



THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF  
**SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**


**16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 17, 2011**

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS AND PARISHIONERS

If you'd like to join our Parish Family please fill out the parish registration form in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket, mail to Post Office Box 998, Athens, AL 35612 or bring to the church office. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**Chapel Hours**  
**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:**  
 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.  
**Tuesday and Friday:**  
 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.  
**Other hours are by appointment.**

 **OUT OF RESPECT FOR JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND THE SACREDNESS OF THE SANCTUARY, and in consideration of those who come to Mass early or stay late to pray and meditate, kindly refrain from talking inside the church.**  
 This allows those who wish some quiet time with Jesus, their moments of devotion. **Socializing is always welcome in the vestibule, outside the church, or in the church hall.**  
 Thank you for your kind observance of this request!

- DATES TO REMEMBER**
- 7/16 **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL**
  - 7/18 Fr. Charley leaves for India. Please pray for a safe journey home and back.
  - 7/23-24 Second Collection: Propagation of the Faith
  - 8/6 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast at Applebees
  - 8/7 Reception for Jeff Davidson after 11:15 Mass  
 Jeff is leaving for seminary.



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*Excerpt from "The Imitation of Christ"*  
 by Thomas a Kempis

**OUR LORD SAYS: "THE REIGN OF GOD IS IN YOUR MIDST."** The only way your soul will find rest is to turn to God with your whole heart and abandon this wretched world. Learn to despise exterior things and give your attention to the inner things; then you will see the kingdom of God come within you.

**THE KINGDOM OF GOD MEANS PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,** which is denied to evil people. Our Lord will visit the devout with His consolations, if they will make room for Him in the depths of their hearts. This is where He desires to be, and He will bring them many graces and much peace, and the sublime intimacy of His presence.

**LOSE NO TIME, THEN FAITHFUL SOUL, IN PREPARING YOUR HEART TO MEET CHRIST,** the Beloved, so that He may come and live in you. Does He not say: "Anyone who loves Me will be true to My Word...; We will come to him and make Our dwelling place with him?" (John 14:23) Therefore, **MAKE ROOM FOR HIM IN YOUR HEART AND SHUT OUT ALL OTHERS. IF YOU HAVE CHRIST, YOU ARE RICH INDEED, FOR ONLY HE CAN FILL ALL YOUR NEEDS.** He will be your provider and defender and your faithful helper in every need, so that you need not trust in any other.

How quickly people change and fail us; but Christ abides forever and remains at our side to the end. No confidence is to be placed in mortal human beings, no matter how helpful they may be or how dear to us, for we are all frail. Neither should you be downcast if one day they are on your side and the next day they are against you; for humans are changeable like the wind.

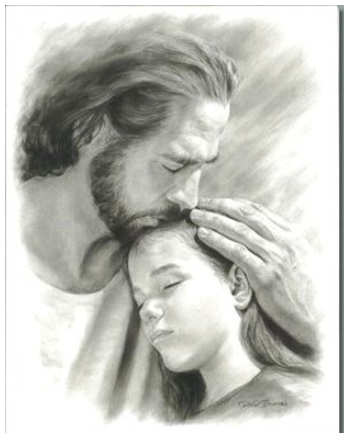
Therefore, **PUT YOUR COMPLETE TRUST IN GOD AND LET HIM BE THE CENTER OF YOUR LOVE AND FEAR.** He will answer for you and will do what He sees best for you.

What are you but an alien and a pilgrim! Only if you are united to Christ will you have a rest. Why do you look to have rest on this earth when it is not your true home? Your home is heaven and all earthly things are transitory and you as well. Do not cling to them, for you will be enmeshed in them and be destroyed. **DIRECT YOUR THOUGHTS UPWARD TO GOD, AND ALL YOUR PRAYER TO CHRIST CONTINUALLY.**

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CONTEMPLATE THE GODHEAD, THEN LET YOUR THOUGHTS DWELL ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST,** finding in those sacred wounds a home. If you fly to the wound in Christ's side, **YOU WILL FIND COMFORT IN ALL YOUR TROUBLES.** You will not care then if others despise you, and will easily bear up under criticism.

When our Lord lived on earth He was looked down upon by people, and in the hour of His greatest need, He was left by His friends to bear insults and shame. Can you dare to complain when Christ was so willing to suffer and be despised? Do you expect all to be your friends and patrons, when Christ was surrounded by enemies and slanderers?

...Suffer with Christ and for Christ, if you want to reign with Him. **IF ONCE YOU HAD ENTERED INTO THE INTERIOR OF JESUS AND THERE TASTED A LITTLE OF HIS ARDENT LOVE, you WOULD NOT CONSIDER YOUR OWN CONVENIENCE OR INCONVENIENCE,** but would even rejoice over insults done to you; for love of Jesus would urge you to despise yourself. Those who love Jesus and the truth, who lead an interior life free from unruly affections, can turn to God at will, lift themselves up in spirit and repose in Christ with joy...But because of your excess love of earthly things, many things displease and annoy you. Nothing so defiles and ensnares a person's heart as the undisciplined love of created things. If you will refuse outward consolations, then you will think of heavenly things and continually give praise to Him with a joyful heart.



"My Child" by David Bowman  
[www.bowman-art.com](http://www.bowman-art.com)

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

**July 18-July 24**

Mon 7/18		
Tues 7/19	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration Communion Service-Chapel <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed 7/20	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Communion Service-Chapel <i>Novena to St. Anthony</i>
Thur 7/21	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Communion Service-Chapel <i>Novena to St. Jude</i>
Fri 7/22	8:00 am 8:30 am 9—7 pm	Rosary & Adoration Communion Service-Chapel Adoration
Sat 7/23	8:00 am 8:30 am  4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary & Adoration Communion Service-Chapel <i>Novena to Miraculous Medal</i> Rosary Mass in the Church Hispanic Mass
Sun 7/24	8/8:30 am 10:45/11:15	Rosary/Mass Rosary/Mass

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)**  
Saturdays: 3:45-4:45 pm or by appointment



The Holy Rosary is prayed thirty minutes before each Mass.

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Altar Society:** 1st Tuesday, 9:30 am in Hall

**Bible Study Class:** Sundays 10:00-10:45 (resumes in the Fall)

**Breakfast Sunday:** 2nd & 4th Sunday

**Choir Practice:** Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm in Church

**Community Food Pantry Collection:**  
Basket in Church Vestibule

**Donut Sunday:** 1st Sunday after the 8:30 Mass

**Family Night:** 3rd Sunday, 5 pm in church hall

**Knights of Columbus:-** 2nd Tuesday, 6:45 pm in the old hall- (Eddie Davidson, Grand Knight 256-232-9293)

**RCIA:** Sundays 9:30 am in the old rectory.  
Call the office if interested.

**RE:** 9:50 am in the church; parents pick up at 10:45 in classrooms. (RESUMES IN THE FALL)

**Ladies Social Circle:** 4th Wednesday, 9:30 -11:30 am in the old rectory (RESUMES IN THE FALL)

**Ultreya:** 4th Thursday, 6:45 pm in the chapel

**Youth Group:** Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm- church hall Youth Room during school year

## FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE JULY 22

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER TO ST. MARY MAGDALENE



St. Mary Magdalene lived out her years after Jesus' death in a cave in Southern France receiving the Holy Eucharist daily by the angels as her only food. She died at age 72 and, just before she died, was transported miraculously to the chapel of St. Maximin where she received the last sacraments.

Saint Mary Magdalene,  
woman of many sins,  
who by conversion became  
the beloved of Jesus,  
thank you for your witness  
that Jesus forgives  
through the miracle of love.  
You, who already possess eternal happiness  
in His glorious presence,  
please intercede for me, so that some day  
I may share in the same everlasting joy.

Amen.

## VIAGGIAMO A ROMA! LET'S TRAVEL TO ROME! MAY 20—JUNE 2, 2012 14 DAY PILGRIMAGE

VISIT ROME, ASSISI, FLORENCE, PADUA,  
NICE, LOURDES AND FATIMA, AND MADRID  
AN AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE!

IF INTERESTED, REGISTER WITH FR. CHARLEY  
OR THE PARISH OFFICE BY  
\*\*\*\*\*AUGUST 1\*\*\*\*\*

12 NIGHTS—\$5,400

PICK UP A FLYER IN THE VESTIBULE TO  
GET MORE DETAILS!



### CONGRATULATIONS



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thomas & Callie Lipka    35 yrs 7/23  
Tanya Morris & Luis Blas    3 yrs 7/19

*May every joy you share and  
every challenge you face bring you closer  
together and closer to God, our Father.*

Flowers on the altar this week are in thanksgiving for the Carmelite orders and for the Holy Priesthood, given by Jayne Higginbotham who made her 1st Promise into the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites on July 16, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



### FOOD PANTRY



The food pantry is in need of  
Cooking Oil, Complete Meals,  
Dried Beans, Jelly, and  
Canned Chicken.

*Thanks for your continued support!*  
*Rachel Thompson*



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the newly elected officers of the Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight: Dave Moreau  
Deputy Grand Knight: Michael McLean  
Recorder: Steve AuBuchon  
Treasure: Eddie Alley

The Knights would like to thank past Grand Knight Eddie Davidson, Deputy Grand Knight Greg Beam and Recorder Jeff Davidson for their time and service to the council.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The St. Paul of Athens Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at

Applebees  
1331 Hwy 72, Athens  
August 6  
8—10 AM

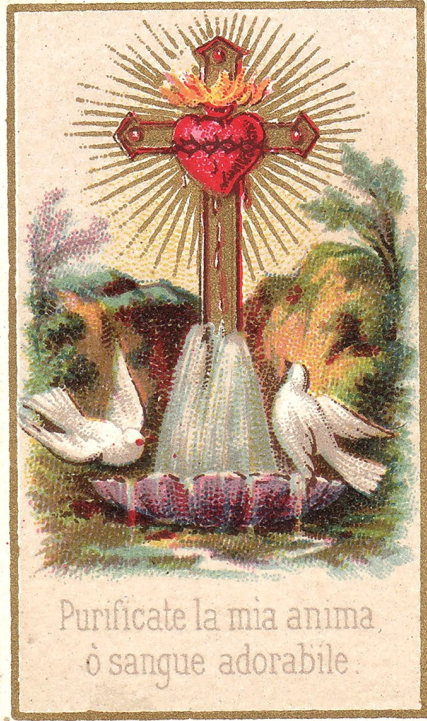
The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, juices, coffee and soft drinks. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold after all Masses on July 23-24 and July 30-31.

For more information, contact Don Wojtal at [owls\\_nest@bellsouth.net](mailto:owls_nest@bellsouth.net) or (256) 431-8243, or contact any of the Knights of Columbus from our parish.



*I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, the food you brought, the phone calls and all the visits you made to Rehab during the time of my knee surgery. I appreciated it so much and it is nice to know that there are so many thoughtful and caring people in our church community. My heartfelt thanks to all.*  
*June Mapleden*

**JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS**



Purify my soul o Adorable! Blood!

**PURIFICATION PRAYER OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN DE PAZZI**

Almighty Father,  
I place the Precious Blood of Jesus  
before my lips before I pray,  
that my prayers may be purified  
before they ascend to Your divine altar.

**OFFERING OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD**

Eternal Father,  
I offer You the  
Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ  
in atonement for my sins,  
and in supplication for  
the holy souls in Purgatory  
and for the needs of holy Church

-The Raccolta

*(The Raccolta is a collection of indulgenced prayers. A translation is on the internet at [www.franciscan-sfo.org/ap/rac/contents.htm](http://www.franciscan-sfo.org/ap/rac/contents.htm))*

**MASS READINGS THIS WEEK**

Sat 7/16	Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-12, 13-15 Mt 12:14-21
Sat Vigil/Sun 7/17	Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-30
Mon 7/18	Ex 14: 5-18 Ex 15: 1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 12: 38-42
Tues 7/19	Ex 14: 21—15:1 Ex 15: 8-9, 10, 12, 17 Mt 12: 46-50
Wed 7/20	Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19,23-24,25-26,27-28 Mt 13: 1-9
Thur 7/21	Ex 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Dan 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Mt 13: 10-17
Fri 7/22	SONG OF SONGS 3: 1-4b Ps 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18
Sat 7/23	Ex 24: 3-8 Ps 50: 1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Mt 13: 24-30
Sat Vigil/Sun 7/24	1 KINGS: 3: 5, 7-12 Ps 119:57,72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 13: 44-46

**OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST**

**TORNADO RELIEF INFORMATION**

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

If you are able to donate your TIME or any ITEMS,  
please contact:  
Kelley Smith—233-2323  
Disaster Volunteer Coordinator

**EWTN FAMILY CELEBRATION  
BJCC CONVENTION COMPLEX**

**JULY 23 & 24, 2011**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL**

**Free to the public**

*ewtn.com for information or  
contact Viewer Services  
at 205-271-2989.*

**SILENT RETREAT**

**AUGUST 1-5**

**\$375**

5-day Directed Retreat, Cullman  
Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center  
Silence, Daily Consultation with  
a spiritual director, time for  
personal prayer & reflection.  
Cost includes program, lodging  
meals and linens.

To register or for more information:

(256) 734-8302

or [retreats@shmon.org](mailto:retreats@shmon.org)



Fr Charley leaves **Monday, July 18**, to go home to India to visit his Mother and his family. Please remember to keep him in your prayers for a safe journey home, an enjoyable vacation with his family, and a safe journey back to us on **August 19**.

Bishop Foley has graciously agreed to celebrate Holy Mass for us each weekend and hear confessions each Saturday afternoon while Fr. Charley is away. The schedule will remain the same.

Weekday Rosary and Communion Service will follow the regular weekday schedule during Father's absence.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Laura West**

Al West's wife who passed away  
July 10th



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Norman Azizian**

William Bet-Sayad's  
brother-in-law who passed away July 10.

*"May the angels lead you into paradise;  
may the martyrs come to welcome you  
and take you to the holy city,  
the new and eternal Jerusalem."*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
CLASSES**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
CLASSES WILL RESUME  
IN THE FALL AS USUAL.**

**MORE INFORMATION  
WILL FOLLOW WHEN IT  
IS TIME TO REGISTER.**

**THANK YOU!  
THANK YOU!**



A very special THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Wine Tasting Fundraiser and to all those who participated. I think it's safe to say that everyone had a good time as well as learned some things they didn't know about wine! Thank you to Ron and Diane Jackson who organized the event and presented it. It was an enjoyable and educational evening for all who attended and, at the same time raised much needed funds for the new Religious Education Building!


<b>July 23/24, 2011 Server Schedule</b> To receive a schedule by e-mail, send your request to Tom at <a href="mailto:spschedule@bellsouth.net">spschedule@bellsouth.net</a>			<b>SERVER LISTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE</b> Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve. * Denotes designated temporary Deacon for this Mass.		
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers	Music
5 pm	Eva Trussell	John Morgan Thomas Lipka* Eugene Scarbel	Virgil Bartlow, Jr	John Diaz	Vocals
8:30	Karen Wood	Joe Serocki Jackie Serocki Lauretta Viglianco*	William Bet-Sayad	Matthew Meyer Arianna Cowan John Thomason	Guitar
11:15	Allen Saucier	Steve Kirkpatrick Maria Taylor David Toney*	Carl McLemore	Isaac Niedzwiecki Brandon Gonzalez Kevin Brown	Piano

**Dear God, we place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore to good physical & spiritual health, Your servants listed here.**

Darlene Kaufer	Terri Rankin	Eva Isdunis	Frank Ladiski	Millie Bloemer	Howard Vinson	Rima Feldman
Tim Counihan	Carol Bailey	John O'Neill	SPV Bradley Thompson	Susan Giddens	Michael Carrow	James Bowen
Pauline Garlen	Grace Hunt	Virginia Gould	Irene Vanslager	Mary Chambers	Kimberly Bush	Gregg Blythe
Kenny Carwile	Frank Pitruzzello	Bert Beam	Lee Becatti & family	Jose Guadalupe	Mike Pitruzzello	Jim Hill
Cathy Marten	Jim & June Jackson	Al West	Dale Borden	Sandoval	Noah Ritchey	Vic Acuff
Wayne Wood	Jackie Johnson	Jane Hargrove	Elliott Malone	Cathy Thompson-	Annika Glover	Susie Lee
June Maplesden	Margaret Stonecypher	Lolita Halsey	Rene Zaragoza	Terri Forbes	Jon McAnally	Traci Louis
Randy Brinkley	Splendi Ward	Pam Meyer	Gregory Carrow	Wesley Lavender	Randy Wales	Will Pekrul
Bob Khym	Irene & Robert Lee	John Ogle	Tate Jones	Marie Woodham	Marjorie Guenther	Linda Webb
Betty Bates	Marjorie Dissottle	Michael Miller	Mary Morgan	Helen Woods	Luis & Josefina Lopez	Teresa Vu
Maria Hetrick		Andy Beasley	Karen Hancock	Tom Mingus, Jr.	Sgt. Joe Salesky	Billy Griffin
Luzy Heard		Jim Flynt	Hoy Higginbotham	Bob McDonald	Julian Newman	Tim Salesky
			Andy Butcher	Kathy Foster	Mathias Grichtmeier	Julia Ryberg
			Terry Tyler	Bobby S. Gilbert	Edilberto Aliviado, Sr.	Norm Wilke
			Ryan Hudson	Marie Stephens	George Al Roberts	Della Rumore

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK, HOMEBOUND, MILITARY, AND OTHERS IN NEED. PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE!

**To remove, add/or relist a name, or to submit bulletin information, call 256-232-4191 or e-mail to: [stpauloffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpauloffice@gmail.com) by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Names on the prayer list may be removed after one month unless otherwise notified.**

 <b>Mass Intentions</b> <i>Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule</i>	
7/16 5 pm	Mass in memory of FLOYD "PEPE" CARMELLO (Tina Key's brother)
7/17 8:30	Mass in memory of DEDIE HORN (David Horn's mother)
11:15	Mass in memory of FLORA BUMGARDNER (Cely Peete's mother)
7/19 6 pm	Communion Service
7/20 8:30	Communion Service
7/21 8:30	Communion Service
7/22 8:30	Communion Service
7/23 5 pm	Mass for ST. PAUL PARISH FAMILY
7/24 8:30	Mass in memory of LINDALL "MONTE" WOFFORD (Doris Lawler's mother)
11:15	Mass in memory of CARL ALIVIADO (Cora Carwile's beloved uncle)

**PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACT PERSONS**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:**  
**Parents must be registered members of the parish 4-6 months;**  
 call the parish office for an appointment—232-4191

**HISPANIC MINISTRY:**  
 Maria Taylor, 233-0226

**MARRIAGES:**  
 Arrangements must be made six months in advance with the priest.

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:**  
 Stephen and Kristi AuBuchon, 230-0483,  
[www.birminghamcee.org](http://www.birminghamcee.org)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**  
 Tom & Becky Dollman, 233-0705  
 Jody & Toni Griffin, 614-0430

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**  
 Elizabeth Niedzwiecki, 230-0819

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING:**  
 Upon request: call the office prior to hospitalization, surgery or during illness.  
 After hours, call the rectory at

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS**  
 Birmingham (8/19-21)  
 Nashville (10/7-9); Huntsville (11/11-13)  
 Register at [www.mealabama.org](http://www.mealabama.org) or (800) 540-9963.

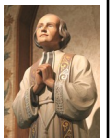
**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:**  
 Jul 8, Aug 12, Sep 16, Oct 14  
 Contact by e-mail at: [register.cebirmingham@gmail.com](mailto:register.cebirmingham@gmail.com)  
 or visit the website at [www.birminghamcee.org](http://www.birminghamcee.org)

**We're getting closer with the church website. You can now access the bulletin & server schedule. Still under construction! Keep praying!**

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Jesus, Eternal Priest, protect all our priests, Your servants, from all dangers and keep them safe in Your Sacred Heart. They are Yours and their life is offered in sacrifice at Your altar. Keep them pure of heart and aflame with the love of God and neighbor. Strengthen Your priests by living constantly in them, with them, and through them, especially in times of loneliness and afflictions, and when their life of sacrifice seems meaningless. Bless all their labors with abundant fruit. May they persevere in their vocation until the end. Mary, our Blessed Mother, wrap them under your mantle and save them from all worldly distractions. May the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation in this world and in Heaven, their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen

*Mary, Queen of Priests, pray for us.  
 St. John Vianney, pray for us.*



<b>Collection Report:</b> <b>July 10, 2011</b>		
<b>THANK YOU</b>	Regular	\$5,552
	Building	\$5,833
	Mission Co-op	\$3
	Burse Club	\$22