

# Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

Mass times: Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:00AM, 10:30AM, 2:00PM, Tuesday-Friday 9:00AM

Confessions: Saturday 4:00PM, Sunday 7:30AM, 10:10AM, 1:30PM

**Mass Intentions:** Saturday, May 13, 5PM: Debbie Supernaugh (SI), Sunday, May 14, 8AM: 10:30AM: For the people, Tuesday, May 16, 9:00 AM: Janet Bean (SI), Wednesday, May 17, 9:00 AM: Raymunda Longino (SI) Thursday, May 18, 9:00 AM: Patricia Coburn (RIP), Friday May 19, 9:00 AM: Patricia Coburn (RIP)

**PARISH PRAYER LIST:** Patricia Kennedy, Janis Welch, John Joyner, Janet Bean, Bill Fagen, Chuck Jones, Shirley Winslett, Don & Pat Standifer, Terry & Eileen Taylor, Frances Ragsdale, Richard Coyne, Godfrey Fayard, Joshua Hayes, Barbara Kuberski, Eugene and Libby Nabors, Louis Spruceill, Benny Garza, Patricia Maddux, Charlie-Kai Wadsworth, Don Mock, Katelyn Mock, Jeff Bearden, Curtis White, Cayden Cox, Jack Coppola, Ed Gimberg, Raymunda Longino, Alipio Tomas Jr, Carolyn Shaffer, John McLendon, Doris Williams, Linda Jennings, Donna & Rex Ziegenbein, Cole Amundson, George Pilato, Joy Kemper, Reta McCombs, Sheila Blackston, Frankie Tortorigi, Sharon Neal, Maureen McDowell, Weston Ross, Tommy Priola, Marvin McCombs, Bonnie O'Neal, James Coates

*Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of May: FOR CHRISTIANS IN AFRICA...that Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.*

**NEW LECTURE SERIES WITH FR. BEAN:** "Christian Mysticism" 10:00-11:30AM each Wednesday in the Parish Life Center Hall. This Week's topic: Evagrius Ponticus and Prayer of the Mind and Heart

**ADULT EDUCATION/FORMATION:** Sundays @ 9:00 AM in the Parish Life Center Library

May 14 - Fr. Bean Catechist - Topic - Early Church Fathers

May 21 - Fr. Bean Catechist - Topic - Catholic culture: music, art, literature, and architecture

May 28 - Dave Vacheresse - Topic - Great Shrines, Apparitions and Miracles

June-TBA - field trip to EWTN with Eileen Vacheresse

**The last day of Faith Formation for the Spring Session is Sunday, May 21. See you at Totus Tuus in July! For more information on Faith Formation at our parish call DRE Samantha Wadsworth at the office: 352-3741**

**LEGION OF MARY MEETING** this Tuesday following the 9AM Mass in the Parish Life Center Library. The Legion Mary meets every week for Prayer and spiritual formation. The members of the Legion make a weekly visit to parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. Please prayerfully consider joining us.

**ST. MARIA GORETTI GROUP FOR GIRLS NEXT MEETING:** We will begin the Summer Session on Monday May 22. For more information on this group please call Eileen at 335-9531.

**The Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 PM in the Youth Rook of the Parish Life Center. For more information please call Andrea Mitchell at 914-7884.**

Congratulations and thank you! During the past four weeks we have collected and disbursed \$6670.00 for charity! \$3,356.00 for Her Choice Catholic Women's Center in Birmingham and \$3314.00 for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Mobile. You might want to look at these websites: [www.herchoicebirmingham.org](http://www.herchoicebirmingham.org) and [www.littlesistersofthepoormobile.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoormobile.org)

***The Father Jim Naughton Scholarship.*** Former Pastor Fr. Jim always demonstrated his great care and love for the youth. In his honor, we are using some funds, provided by him, to give our youth the opportunity to earn "The Father Jim Naughton Scholarship." This is the fourth year that our students, entering grades 6 - 12 next school-year, based on a set of criteria determined by the Finance Council, can apply for this scholarship. The scholarship is open to all registered youth of St. Theresa's parish. We are awarding three scholarships of \$1,000.00. Application Forms can be obtained in the parish office. The completed application must be returned along with required Essays and Letter of Recommendation by June 18, 2017.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY FUN AND 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FISHING DERBY:** Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-3PM, the Watkins Property, 3400 Cherokee Road, Pell City, AL 35128

For directions or more information please call Dr. Bill Watkins at (H) 640-7788 or (C) 919-0090

This year the theme is "Western Costume Day": Free hot dogs; bring something to share; Fishing; Rubber Duck Race; Pirate Boat Ride; Stage Coach Ride; 9-iron golf; Horseshoes; Nature Trail Walk; Indian Village; Porch Games!

**The Knights of Columbus announce, COMING IN JUNE: BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!** The St. Theresa Bingo will be on the first and third Friday of every month (starting on Friday, June 2). This event will take place in the Hall of the Parish Life Center. Cards will go on sale at 6:00 PM and the games will begin at 6:30 PM. There will be 6 games per evening with various cash payouts per game. Refreshments and snacks will be sold for a minimal price. No alcohol will be permitted. City ordinance prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from playing. Proceeds will benefit the payoff of the new Parish Life Center. Cost: 1 card...\$10, 2 cards...\$15, 3 cards...\$20, etc. Each card will allow you to play all six games.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- ***The Leeds Chamber of Commerce will host a "Ribbon Cutting" at our new Parish Life Center on Friday, May 19 at 10AM. The ceremony will be followed by a "walk-through" and cake and punch reception.***
- Totus Tuus is a Catholic "Vacation Bible School" type event for children. Our parish will be hosting it again this year. July 24-28, 2017
- *There will be an all-day "Fatima Conference" in the Parish Life Center on Saturday, July 8, 2017. Speakers will be members of the Sister Servants of the Eternal Word and Author and EWTN Host Donna Marie Cooper-O'Boyle*

#### **BISHOP BAKER ANNOUNCES MARIAN YEAR FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM:**

Enlisting the intercession of our Blessed Mother in our efforts to prepare for a Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in June of 2019, I hereby proclaim a Marian Year for the Diocese of Birmingham from May 13, 2017-May 13, 2018. We seek the support of the Woman who was the perfect disciple of Jesus in our efforts to become good disciples and good missionaries for the Lord. We are celebrating this Marian Year in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Mary to the three shepherd children of Fatima in Portugal, beginning on May 13, 1917. The messages of Mary at Fatima called for a deeper conversion, especially through praying the Rosary, a more intense spirit of sacrifice and penance for those who are far from the Lord, and greater devotion to the Lord of the Eucharist. Individuals could attempt to pray daily at least one decade of the Rosary, pray a special consecration to our blessed mother, such as the one we prayed when consecrating the Diocese of Birmingham to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on January 14, 2017, and attending Holy Mass on the First Saturday of each month. Marian feasts of the Church can be celebrated more intensely this year, including the Solemnity of the Assumption - August 15, the Feast of the Nativity of Mary - September 8, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - December 12, and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God - January 1, 2018. There would be parish celebrations for youth and adults and additional scheduled diocesan Marian events. Selective readings from the works of the great Marian Theologian, St. Louis Marie de Montfort, could be helpful for one's daily meditations. In last week's One Voice I included a few references from the works of this saint from my homily to the Legion of Mary members present for the Acies celebrations at Resurrection Church in Clanton. We are happy to invoke the support of the faithful disciple, Mary, the Mother of God, who helped her Son bear his cross and then endure a painful death on it, by not abandoning him in his most difficult moments - as most of his disciples did. We look to Mary to help us become better disciples of Jesus and better messengers and missionaries on his behalf, as Mary was at Guadalupe in Mexico, at Lourdes in France, and at Fatima in Portugal. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may become dedicated disciples and worthy missionaries of the message of divine mercy!