



*CATHEDRAL BASILICA
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MASSES:
Saturday Morning Mass 8:00 A.M.
Saturday (Eve of Sunday): 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
12:10 P.M.
Weekday: 12:10 P.M.
Holy Days, Eve of Feast: 5:30 P.M.
Feast: 12:10 P.M.

CONFESSIONS:
Daily: 11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M.
Saturday: 3:30 – 4:15
Anytime on request.

Cathedral Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 19, 2012

**It is I, I, who wipe out,
for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more.**

— Isaiah 43:25

**SCRIPTURE THEME:
FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

Isaiah announced the word of the Lord: "See, I am doing something new!" (Isaiah 43:19). And what was this new thing? A promise for a people who "did not call upon me" and "grew weary of me" (43:22); a promise of forgiveness. "It is I, I, who wipe out . . . your offenses; your sins I remember no more" (43:25).

Paul told the Corinthians—and tells us—that Jesus is God's "yes," and that all God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Does that include God's promise to forgive sins? Mark gives the answer when he relates how some people lowered a paralytic through a hole in the roof, seeking a cure.

As far as we can tell, no one requested forgiving the man's sins. But that's what Jesus did, exactly as Isaiah had announced. Then, lest anyone doubt his authority on earth to forgive sins, Jesus said, "Pick up your mat, and go home" (Mark 2:11). The man "rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away" (2:12).
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ASH WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday and a day of Fast and Abstinence. Fasting means having only one full meal. Catholics 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from meat. Catholics from age 18 through 59 are bound to fast. Invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt from both fasting and abstinence. We are bound to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

We will have Station of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday of Lent at 5:15 PM. Please plan to attend.



SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses next weekend for the Black and Indian Missions.

There will be only one Mass on Mardi Gras Day at the Cathedral. That Mass will be at 9:00 AM.

**Mass Intentions
Week Beginning Sunday, February 19, 2012**

Sunday February 19	8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Jacque W. Mayhall (L) Parishioners
Tuesday February 21	9:00 AM.	Dec. Member of the McGill Family
Wednesday February 22	12:10 P.M.	Anna & Harold Paige and Family
Thursday February 23	12:10 P.M.	Monica Z. Knight (L)
Friday February 24	12:10 PM	Katie Wilton

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations last weekend of \$2,859.42. Thank you.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES REPORT:

We had additional pledges this past weekend of \$10,546.00. Bringing our total pledges to \$39,717.00 and a total of 62 pledges for the Cathedral Parish. Our goal was \$52,500.00. We fell short of this goal by \$12,783.00. We wish to thank all of you who pledged to Catholic Charities. If you have not done so, and still wish to make a pledge please do so.

MARANATHA 5K

On March 3, everyone is invited to come out for the Maranatha 5K Race and Fun Run! The Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Student Center at South Alabama has organized a 5K Run called the Maranatha 5K to raise awareness for priestly vocations and to raise money to assist with the cost of educating the 21 seminarians of the Archdiocese of Mobile. Maranatha is the Greek word for "Come Lord Jesus." The race/walk will be held the morning of Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 8:00am on the campus of the University of South Alabama with a shorter 1 mile fun run that will begin at 9:00am.

Archbishop, Thomas J. Rodi, will preside over the prayer before the race and fire the opening gun to start the race. Many of our Seminarians will be present for the event as well. I will even run this race! Following the race there will be food, drinks, music, door prizes, and awards will be given to top performers overall and in each age division.

Please support the Maranatha 5K by registering to run. To register is simple! Registration forms can be printed from our race website: <http://www.southalabamacsa.com/5k> and you can register directly online. Donation to run is \$15 for adults (\$20 day of race) and \$12 for youth 16 and under (\$15 day of race). For more information, call Angelina Pierce at 51-343-3662 or email her at csajags@yahoo.com

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