

December 11, 2016



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

Honoring Our Past - Building Our Future

1390 Ashville Court (P.O. Box 525) Leeds, AL 35094
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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday thru Friday — 9:00 am

Saturday — Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm
(Confessions at 4:30 pm)

Sunday — 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish),
and 6:00 pm

FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am— Mass

9:30 am-12:00 pm— Exposition and
adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

12:00 pm— Anointing of the Sick and
Benediction (Luncheon will follow)

FIRST SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Rosary and Confessions from
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Guided Meditation and Mass from
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm

Pastor: Reverend Gray Bean, Ph.D. 352-3741

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Silverio Rubio-Roman 640-2872 or
577- 0366

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mrs. Christian Cockerham (Chair).....337-2990
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Ms. Bernadette Archer.....352-3741

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YOUTH GROUP DIRECTOR

Ms. Andrea Booker.....914-7884

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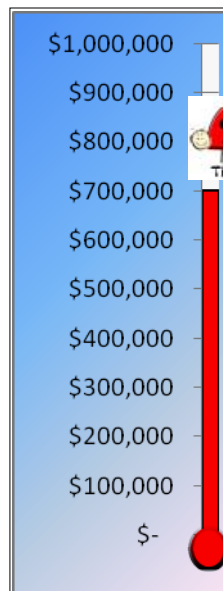
WE RECYCLE... bring your aluminum cans
ONLY. All proceeds will go to our
Youth Group.
Thanks for your support!



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Pledges Received: \$700,532



Thank you all who have joined our Parish Life Center campaign and have helped us reach 70% of our goal!

Special thanks to those who have paid their initial pledge and continue to add donations to the building fund... **and** those who did not complete a pledge card but contribute with their yellow Development envelopes each month!

If you know of anyone outside our parish community who would be interested in helping the campaign drive with a charitable contribution, please let Fr. Bean know.

...God Bless You for your Generosity!

BIRTHDAYS

December

- 10...John Coburn, Marcus Boles
11...Melissa Sahawneh-Corrington
12...Janice Mahoney, Christopher Ross, Savannah Weston, Bick Mitchell, Tammi Bernal
13...Jackson Colafrancesco, Jean Everett, Ellen Godfrey, James Coker, Marilou Rivas
15...Peggy Falletta, Jon Hamilton, Michael Byars, Michelle Baunach, Dominic Sipes
16...Joseph Regan, Joyce Birchfield, Kevin Kelly



Pray for
the sick:

Janet Bean, Josephine Graven, Jones Karen, Ricky Tucker, Mary Barrett Byrd, Martha Slatsky, Janis Welch, Paul Lipham, William Loris, Elizabeth Michlis, Anna Smith, John Joyner, Jennifer Morris, Kenna Parramore, Vivian Fuqua, Kathy Schramer, Grace Bryan Butler, Bill Fager, Chuck Jones, Paul Wright, Kim Lilly, Shirley Winslett, Clara LaRussa, Mary Toro, Don & Pat Standifer, Terry & Eileen Taylor, France Ragsdale, Caleb Williams, Paul Yeager, Richard Coyne, Godfrey Fayard, Joshua Hayes, Blake Alexander, Barbara Kuberski, Eugene and Libby Nabors, Louis Sprueill, Benny Garza, Patricia Maddux, Charlie-Kai Wadsworth, Don Mock, Katelyn Mock, Jeff Bearden, Curtis White, Cayden Cox, Jack Coppola, Rebecca Liechty, 7th grade PSR Prayer- Box, Ed Gimberg, Raymunda Longino, Alipio Tomas Jr, Carolyn Shaffer, John McLendon, Eugene Nabors, Doris Williams, Linda Jennings, Donna Ziegenbein, Cole Amundson, Tom and Cyndee Browner, Sammy Anselmo, Del Galdina, George Pilato, Rex Ziegenbein, Joy Kemper, Pat Kennedy, Reta McCombs, Sheila Blackston, Zachary Woolley, Susan Dose



Pray for the
homebound:

Audrey McGowan, Dean and Tom Atkinson, Lena Tudisco, Robert Godwin, Cathy Padgett, Anthony Oddo, James Coates, Virginia Hitechew, George Huffman, Catherine Owens, * Euel and Billie Musgrove

* if you would like to send a card or visit Euel and Billie Musgrove their address is— St. Martin's in the Pines, Reed House Cottage A 4953 Montevallo Rd., Birmingham, Al. 35210

RCIA

**RCIA CLASS: Wednesday, December 14
at 6:00 PM**

**Topic: Why is The Mass a Sacrifice?
Speaker: Fr. Bean**

**For more information contact
Eileen Vacheresse at 205-335-9531
E-mail: davev@grnonline.com**

ADULT EDUCATION

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE
EUCHARIST LOG ON TO FORMED.ORG
(parish code QHGBQM)**

- Catholicism, Episode 7: Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven
- Symbolon Part 2, Episode 2: The Eucharist: Source & Summit of Christian Life
- Symbolon Part 2, Episode 3: Walk Through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy YDisciple
- Living the Creed, Session 2: The Eucharist: Source & Summit of Christian Life
- YDisciple, Living the Creed, Session 3: Walk Through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy
- YDisciple, The Church, Session 4: Community Part 2
- YDisciple, The Sacraments, Sessions 3 & 4: The Eucharist, The Mass
- YDisciple, Discipleship Activity, The Word
- The Lamb's Supper audio by Scott Hahn

MARIA GORETTI PRAYER GROUP

**All St. Theresa young women are invited:
"Goretti Christmas Party"**

**Monday, December 19, 2016, 6:00-8:30
at the Vacheresse Home
1040 Montevallo Rd., Leeds, Al 35094
Snacks provided!**

**Movie – White Christmas, starring Bing Crosby
Christmas Cookie Exchange Please bring your favorite
Christmas cookies and copies of the recipe ***

GETTING MARRIED BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please contact the Parish Office at least **six months** prior to desired date.

Please make arrangements in Parish Office to attend pre-baptismal class prior to birth of child.

MINISTRY FOR THE SICK FUNERALS

If you would like to become part of this ministry or in need of its service, please call the Parish Office at 352-3741

Please contact the Parish Office before making Funeral Home arrangements.

2017 ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE
THEY ARE LOCATED IN THE VESTIBULE

If you do not find an envelope packet with your name on it please take one of that is unassigned and write your name on the envelope for two weeks. The number on the envelopes will then be assigned to your name.

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the House of the Lord"

Will you consider helping keep God's House clean? If so, you may sign up to clean the Church. You may sign up as an individual, a family, or a group. Please find the sign-up sheet in the foyer. May the Lord reward your generosity.

December Parish Pot Luck Dinner

The Parish Pot Luck Dinner will be Dec.15 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Bring something to share. Beverages will be provided. Come join with friends and meet new friends at this holiday season. What better way to do that than over good food someone else made!!

Parents, Please contact Samantha Wadsworth (samanthawads@gmail.com) if you would like for your children to participate in the Christmas play. The play will be right before the Mass at 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve. We will practice on Sunday, December 18 at 9:15 in the church (during PSR classes). We have costumes, however, you are welcome to make your own.

We have class this weekend and the next 12/11 & 12/18, then we will be off for Christmas break. Classes will resume on 1/8/17.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO OUR 2016 ANGEL TREE!

This year we received over \$5000.00 in gift card donations.

On Wednesday, December 7 the Youth Group went to Walmart and shopped for toys.

The clothing and other gifts will be purchased next week.

Many thanks to Susan Bertani who coordinated this effort and does all the shopping!





COUNCIL 5597 Knights of Columbus meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm. For more information call Alan Whaley at 205-335-2426. The KC Ladies Auxiliary invites ALL ladies age 18 and over to join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Our purpose is to support the Knights of Columbus' charitable causes in the Church and Community...and have fun too! For more information call Boots Barnard at 640-3350. 4th Degree meets every quarterly at church hall at 7:00 pm. Call Jerry Smith at 586-9731.

(Year - C)
Today's readings:

Isaiah 35:1-6a,10; James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11

4th Week of
Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7;
Matthew 1:18-24



EDUCATIONAL CORNER

Mass Intentions



DECEMBER

- Sat. 10(5:30pm): Sharon Neal...special intention
Sun.11(8:00am): For our parishioners
Sun.11(10:30am): Tom Shipman, Jr. ...R.I.P.
Sun.11(6:00pm): Evelyn Paffumi...R.I.P.
Tue. 13: Bernadette Marino...R.I.P.
Wed.14: Robert Bessette...R.I.P.
Thu. 15: Tiny Davidson...R.I.P.
Fri. 16: Eloise Mitchell...R.I.P.
Sat. 17(5:30pm): Ricky Smith...R.I.P.
Sun.18(8:00am): Maisy Schumann...R.I.P.
Sun.18(10:30am): For our parishioners
Sun.18(6:00pm): Leticia Tomas...special intention

FIRST READING: This part of the scriptures of Isaiah is actually an ancient hymn called "*The Lord will come to save*". This hymn celebrates the restored Jerusalem. The return of the exiles is compared to the Exodus from Egypt into the Promised Land. Physical healings and prosperity will mark the renewal of the land of the Chosen People. This restoration of Jerusalem and its environment is a type of the Church founded by Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This litany of praise calls to mind God's works of salvation. As in other psalms, this one encourages every individual to put his or her trust in God over earthly powers. An essential part of counting on God's help and protection is to love him by keeping his Commandments. An important aspect of being faithful to his will is a special concern for the poor and downtrodden. (CCC 150)

SECOND READING: St. James the Just was the first Bishop of Jerusalem. His major theme was sometimes called to be an example of Christian wisdom. The relationship between faith and works is a major theme in James's writings. Reiterating his call for patience in suffering and the building of virtue, James called for solidarity among Christians and strength in faith as he invited them to mirror the compassion and mercy of Christ. *The coming of the Lord*, The Second Coming of Christ to judge the world at the end of time. (CCC 1718)

GOSPEL: Christ pointed to his actions, in particular his miraculous healings, in answer to this question posed by the disciples of John the Baptist. All of these were signs of the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament. Through faith, we can see the Kingdom of God present through the miracles of Christ and his Church. (CCC 548-549, 2443)

DECEMBER 17/18:

LECTOR: 5:30pm—C. Whaley
8:00am—K. Reynolds
10:30am—Y. Chasteen
6:00pm—J. Reilly

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

5:30pm—M. Goforth
8:00am—B. Clanton
10:30am—Deacon
6:00pm—V. Oliver

USHERS/GREETERS:

5:30pm—S. Scherer, D. Eason, A. Whaley
8:00am—T. Taylor, M. Lovelady
10:30am—T.C. Shipman, L. Cockerham, D. Turner
6:00pm—J. Habrat, J. Reilly

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30pm—A. and A. Pantoja
8:00am—O. Lovelady
10:30am—S. Cantavespre, C. Sabri
6:00pm—G. and S. Bianca

QUICK GRASP OF CATHOLIC FAITH: CANON LAW

PASTORS OF A PARISH: What the Bishop is to the diocese, the Pastor is to the parish. The pastor's role includes broad teaching, sanctifying, and governing responsibilities, but on a human scale. A good pastor knows the people of the parish by name, visits their homes, and cares about them and for them at the turning points of their Christian lives. In the Catholic Church, as in other Christian churches, the Pastor is the mainstay of ministry. The title "pastor" comes from the Latin word for shepherd, which is one of the descriptions Jesus used for himself. The term "Pastor" has been used for the central ministerial role since the New Testament times. A pastor cares for the community entrusted to him, fulfilling the duties of teaching, sanctifying and governing. The pastor does so under the authority of the diocesan bishop, with whom he shares the ministry of Christ. His sacramental connection with the bishop in holy orders is one expression of the communion of the parish community with the diocesan church. The Pastor is charged to cooperate with other presbyters, deacons, and laypersons in carrying out his ministry to the parish community (c. 519)
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH PRIEST, FATHER GRAY BEAN.