

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions for the Week: Saturday, March 3: 5:00PM, Janet Bean (SI), Sunday, March 4: 8:00AM, Craig Lagrone (RIP), 10:30AM, the People of the Parish, Monday, March 5: 9:00AM, Faye Quinn, (RIP), Tuesday, March 6: 9:00AM, Jaclyn Faircloth (RIP), Wednesday, March 7: 9:00AM, Robert Bessette (RIP), Thursday, March 8: 9:00AM, Craig Lagrone (RIP), Friday, March 9: 9:00AM, Sara Downing (RIP)

- SILENT HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: This Friday following the 9:00AM Mass. "Could you not watch with me one hour?"
- WEEKLY CONFESSION TIMES: Saturday at 3:30PM, Sunday at 7:30AM and 1:30PM & Special Lenten "TUESDAY CONFESSION NIGHTS": March 6, March 20, March 27. Fr. Bean will be in the confessional at 6:00PM on these Tuesday evenings for those who wish to make their Lenten confession.
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS, EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 6:00PM
This week "The Stations of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus"

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring "40 Cans for 40 Days" during Lent. All canned goods will be given to the Holy Rosary Food Pantry in Gate City. Last year we collected over 1000 pounds of canned goods! Please drop off your cans in the front foyer. Thanks!

THE ALTAR OF ST. JOSEPH: MARCH 18, IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER. ST. JOSEPH ROSARY AT 12:00PM FOLLOWED BY PRAYERS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS, FELLOWSHIP AND BLESSING OF THE FOOD/ALTAR. LUNCH SERVED AT 1:00PM. IN KEEPING OF THIS VERY OLD SICILIAN TRADITION WE ASK THAT YOU BRING A MEATLESS DISH, SALAD, DESSERT OR TEA. THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE FOYER. ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!

COMING SOON!!! You know Jesus and God the Father, but do you really know the Holy Spirit? Are you aware of the many gifts He has given you? Are you thirsting for more? The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Birmingham Diocese will present a one-day seminar entitled, "New Life in the Spirit", at St. Theresa Parish on Saturday March 24th from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm in the parish hall. Come learn about God's loving plan for your life and encounter His gifts for you. There is no fee and all are welcome! Lunch will be provided so please pre-register by March 19th. Participants are encouraged to bring a Bible and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the day of the seminar. For more information, please contact Kathy Tortorice (home 205- 426-1797 or cell 205-531-0930). To register, please contact the church office at 352-3741.

Fr. Bean will continue his exploration of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's "Jesus of Nazareth, From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration" this Wednesday at 10:00AM in the Parish Life Center Library. If you are reading ahead we will finish the Fourth Chapter.

Upcoming Events

- **24-hour Pro-Life Rosary** will take place on March 9-10, 3:00PM-3:00PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer. Come and spend half an hour in the church praying for an end to abortion and the triumph of the culture of life!
- **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** This session will be for old servers as well as any new kids who want to serve. Thursday, March 22, 6:30PM. Meet in the church.
- **The Ladies Auxiliary will offer Easter Baskets the weekends of March 17/18 and 24/25. Proceeds will go toward our Scholarship Fund and the summer youth programs. If you would like to donate a business service, gift certificate, or other item(s) that can be included in our baskets, please call Boots Barnard at 640-3350. The drawing will be on March 25th and winners will be contacted that week.**
- **A back to the basics evangelization workshop, "Becoming a Missionary Disciple", with Mr. Alex Kubick of the Diocese of Birmingham will be held April 10-12, 6:30-8:30PM each night. More information will follow. Mark your calendar!**

Parishioner spotlight.....



Our own Mary Ella Cockerham recently spent two days in Mobile, Alabama "going begging" with the Little Sisters of the Poor! Mary Ella is the daughter of Lance and Christian Cockerham. We are so proud of her! The photo includes Mary Ella and two of the Little Sisters who visited our parish recently. The Little Sisters of the Poor are an international congregation of Roman Catholic women religious founded in 1839 by Saint Jeanne Jugan. Together with a diverse network of collaborators, they serve the elderly poor in over 30 countries around the world. Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, their MISSION is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. Their VISION is to contribute to the Culture of Life by nurturing communities where each person is valued, the solidarity of the human family and the wisdom of age are celebrated, and the compassionate love of Christ is shared with all. Check out their website: www.littlesistersofthepoormobile.org Maybe they could be part of your Lenten almsgiving!?!?!

Quote of the Week: "There are more people converted from mortal sin to grace, than there are religious people converted from good to better to best." St. Bernard of Clairvaux