

St. Mary's & St. Joan of Arc Parishes

2022 Lenten Schedule of Event

(SM=St. Mary's, SJA=St. Joan of Arc)

LITURGY & WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022

SM: 6am, 7:15am, 8:15am (school Mass)
5:30pm Vespers w/Ashes Only (Not a Mass)
SJA - 12pm Mass

Weekday Masses

SM: (Mon-Fri): 6am, 7:15am, 8:15am (school Mass on Fridays)
Saturday: 7am

Sunday Masses

SM: 6am, 9:30am, 11:30am
SJA: Saturday: 4pm (Vigil), 8:30am

Confession Schedule

SM - Tuesday/Thursday: 5-6pm
½ hour before Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am Masses
OR BY APPOINTMENT
SJA - Saturdays 3:30pm

ADORATION/STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ADORATION

SM: Fridays 6:30am-5pm in the Chapel.
(If you are interested in scheduling a regular time slot,
please contact Millie Dixon at 251.432-8678.)

SM: Tuesdays/Thursdays 5-6pm (with Confessions)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SM: Fridays 6:00pm

KOC FISH FRY FRIDAYS - 5:30pm-7:30pm - GYM

March 4th - FISH FRY

March 11th - FISH FRY

March 18th - PASTA DINNER **

In observance of the Eve of the Solemnity of St. Joseph/St. Joseph's Altar
(see St. Joseph's Altar section for more details)

March 25th - PARISH FEAST **

In celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation,
St. Mary's Parish Feast Day

April 1st - FISH FRY

April 8th - FISH FRY

** Exemption from the Lenten requirement to abstain from meat
due to the feast day.



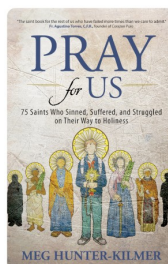
PARISH LENTEN MISSION:

March 14-16th

6pm-8pm

(Mass will be celebrated each evening beginning at 6pm followed by presentation)

UNEXPECTED SAINTS



Meg Hunter-Kilmer is a speaker, blogger, and hobo for Christ. In a world where comfort and stability trump passion and purpose, being homeless and unemployed for the sake of the kingdom doesn't make a lot of sense. Surely when Jesus sent the disciples out with only a walking stick he wasn't suggesting that I do the same, we think, and go back to scrolling through Facebook. But God is still calling and still

demanding radical discipleship. For some people, this radical discipleship takes place within the context of a "normal" life. For me, it's a little different. After two degrees in theology and five years of teaching religion, I felt that God was calling me to follow him in a more literal way, so I quit my job, packed everything into my car, and hit the road. Since June 2012, I've been a hobo for the kingdom, traveling the country speaking to anyone who'll listen about the goodness of God, Catholic apologetics, Christian morality, and the life of prayer. Go to www.stmarymobile.org or see the bulletin for further details.

PASTOR'S LENTEN BIBLE/BOOK STUDY

Pastor, Fr. Stephen Vrazel, will offer a bible/book study for four weeks beginning the 2nd Sunday of Lent from 5-6pm in the Sister of Mercy Building. The Passion Narratives will be discussed based on Fr. Raymond Brown's book, "A Crucified Christ in Holy Week: Essays on the Four Gospel Passion Narratives". The study dates are: March 13, 20, 27 and April 3. Suggested donation for book is \$10. Please call the parish office to order a book.

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

Friday, March 18th (Eve of the Feast Day)

5:30pm - GYM

(An Italian tradition with St. Patrick's Day included)

The Feast of St. Joseph, which always falls in the middle of Lent (March 19th), is specially commemorated and celebrated with a shrine and feast in many Italian churches and families. In Italy it is also Father's Day—fitting, as St. Joseph was, of course, the foster father of Jesus. This celebration is a symbolic "thank you" to Saint Joseph. It is a shared celebration with the entire community where the riches of food are given as alms to the poor: traditional etiquette is that no one can be turned away from this table. The heart of this tradition can be found in these three aspects:

*Veneration—special recognition of St. Joseph during Mass and at the "table."

*The Altar or Table—both a kind of "altar of reverence", and a communal celebration.

*The Poor—The intention of all the gifts is to help those in need.

Parishioners bring symbolic foods to the Altar to share. Irish AND Italian foods are welcome to celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph since the feast days are so close to one another. Donations and non-perishable goods will be collected to support the poor of our community. If you would like to be part of the committee to plan this beautiful celebration, please contact Emily Montague at emontague@stmarymobile.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MARRIAGE NIGHT

Tuesday, March 8th 6-8pm Sister of Mercy Building
"How You Get Through Disagreements"
Bridget Hannahan, PhD

RITE OF ELECTION (THIS IS NOT A MASS)

Sunday, March 13th 3:00pm at the Cathedral

LIFETEEN CAMP FUNDRAISERS

Bake Sales Second Sunday of the Month after the Masses
Saturday, March 26th 6-8pm **Movie Night/Parent Night Out**

PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 17th following the 9:30am Easter Sunday Mass.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2, all are invited to join a local Lenten vigil of prayer and fasting in front of Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic located at 717 Downtowner Loop. St. Mary parishioners will meet each Friday from 6am-noon. For more information, log on to mobile40daysforlife.com

SAVE THE DATE

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May 1st 3pm- [SM](#)

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Monday, March 7th 6pm - [SM](#)

FIRST COMMUNION INTERVIEWS

March 28-April 8th (more information on available time slots will be emailed out)



SAVE THE DATE

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

April 30th-May 1st - @ Holy Spirit Hall
Fairhope, AL

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Tuesday, May 10th - 6pm [SM](#)
(There will NOT be adoration/confessions in the Church on this Tuesday evening due to Confirmation)



GUIDELINES FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics, 14 years of age or older, on all Fridays during Lent (Code of Canon Law 1249-53). Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ (all adults are bound by the law of fast until the beginning of their sixtieth year). On all the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations" when considered together, should not equal the main meal and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

*WHAT IS TENEBRAE?

"Tenebrae is named after the Latin word for darkness and is a unique celebration typically of the early morning prayers of the Divine Office for the three days of the Easter Triduum. Tenebrae is first and foremost a catena of prayer, Scripture readings, and homiletic texts in which the words, events, and imagery of the Old and New Testaments converge. It has become the Church's cry of anguish in contemplating the death of her Divine Bridegroom. The immediate context concerns the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians, but their underlying meaning transcends the limits of any one point in history. What is being recounted is not simply the ruin of a city. It is the ruin and downfall of a universe, a lament for the entire gamut of human suffering that has descended upon the world because of the sin of Adam. It is a vision of destruction on an apocalyptic scale, a catastrophic vision of a world without Christ, a world without God." Tenebrae includes the use of fifteen candles on a hearse, the triangular candlestand. There is a ceremonial extinction of these candles as the prayers progress leaving one candle lit at the end of the rite, symbolizing Christ.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 10th- PALM SUNDAY

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE AT BOTH PARISHES

Wednesday, April 13th

6pm SMS Living Stations of the Cross [SM](#)

Thursday, April 14th- HOLY THURSDAY

10:00am SMS Living Stations of the Cross [SM](#)

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper [SM](#)

8:30pm-12am Adoration at the Repository [SM](#)

Friday, April 15th - GOOD FRIDAY

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion [SM](#)

6:30pm Stations of the Cross [SM](#)

7pm Tenebrae* [SM](#)

Saturday, April 16th - HOLY SATURDAY

9am Tenebrae* [SM](#)

3pm Confessions Available [SM](#)

8pm Easter Vigil [SM](#)

(For [SJA](#) Triduum service times, please contact SJA Parish Office at 251.432.3505.)

Sunday, April 17th - EASTER SUNDAY

[SM](#) 6am, 9:30am, 11:30am

(Easter Egg Hunt following 9:30am Mass)

[SJA](#) 8:30am

* See above for explanation of Tenebrae