


The A B Cs of Faith

Although things are not perfect
 Because of trial or pain
 Continue in thanksgiving
 Do not begin to blame
 Even when the times are hard
 Fierce winds are bound to blow
 God is forever able
 Hold on to what you know
 Imagine life without His love
 Joy would cease to be
 Keep thanking Him for all the things
 Love imparts to thee
 Move out of "Camp Complaining"
 No weapon that is known
 On earth can yield the power
 Praise can do alone
 Quit looking at the future
 Redeem the time at hand
 Start every day with worship
 To "thank" is a command
 Until we see Him coming
 Victorious in the sky
 We'll run the race with gratitude
 Xalting God most high
 Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
 Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!



Saint Patrick Lazarus: HELP THE NEEDY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON: Sponsor a family for \$30
 Thanks to your generosity we were able to blessed 51 needy families with Thanksgiving Dinners.
....For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...Matthew 25:35

Answers to What's Your Catholic IQ?

- (b)** Paul tells us that "love is patient, love is kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4) and that "love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8).
- (d)** Luke's Gospel tells the story of the Good Samaritan in chapter 10:29-37.
- (a)** A doxology is a short hymn of praise. The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology: "Through him, with him, in him..."
- (c)** Emperor Nero began the first documented case of imperial persecutions of Christians, blaming them for the burning of Rome in 64 A.D.
- (d)** The Manichaeans were part of the Gnostic movement that emphasized religious dualism: soul (the good) vs. body (the bad). Saint Augustine of Hippo experimented with Manichaeism before rejecting it.

Prayer for Christ the King Sunday
 O God who has set before us the great hope that Your kingdom shall be established on earth, so rule our lives by Your Spirit that all Our thoughts, desires, and acts being made obedient unto You, Your power, Your glory and the mightiness of Your kingdom may be made known unto men. Grant this O merciful Father for Jesus Christ's sake, Your son, our Lord. Amen

COMING UP COLLECTIONS:
 December 9: Retired Religious



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"Every Catholic an Apostle"

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE (EST)
WEEKEND MASSES:
 Saturday: 5:30 p.m. English
 Sunday: 8:30, 11:30 a.m., and 5p.m. English; 7:00 p.m. En Español

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
 Monday: NO MASS
 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9am
 Wed: 12:05pm Followed by Adoration
 Holy Days—as announced

PARISH COUNCIL: Second Monday of each month in the Parish Hall, at 5:30 pm.
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Third Monday of each month in the Parish Hall, at 5:30 pm

OUTREACH SCHEDULE: Wed. & Fridays 9 to 11:30am **THE THRIFT STORE** open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10a.m.—2p.m.
SACRAMENTS: For preparation and available dates for the sacraments: Baptisms, Matrimony, or a special Mass, please speak directly with Fr. David or call the office.

NEW IN OUR PARISH? Welcome! Please visit: <http://stpatsphenixcity.org>
 click the Register Now button and follow the instructions to create a new user account and register! Already register? go online! Create an account and you can update or make changes to your records.



Feast of Christ the King
November 25, 2012
All Around Us


The basic message of Jesus was: "The kingdom of God is here—and I am it!" But to us things look exactly like they always used to look. So we wonder: Where actually is this kingdom?
 Of course, the kingdom is a metaphor, not a definition. It is not a fact, but an event; it is all around us, all the time, just waiting to be entered. So, it is all right that our sense of the kingdom is a little vague. In fact, that just gives it more scope. But what is not all right is the way Christianity has moved the kingdom from earth to heaven, from now to the end of the world.
 It was an understandable option. When Jesus did not return immediately, as they expected, to set the world straight, the church settled down for the long haul. And when history did not bring the kingdom any closer, the easy solution was to put it off and up—out of sight and out of mind. Precisely the opposite of what Jesus intended.
 Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom of God, the governance of God, is here and now. It is not our place to put it off. It is our task to find it, to encourage it and to implement it. Everywhere.


Even among impoverished people? Yes. The kingdom is wherever God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Every place on earth is equidistant from God. So we must be able to find the kingdom in dirt roads, cardboard shacks, garbage heaps and filth-filled ditches. The kingdom is found where people share the road, walk the talk, find joy in sorrow and hope in despair.
 In our own rich nation there are evils enough for us to doubt the presence of God's kingdom. Yet, every person is dear to God. So it must be possible to do God's will as a homeless person, as a prostitute, as a gang member, as an addict. That seems to be the kind of people Jesus talked with about the kingdom. He even said they would enter the kingdom before virtuous people.
 If this offends our sense of propriety, of justice, then we mistake our idea of God's kingdom for God's idea of the kingdom. If God wanted perfection he would have made people differently. If God wanted justice, we would all be damned. If we depended on our own goodness, we would all be lost. No, what God wants, according to the prophet, is for us to love kindly and walk humbly with our God.

The difference the kingdom might make is more obvious in areas of poverty, disease and crime. It is harder to see among middle and upper classes. After all, when you have enough to eat, somewhere to sleep, good clothes to wear and a pension in the future, what more could God offer?
 But looks are deceiving. All this security makes us less dependent on God but somehow more anxious. Surveys have found that after a certain level of lifestyle, the degree of people's happiness is in inverse proportion to their wealth. By the time we finally get that heliport on the roof and a cell phone implanted in the brain, we should be totally miserable. And farther from the kingdom.
 The kingdom is here and now. But it will get even better. Someday, when we humans have done all the best and worst things possible to do, Jesus will present himself to humankind in his glorious splendor. And we will be so enamored, so smitten that we will do whatever he wants. We will be attracted like iron filings to a magnet, spun around in our tracks, lured into the kingdom.




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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Regular Collection: \$2826.01
Second Collection: \$525.00
Online giving: \$477.00
Thank You!



PRO-LIFE ROSARY, Every Saturday 5p.m.

Mass Intentions for this week

Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018: 5:30 p.m. Chris Iverson (+)

Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018 *Christ the King*

8:30 a.m. Robert Morin, Sr. (+)

11:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

5:00 p.m. Augustine Ayinmide (+)


7:00 p.m. For the Homeless


Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018: 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018 : 12:05 p.m. Followed
by adoration till 2p.m.**

Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018: 9a.m.

Friday, Nov. 30, 2018: 9:00a.m.

 **Scriptures Nov. 25—Dec. 02, 2018**
Sun Nov. 25: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:
 DN 7:13-14; RV 1:5-8; JN 18:33B-37
Mon Nov. 26: RV 14:1-3, 4B-5; LK 21:1-4
Tue Nov. 27: RV 14:14-19; LK 21:5-11
Wed Nov. 28: RV 15:1-4; LK 21:12-19
Thur Nov. 29: RV 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9A; LK 21:20-28
Fri Nov. 30: Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle
 ROM 10:9-18; MT 4:18-22
Sat Dec. 01: RV 22:1-7; LK 21:34-36
Sun Dec. 02: First Sunday of Advent: JER 33:14-16; 1
 THES 3:12—4:2; LK 21:25-28, 34-36

 **LADY OF GUADALUPE:** Please join us as we honor and remember the miracle that happened on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico nearly 500 years ago. Our Blessed Mother came to us in a time of need and left behind a message of love and compassion, and her universal promise of help and protection to all mankind. *The Novena to Our Lady starts Monday, Dec. 3th till Tuesday, Dec. 11th @ 7p.m.*

CELEBRATION: The Mass will be @ 8p.m. followed with Potluck Dinner after the Mass. Please bring your favorite dish to share. We encourage everyone to come dressed in their country of origin's traditional attire. See you there!

A loving, caring King

"Great peace have they who love My law." They see that from Me, the sovereign Ruler of the world, who governs all things with infinite wisdom, order, and love, nothing but good can spring; and that I can take care of them and their affairs far better and more successfully than they could do themselves. Thus, considering that all that happens to them comes from Me, they are strong with an invincible patience, and bear all things, not only with resignation, but with cheerfulness and joy, tasting in all that happens the sweetness of My ineffable love. And this is to believe, and meditate with a cheerful and grateful spirit, even in the midst of tribulations and difficulties, that it is I who sweetly dispose all things, and that whatever happens springs from the inexhaustible fountain of My goodness.

John 18:33b-37



Career aptitude

Oh how we love questionnaires. Whether it's a love compatibility quiz or an IQ assessment, we adore tallying up our scores. Find a quiz in your favorite magazine and it's almost impossible to resist circling the answers. Why? Hope. Hope that the answers to life's big questions can be found if we break them into a dozen smaller questions. Consider the aptitude tests we rely on in school and employment agencies. Why struggle with choosing a career path? How much easier to check a few boxes, circle a few multiple choice answers and presto! Your future career is decided.

But all the test scores in the world won't reveal our real vocation on earth. No matter what hat we wear from 9 to 5, each of is called to the same purpose. Like Jesus, we are born "to testify to the truth", sharing God's love and salvation with whomever we meet. It's our job, and if we don't do it, it simply won't get done. Still not convinced? Try answering these two simple questions: 1. Are you alive? 2. Are you a Christian? If you answered more than one yes, a satisfying career spreading the gospel is waiting for you.

FEAST OF OUR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

The Immaculate Conception its the Patronal feast of the Archdiocese of Mobile, all Catholics faithful of the Archdiocese are encourage to participate in this liturgical celebration.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Friday, December 8, 2018: 6p.m. followed by a Potluck dinner. Our Sodality Ladies will furnish the meat and drinks. Please bring your favorite dish to share,

Saturday, December 9, 2018: 9a.m.



Marriage Minute

What's one thing you wanted to change in your beloved this past week? No matter how annoying it was, can you let it go? OK, you can mention it once, but then decide to give your spouse a gift of your amnesia.

PARISHIONERS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS:

Jake Ryan, Jed Hardy and Greg Craig are deployed please keep them in your prayers.

SSG Seth Hamilton is back from Afghanistan!
Thank you for all the prayers!



PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Emerson Horner, Sr. Judy Jones, Joe Gagnon, Arthur Clements; Mrs. Cathy Sellers, Rob Wilburn, Tom Blythe, Thomas Walton, Donna Hershey. Your love one's name will appear on our list for at least four consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please renew your request by calling the office. Thank you.

PRAYER CHAIN: We want to help you storm heaven with special requests. Call Irene at (706) 888-1684.

Happy Birthday!:

- Nov. 1: Carol Blythe Marisela Del Toro
- Nov. 14: Fr. Sherwin Monteron
- Nov. 17: Ray Xuereb Edith Tomas
- Nov. 19: Rachel Lane
- Nov. 23: Fr. George Gonzalez
- Nov. 24: Kelly Catherine Villamora
- Congratulations on your Anniversary!
- Nov. 3, Gary & Carol Fortune 56 Years!



• Have a Birthday or Anniversary coming up?

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Religious Education
Educación Religiosa

The Religious Education office is open Mondays and Wednesday: from 9a.m. to 3p.m.

We celebrated the beautiful Sacrament of (1st) Reconciliation for our students! What a beautiful Gift God has given us for healing.

Do you need to "catch up" on your Sacraments? Have you never participated in Reconciliation, Communion, or Confirmation? It is never too late. Do you have questions about the Faith that you would like answered? RCIA is the place for you! Come see Father Dave or myself and we can get you started.

ATTENTION! It is almost time for Advent, and that means our Jesse Tree, Good Deed tree is returning! Your student, the RE teachers, and any Parishioner is invited to participate. Do something different then our normal duties! This encourages us to go above and beyond our normal routine and help our families, or do a kind deed for a stranger. Advent begins 2 December 2018, and so does our tree! Please write down any good deed, you or your student has done and give it to me. At the end of Advent a prize is awarded for the most good deeds. We have three levels: Pre K - 5th, 6th - 12, and adult. Let's get this tree decorated!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)! I would like to invite anyone that would like to learn more about our Faith to attend Thursday night Apologetics. We meet every Thursday at 6:45 pm until 8:00 pm. Come and see what we do!

No CCD Class on Nov. 25,

WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

1. In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul describes "love" as all of the following except: a) kind; (b) heavenly; (c) never failing; (d) patient
2. The parable of the Good Samaritan is found only in the Gospel of: a) John; (b) Matthew; (c) Mark; (d) Luke
3. The ending of the Eucharistic Prayer (including the Great Amen) is known as the: (a) Doxology; (b) Pax Romano; (c) Desiderata; (d) Agnus Del
4. Roman persecutions of the Christians began in 64 A.D. under Emperor (a) Constantine; (b) Henry VIII; (c) Nero; (d) Nemo
5. Which of the following is not a religious community? (a) Cistercians; (b) Franciscans; (c) Oblates of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; (d) Manichaeans

Answers are in the back!

THANKS! To all who contributed to the success of our cake sale. Hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving. The Ladies of Sodality.