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**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B, the Gospel of Mark)
— January 14, 2018**

Gospel Acclamation: We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. John 1:41, 17b

Changes in the Schedule Jan. 22-28th: Holy Mass will be offered Monday Jan 22 at 6:30 am and Wednesday, Jan 24 at 5:15 pm. Adoration will go on as scheduled from 9 am – 8 pm.

Fr. Irwin on a Personal Retreat Jan. 22-28th: Please contact Deacon Dave in case of emergency (his info. is at the top of the bulletin).

No Holy Mass at Sorrell Chapel until January 21st: due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

St. Martin is on Facebook: Check us out there at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. Be sure to like our page so you see all of our updates.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, January 14

No CCD K-8th
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am
No Holy Mass at Sorrell Chapel
No High School Meeting

Monday, January 15

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am

Tuesday, January 16

Men of St. Martin - 6:30 am
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Wednesday, January 17

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Thursday, January 18

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm
RCIA - 6:00 pm
Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, January 19

Holy Mass - 6:30 am

Saturday, January 20

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 4:45 to 5:15 pm
Holy Mass—5:30 pm

Sunday, January 21

CCD K – 8th - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
High School Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

Let's get our Kids to CCD on Sunday Mornings: Dear parents, with the year of religious education more than half over, please renew your resolve to have your children here each Sunday and on time: 8:30 am. Our parents, college students, & parishioners who have volunteered to serve as catechists for this year are working hard to help you pass on the faith to your kids. Let's honor their efforts and dedication!

Please pick up your New Envelopes in the Hall: your name should be on your set if you have had envelopes before. We did our best to keep everyone's numbers the same. **If you are getting envelopes for the first time, please take a set and write down your name and address and envelope number on the sheet provided.**

We welcome more Adorers: As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord next Sunday where we recall the 3 wise men who came to do the new born King homage and offer him gifts, please consider signing up for a time slot for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which is offered on Wednesdays from 9 am – 8 pm. It would be great if we had a few people per hour; that way, if someone will be out of town, there would be others to cover for that person.

We can also use substitutes. One of the greatest gifts we can give God is our time. Our dear Lord is just waiting on us to come and spend some time with him. For more info please contact Barbara Patterson [REDACTED].

Would You Like to Bulletin Emailed to You? Then simply send an email to smartinroyalabama@gmail.com. Please put "Email me the bulletin" in the subject line, and we will get it to you hot off the press!

Catholic Charities Appeal Begins Next Weekend: The Appeal funds all the programs for the poor, children, teens, the elderly, & our own ministry to college students at Troy University. The basic pledge is \$45 per month (\$540 per year). Please be on the lookout in your mail for an envelope from Catholic Charities. Many give more; some give less: we are just asked to give according to our means. When we give out of generosity and love, God uses our sacrificial gifts to truly bless others.

Fulfilling Last Year's Catholic Charities Pledge: Thank you all for the wonderful response we had to the Catholic Charities appeal last January. As we approach the end of the year in terms of the Catholic Charities appeal, please make sure that you make good on your pledge. Thank you very much.

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

Debi Green, The Spitulski Family, Mack Brownlee, Nicholas Drosyk, Ellen Blum and Brian Britt.
Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



Called to Lead Men's Conference February 21 at Holy Spirit Parish, Montgomery: (it will happen again in Mobile on February 22). Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, (a Franciscan priest) will be the featured speaker. Fr. Dave has spoken at many national events including Steubenville youth conferences, and he recently produced a series on the Holy Spirit called, "The Wild Goose" (check it out at www.thewildgooseisloose.com). This conference is open to men as well as young men who are juniors or seniors in high school. For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.mobarchconferences.org/called-to-lead>. The parish will reimburse you for the cost of the conference if you register and attend.

ACYC 2018 (Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference) "VERSO L'ALTO" (Toward the Heights) February 23- 25: at Perdido Beach Resort. The cost is \$100 per person or \$150 for two teens in a family. However, money should never stop anyone who is part of our youth group from going. Talk to Father Irwin or Emily or Parker if there is a problem. Please turn in your registration forms and payment no later than January 21st. Please see Emily or Parker for a registration form or call Adriana in the office.

The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG: is [REDACTED]. Please keep in mind that this code is for our parishioners and students only. I believe very strongly in honoring these sorts of rules. After all, if we want good Catholic material to learn from and share with our children, someone has to pay for it! (In case friends from other places enquire about getting access to FORMED, individuals are welcome to purchase access to the site as well as parishes). Thanks, Fr. Irwin

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – January 20, 2018

Greeters: Volunteers
Lectors: Anna Gooden, Brittney Meyer
Ushers: Barbara Staskowski, Doug Gooden
Gift Bearers: The Gooden Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Julia Tran, Dianne Leveque
Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday – January 21, 2018

Greeters: Herb and Anne Huner
Lectors: Chris Huner, Mike Orlofsky
Ushers: Mike Kreis, Herb Huner
Gift Bearers: The Chris Huner Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Randy Leutzinger, Jo Ann Gibson, Jeffrey Blair
Altar Servers: John Michael Childs, Mario and Isabel Robledo

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 – 25th: The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is celebrated Jan. 18-25, is "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power." The theme, taken from Exodus 15:6, points to the glorious power of God to draw people together in the desire for Christian unity.

The U.S. bishops annual novena 9 Days for Life: takes place January 18 – 26. *9 Days for Life* is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. Join to receive the novena through the 9 Days for Life app, daily emails, or daily texts. See below for information on how else you can get involved! #9DaysforLife #OurPrayersMatter. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. www.9daysforlife.com!

Monday, January 22 a day of Penance: is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. In all the dioceses of the United States, our bishops have asked that this day be observed as a particular day of penance for violations against the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion; they ask as well that this day be one of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. We ask parishioners to offer special prayers and do penance for that intention. Holy Mass will be offered at 6:30 am.

March for life Mobile, AL January 19th: Cathedral Square, Speakers begin at 1:00 pm, march at 1:45 pm. For more information: www.marchforlifemobile.org.

Thank You Catholic Extension Society: As we begin to make use of the new calendars provided by the Catholic Extension Society, it is appropriate for us to pray for God's blessing upon the Society since they gave us almost \$51,000 (about 8% of the total cost) to build our church back in the 1970's. (It is good for us to recall as well that we received sacrificial donations from St. Bernard in Alpena, Michigan and from a number of individuals and groups; we also received a loan of \$49,400 from the Archdiocese of Mobile).

Attention Ladies of the Parish: The Dothan Deanery Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) will hold its quarterly meeting and luncheon on January 26th in Andalusia at Christ the King. The day begins at 9; there will be a business meeting at 9:30 am, followed by the rosary, Mass, lunch, and speaker. Please let Pat Shakespeare (334) 222-1382 know by January 19th if you can attend.

Tithing Report January 7, 2018

Regular - \$4,347.54

Total - \$4,347.54

Renovation Campaign

Pledges Received - \$98,109.00
Percent of Total Pledged - 92%