters.

A NEW LOOK FOR OUR SUNDAY BULLETIN

We will be changing to a different format for our bulletin beginning with Sunday, July 3. It's very exciting to be able to have a full color bulletin without additional cost to the parish. To make this happen, there needs to be a change in the deadline for submitting information that you'd like to include in our Sunday bulletin. Our new deadline will be the Friday of the previous week. For example, **any information that needs to be in the July 10 bulletin must be received in the Church office by June 27**. If you have an announcement that you need to get out to the parish after the deadline, our website and our Facebook page are excellent alternatives.



A NEW PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

IS COMING SOON

More information will be handed out after Masses this weekend. Don't miss this opportunity to have you and your family's portrait taken and included in our Church's pictorial directory. All portrait sessions will take place at our Church. You will have a variety of poses taken with your family. One pose will be selected by you for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8 x 10 and directory, you will have the chance to select and purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session. There is no obligation to purchase additional photos. You can sign-up for your portrait session after Masses each weekend in July beginning the weekend of July 3, **OR** you can schedule your session online at our Church website at stcolumbacatholic.com. Every family that registers no later than July 31st, will be entered into a drawing to receive one of three \$100 gift certificates. Register early—you may be the lucky one!



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY... The Communications Committee needs your help. Can you spare a few minutes following one of the weekend Masses during the month of July? We will be setting up appointments for parishioners to have their photo taken for the new St. Columba Pictorial Directory. Photo sessions will take place beginning August 3. If you are able to help during July, please call (334.699.8873) or email Jane Klosky (jane.klosky@icloud.com).

BROWN BAGS NEEDED... If you have any brown grocery bags you would like to donate, Sr. Penny who runs the food pantry in Ozark is in need of the brown bags. You can bring them to the Church office.



CLEAN USED TOYS FOR NURSERY... We are looking for donations of clean used toys that still have life in them for our nursery and children's programs. The toys will be for toddlers and pre-school ages. To donate or for more information please call 334-792-3065 or email re.stcolumba@gmail.com



NEW CHILDREN'S PROGRAM FOR 10 AM MASS... In August we will begin a new program for 3-4 year olds on Sunday mornings during the 10 am Mass. The program will be in the daycare room next to the nursery. We will have a teacher who leads a lesson on the Gospel each week. Dates will be announced at the first of August. We are trying to gauge the interest for a program on Sunday morning during Mass for a kindergarten program, as well. We will need two adults to volunteer to facilitate the class. For more information or to volunteer, please call 334-702-3065 or email re.stcolumba@gmail.com.



FLICKER BALL... Starting July 6, the high school youth will be playing Flicker Ball in the St. Columba Gym from 5:30-7:30 pm, on all of the Wednesdays in July. Want to find out what Flicker Ball is? You will have to come out for the fun to see. All high school youth and their friends are invited. For more information, call Doug at 334.792.3065 or email him at youth.stcolumba@gmail.com.



YOUNG ADULT SUMMER BIBLE STUDY... recharge is a brand new Bible Study just for young adults 18-35 beginning on the Wednesdays of July at 7:30 pm in the Upper Room. Childcare is provided by request. With this Bible Study we will dig into the Bible to see what God is telling us today. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to attend please contact Doug at 334.792.3065 or email re.stcolumba@gmail.com.



LIFE TEEN SUMMER BIBLE STUDY AND ADORATION... We will begin a 4-week Bible Study series starting on Monday, July 11. We will begin with 30 minutes of Adoration in the Chapel at 6:30 pm, followed by a Bible Study at 7 pm. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to attend, please contact Doug at 334.792.3065 or email youth.stcolumba@gmail.com.



SUMMER LIFE NIGHTS... Starting on July 10, we will have Summer Life Nights for our high school teens. These summer life nights will be opportunities to build friendships and to do fun things together like bowl, or watch a movie, or putt-putt golf. These nights are for incoming freshman through our seniors. If you would like to attend please contact Doug at 334.792.3065 or email youth.stcolumba@gmail.com.

SEMINARIAN DINNER... Dinner tickets for the 6th Annual Archdiocesan Seminarian Dinner will be on sale after all Masses this weekend in the Narthex. Please join us Friday, July 8th, at 6 pm in O'Hara Hall to meet many of our Seminararians, as well as enjoy a delicious dinner. Dinner ticket price will be \$25.00 per person and will be available at the Church office during regular business hours. Entrée will be "Linguine Shrimp Scampi"— "Tortilla Battered Ti-lapia".

"Please come and show support for our Seminararians."

THANK YOU AND GOOD –BYE

Ignacia Vidal has been at St. Columba for almost 4 years. He has given himself generously and humbly to people as he ministered to people. He visited the sick at home and in the hospitals. He made pastoral visits to people in their homes in different neighborhoods. He presented classes on the faith and trained Liturgical Ministers. He blessed us in many ways but especially as a person fluent in English and Spanish. We will miss Ignacio very much.

Now he returns to Columbia, South America, to take care of his mother whose health is failing and who needs help round the clock, 24/7. We are grateful for all Ignacio did for our family of faith at St. Columba. May God bless him as he now ministers to his mother.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism: There is a preparation program for parents and sponsors prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call Mr. Doug Martin, 792-3065, Coordinator of Faith Formation, so that you can participate in the next preparation program. The Baptismal Preparation program has two components—the preparation class and a meeting with the Pastor. Suggestion: schedule the preparation program before the baby's birth.

First Penance/First Eucharist/Confirmation: Preparation for these Sacraments is done over two years through the Faith Formation Program. Parents are asked to call the office, 792-3065 for details.

Marriage: Register as soon as possible. Please contact the priest at least six (6) months prior to the wedding. Date is tentative until the preparation program is complete. Advent and Lent are Penitential Seasons; couples are encouraged to plan their wedding outside these seasons.

Care of the sick and those confined to their homes: Please call the Parish Office for a Priest as soon as you or someone in your family is hospitalized or suffers a serious illness or injury. We visit the hospitals several times a week, and visits are made to those confined to home every First Friday and as needed. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally on the fourth Tuesday of each month during the 9 am Mass. We celebrate the Sacrament also with individuals in the hospitals and nursing homes as needed. In cases of serious illness or a sudden change in one's condition, do not hesitate to call a Priest.

BLESSED TRINITY SHRINE RETREAT...is offering our Annual Bible Institute entitled "St. Paul: Transformation in Jesus Christ" on July 8-10, 2016. The weekend begins with Paul's own experience of the Risen Christ and how it led him to see what the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ did for all humanity. We will follow Paul's writings explaining transformation of all things is Christ, what it means for individuals and community of believers in daily life, and concluding with his grand vision of all becoming one in Christ and so becoming one with the Father in love and obedience. The presenter is Dr. Timothy Carmody, a Professor at Spring Hill College since 1989. The fee with accommodations is \$180 (includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit). The retreat begins with registration at 7 pm (E.T.) on Friday, July 8, 2016 and concludes with dinner at noon on Sunday. For registration information call 334.855.4474.

Activities for week of
June 26, 2016

Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Baptisms 11:30 am
CHWC
St. Michael's Orthodox Mission
6 pm/Chapel

Monday:

Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament 9:30 am-8:30 pm
CHWC

Tuesday:

MOSJ 6:30 am
Mass of the Sick 9 am
CHWC

Wednesday:

CHWC
Hispanic Choir practice 6-8 pm

Thursday:

CHWC

Friday:

Confession 9:30 am

Saturday:

Confession 4-5:15 pm & 6:30 until

Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

K of C Rosary following
10 am Mass/Chapel

THANK YOU!...To all the St Columba Parish-
ioners who helped us celebrate Father's Day by
joining us for our Father's Day Brunch. And a
big thank you to our widows, wives, daughters
and friends who helped prepare, cook, serve,
decorate and clean up afterwards. Thank you
from the Knights of Columbus, Council 6727.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

WHAT CAN YOU DO THIS WEEK?

BE JOYFUL!!!

You can evangelize by smiling more. Smile and
greet the person sitting next to you. Join the
Mass greeters. Make them feel welcome and at
home in our SUNDAY CELEBRATION.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK...Keep up with all
the happenings at St. Columba. Like us on Fa-
cebook at: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/
stcolumbacatholic/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stcolumbacatholic/). Please remember to invite
your friends.

ST.COLUMBA ON YOUR

MOBILE DEVICES

Siri and Google have you covered when you
need to access the St. Columba website on
your mobile device. Just say "St. Columba Cath-
olic Dothan Alabama" and you will be directed to
the mobile version of the website. Easy and
right at your fingertips!

VISIT US ON THE WEBSITE...Do you want to
know the events of the week? Do you wonder
what you need to do to get married at St. Co-
lumba? Do you want to learn more about the
Jubilee Year of Mercy? Do you need forms for
the next youth trip? Do you need the phone
number for the Church Office? Do you want to
be inspired? Do you want to watch videos that
will help you grow in your faith? If yes, go to our
website at <http://www.stcolumbacatholic.com/>.
You will find all of these items and much more
at the website. Come on in and take a look
around!

OUR PRAYERS FOR

This week we remember in our prayers the sick and the shut-ins. We pray also, for parishioners, and the hospitalized, especially, Coby Brazzelle, and Carol Lapham, as well as the deceased members of our parish family and friends, especially, Mary Ann Enos, Margarita Madariga, mother of Hermie Coppage, Paresia Klink, and Tom Wall, a former parishioner.

Weekday Mass Intentions for:

Monday: 9 am

Offered for the soul of Gale Kahnweiler (D)

Offered for the soul of De Le (D)

Tuesday: 9 am

Offered for All Souls (D)

Offered for the soul of Anna DiDomenico (D)

Offered for the soul of De Le (D)

Wednesday: 9 am

Offered for the soul of Thomas Lindsay (D)

Offered for the soul of Christopher Edward Eckl (D)

Offered for the soul of De Le (D)

Thursday: 9 am

Offered for the soul of Paul Fronk (D)

Offered for the soul of Kim & Sau Tran (D)

Friday: 9 am Mass

Offered for the soul of Hai Nguyen (D)

Offered for the souls of Florence & George Derrer (D)

Offered for the soul of Gail Norton (D)

Offered for the soul of Jerry Roach (D)

Offered for the soul of Jennie Vasta (D)

Saturday: 9am

Offered for the soul of Maria Gam (D)

Offered for the soul of Anton Luong (D)

Offered for the soul of Dora Brago (D)

For the intentions of the Thai Nguyen Family (L)

READINGS and FEASTS

Monday June 27 *Weekday*
Am 2:6-10, 13-16, Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday June 28 *St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr*
Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12, Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday June 29 *Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles*
Acts 12:1-11, 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18,
Mt 16:13-19

Thursday June 30 *Weekday*
Am 7:10-17, Mt 9:1-8

Friday July 1 *Weekday*
Am 8:4-6, 9-12, Mt 9:9-13

Saturday July 2 *Weekday*
Am 9:11-15, Mt 9:14-17

Sunday July 3 *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Is 66:10-14c, Gal 6:14-18, Lk 10:1-12,
17-20, or 10:1-9

FOR INFORMATION CALL

Pastoral Associate: Sr. Miriam Fiduccia, MSBT— 793-5802

Coordinator of Faith Formation: Doug Martin — 792-3065

R.C.I.A.: Deacon Rick Risher — 793-5802

Coordinator of the Life Teen Program: Doug Martin - 792-3065

Coordinator of Edge - Junior High Youth: Doug Martin-792-3065

Coordinator of Ignite - Elementary Youth: Katie Collins-792-3065

Nursery Coordinator: Lou Anne Kramer

Director of Music Ministry: Dan Farrell

Pastoral Council: Chairman - Stan Aman

Parish Finance Council: Chairman - Bill Entz

Liturgy & Spirituality Board: Seamus Feeley

Men of St. Joseph: Doug Martin - 723-5115

Boucher Activities Center Coordinator: Eric Brickman-797-5618

O'Hara Hall Hostess: Patsy Steele - 692-3909

CAPP Training: Deacon Rick & Kitty Risher-655-9085

Cursillo: Lorraine DeMayo—596-7576 / Bernardo DeFaria—714-0067

Knights of Columbus: Bob Nelson—793-2965

Catholic Social Services: Vickie Alleman, Director -793-3601

CSS Thrift Store: 702-4712