



THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF

# SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### AUGUST 28, 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

- 9/06 Altar Society Meeting: 9:30 in Church Hall
- 9/14 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
- 9/15 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
- 9/19-22 Diocesan Priest Retreat
- 9/24-25 Catholic Charities Pledge Weekend



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*Excerpt from "On the Royal Road of the Cross"  
from The Imitation of Christ  
by Thomas a Kempis*

*"If a man wishes to come after Me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and begin to follow in My footsteps" (Matt 16:24)*  
Many think this is a hard saying; but it will be far harder if, on the day of judgment, a person hears those terrible words: *"Out of My sight, you condemned, into that everlasting fire" (Matt 25:41)*



**THEY WHO GLADLY ACCEPT** and follow the word of the cross *now* will not then dread that sentence of eternal damnation. This sign of the cross shall appear in the heavens when our Lord comes to judge the world. Then all the servants of the cross, who made themselves like Christ Crucified, will go with great confidence before Christ, their Judge.

**WHY ARE YOU AFRAID** to take up your cross, since it is the *only* way to the kingdom of heaven? In the cross is salvation and life; in the cross is defense against our enemies. Through the cross heavenly sweetness is poured into our souls, our minds are strengthened and we experience spiritual joy.

In the cross is the height of virtue and the perfection of all sanctity. Without the cross there is no salvation for our souls, nor hope of life eternal.

**Take your cross, then, and follow Jesus, and you will go into everlasting life.**

**REMEMBER THAT JESUS HAS GONE BEFORE YOU** bearing His cross and has given His life for you upon that cross, so that *you* may bear your *own* cross and long to die on it for love of Him.

For if you *die* with Him, you will also *live* with Him;

and if you have shared His suffering, you will also share His glory.

**BEHOLD HOW IN THE CROSS** there is all and how all depends on our dying there; for there is no other way to life and interior peace *except* by way of the cross and by daily mortification. You can go anywhere you will, seek whatever you wish, but you will not find a higher road above nor safer road below than the road of the holy cross.

**NO MATTER HOW YOU PLAN THINGS** and arrange them to your liking, you *still* will find something to suffer, either willingly or unwillingly, and so you will *always* find the cross. Either you will suffer bodily pain, or you will endure in your soul tribulation of spirit.

**SOMETIMES GOD WILL LEAVE YOU TO YOUR OWN DEVICES** and sometimes your neighbor will irritate you; and what is worse, you will often be a trouble to your own self. No remedy or comfort can free you from this affliction or make it easier for you to bear; **you simply have to bear your cross as long as God wills it.**

**GOD WANTS YOU TO LEARN TO SUFFER TRIBULATION** without comfort and, submitting yourself entirely to Him, to grow in humility through tribulation. No one so deeply feels what Christ endured as one who has had to suffer as He did. The cross is always ready and waits everywhere for you; you cannot escape it no matter where you turn. Wherever you go, you take yourself with you and you will always meet yourself face to face. Look upward or downward, within yourself or without; everywhere you will find the cross. And everywhere you must be patient if you desire interior peace and to merit a crown in heaven.

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

**AUG 29 – SEPT 04**

Mon 8/29		Mass at the Prison
Tues 8/30	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed 8/31	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to St. Anthony</i>
Thur 9-01	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to St. Jude</i>
Fri 9/02	7:30 am 8:30 am 9—7 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel Adoration
Sat 9/03	8:00 am 8:30 am  4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to Miraculous Medal</i> Rosary Holy Mass in the Church Hispanic Mass
Sun 9/04	8/8:30 am 10:45/11:15	Rosary/Holy Mass Rosary/Holy Mass
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)</b> 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

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

**Choir Practice:** Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm in Church (Tim Gibbs, Director—230-0640)

**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— (Dave Moreau, Grand Knight 256-233-4610)

**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 SEPT 11)

**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

*My dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ*

*Thank you to all of you for your many prayers for me while I was traveling on vacation I had a very nice time visiting with my family and am happy to be back Please be sure of my prayers for you always  
Love and Prayers  
Fr. Charles*

### PLEASE PRAY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of



#### PATRICIA MILLER

who passed away August 21.  
Mrs. Miller was the mother of Chris Miller, Dorothy Brannan, and Julie Litz.

*"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."*

### PLEASE PRAY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of



#### KENNETH SHARP

Rachel Thompson's cousin who passed away August 6.

*"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."*

### PLEASE PRAY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of



#### JESSIE AGUILAR

Christina Beswick's nephew who was killed August 24 at the Krystal Restaurant in Decatur.

*"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."*

### FOOD PANTRY



The food pantry is in need of Instant Potatoes, Cooking Oil, Peanut Butter, and Crackers.

*Thank you for your continued support.  
Rachel Thompson*



Bring this Sunday Bulletin to Bojangles to receive a 10% discount!

**AUGUST 29**

### FEAST OF THE MARTYRDOM OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



#### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PRAYER

**God, You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation. Grant that, as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal life. Amen.**

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Roy & Sharon Lerner	11 yrs 9/07
Jose & Rita Ruiz	22 yrs 9/10
Anselmo & Veronica Sanchez	24 yrs 9/05
Tony & Lisa Smith	25 yrs 9/06
Eddie & Mona Davidson	27 yrs 9/08
Jose L & Maria Diaz	38 yrs 9/08
Sonny & Chris Webb	40 yrs 9/04

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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



**Religious Education Registration is  
NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4TH**

Forms are available in the vestibule and at the church website. Please attach payment and return in the collection basket or mail to the church office.

**Program fee this year is  
\$15 per child or  
\$30 max per family.**

**LATE REGISTRATION (after Sept 4th)  
\$20 per child \$40 max per family**

**Classes begin SEPTEMBER 11TH  
at 9:50 a.m. in the church.**

**AUGUST MONTH OF  
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**



**CHAPLET OF  
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

The Rosary of Mary's Immaculate Heart is said with an ordinary Rosary, as follows:

The **SIGN OF THE CROSS** is made **5 times** in veneration of the Savior's five Holy Wounds.

On the large beads is said:  
**SORROWFUL AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY,  
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SEEK REFUGE IN YOU.**

On the small beads is said:  
**HOLY MOTHER, SAVE US  
THROUGH YOUR IMMACULATE HEART'S  
FLAME OF LOVE.**

At the end,  
the **GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**  
is repeated **3 times**.



Blessed Jacinta of Fatima  
to her cousin, Lucia:

*"Tell everyone  
that Our Lord  
grants us all graces  
through the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary.  
That all must make their  
petitions to her.*

*That the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
desires that the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
be venerated.*

*Tell them that they should  
ask for peace  
from the Immaculate Heart of  
Mary  
as God has placed it in her  
hands."*



**FIRST FRIDAY**



**Friday, September 2  
is First Friday**  
Adoration of the  
Most Holy Eucharist  
begins in the chapel at  
**7:30 a.m.**  
followed by  
**Holy Mass**  
**at 8:30**

and Adoration **9 am until 7 pm.**

A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule.

**Come spend an hour with Jesus**

*"In the excess of the mercy of My Heart,  
I promise you that My all-powerful love will grant to all  
those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays  
for nine consecutive months, the grace of final  
repentance: they will not die in My displeasure, nor  
without receiving the sacraments; and My Heart will be  
their secure refuge in that last hour."*

*...Jesus Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary*

**FIRST SATURDAY**



As requested by  
Our Lady of Fatima, the  
**First Saturday of each  
month is dedicated to the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
in reparation for the sins  
of the world.**

**This Saturday, September 3,**  
The Holy Rosary and  
the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

begins at  
**8 a.m.** in the chapel followed by the  
Novena of the Miraculous Medal.

*"I promise to help at the hour of death,  
with the graces needed for salvation, whoever on the First  
Saturday of five consecutive months shall:*

1. *Confess and Receive Holy Communion*
2. *Recite five decades of the Holy Rosary*
3. *Keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."*

*(Our Lady at Fatima, Portugal 1917)*

*The Weekly Bulletin and the Servers List  
are available online at:  
[www.stpaulcatholicchurchathens.org](http://www.stpaulcatholicchurchathens.org)*

**MASS READING FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat 8/27 ST. MONICA	SIR 26:1-4, 13-16 Ps 131 LUKE 7:11-17
Sat Vigil/Sun 8/28	JER 20:7-9 Ps 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 ROM 12:1-2 MT 16 21-27
Mon 8/29 MARTYRDOM OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	JER 1:17-19 Ps 71:1-2,3-4a,5-6ab,15ab, 17 Mk 6:17-29
Tues 8/30	1 THESS 5 1-6, 9-11 Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14 Lk: 4:31-37
Wed 8/31	COL 1:1-8 Ps 52:10, 11 Lk 4:38-44
Thur 9/01	COL 1: 9-14 Ps 98: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11
Fri 9/02	1 THESS:4: 1-8 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mt 25: 1-13
Sat 9/03 ST. GREGORY THE GREAT	2 COR 4:1-2, 5-7 Ps 96 : 3 Lk 22:24-30
Sat Vigil/Sun 9/4	EZE 33:7-9 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 ROM 13:8-10; MT 18:15-20

**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

**INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT**  
Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman, AL  
**September 2-4**

This form of Christian prayer is rooted in the ancient  
Christian contemplative tradition and is intended to  
foster a deeper intimacy with Christ. Private rooms and  
the ability to maintain silence are required.

The cost for the weekend is \$195/person; lodging,  
meals, and linens are included.

For registration information and other details, please  
contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at  
(256) 734-8302 or by email at [retreats@shmon.org](mailto:retreats@shmon.org).

**HOSPICE OF LIMESTONE COUNTY  
VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

**September 15<sup>TH</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2011**  
Day & Evening Sessions  
Please Call Volunteer Coordinator  
Pam Smith for more information.  
Phone#: (256) 232-5017

## September 3-4, 2011 Server Schedule

To receive a schedule by e-mail,  
send your request to Tom at [spschedule@bellsouth.net](mailto:spschedule@bellsouth.net)

**SERVER LISTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE**

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	John Frey	John Frey* Patricia Frey Eva Trussell	Thomas Lipka	Sam AuBuchon	Organ
8:30	Kevin Gould	Tom Dollman Becky Dollman William Bet-Sayad*	Edward Borucki	John Thomason Joya Brinkley Matthew Meyer	Organ
11:15	Allen Saucier	Greg Beam Yvonne Dempsey* Carl McLemore	Michael Gould	Korey Brown Kevin Brown Sarah Niedzwiecki	Guitar

Kitchen Duty: Melvin and Diane Laxson

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

Eloise McLeod	Wayne Wood	Michael Harries	Joan Hendrick	PFC Bradley Thompson	Mary Chambers	Noah Ritchey
Randy Brinkley	June Maplesden	John O'Neill	Edward J. Johnson	Irene Vanslager	Cathy Thompson	Annika Glover
Lois Ware-Glasper	Terri Rankin	Luzy Heard	Michael Miller	Lee Becatti & family	Terri Forbes	Marjorie Guenther
Sandra Glovich	Carol Bailey	Al West	Andy Beasley	Dale Borden	Marie Woodham	Sgt. Joe Salesky
Jo Ann Harvey	Grace Hunt	Frank Pitruzzello	Jim Flynt	Elliott Malone	Tom Mingus, Jr.	Rima Feldman
Tim Counihan	Jim & June Jackson	Jane Hargrove	George Harvey, Jr.	Rene Zaragoza	Bobby S. Gilbert	Gregg Blythe
Maria Hetrick	Jackie Johnson	Lolita Halsey	Connie Haislip	Jose Guadalupe Sandoval	Gregory Carrow	Jim Hill
Betty Bates	Virginia Gould	Pam Meyer	George Reny	Edilberto Aliviado, Sr.	Kathy Foster	Vic Acuff
Bob Khym	Margaret Stonecypher	John Ogle	Mildred Slaten	Luis & Josefina Lopez	Marie Stephens	Traci Louis
Pauline Garlen	Splendi Ward		Loretta Gregg	Wesley Lavender	Terry Tyler	Will Pekrul
Bert Beam	Irene & Robert Lee		Carol Whitney	Tate Jones	Andy Butcher	Billy Griffin
Kenny Carwile	Marjorie Dissottle		Frank Ladiski	Mary Morgan	Howard Vinson	Tim Salesky
Cathy Marten	Eva Isdunis		Susan Giddens	Karen Hancock	Michael Carrow	Julia Ryberg
				Ryan Hudson	Kimberly Bush	Norm Wilke
				Millie Bloemer	Mathias Grichtmeier	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>	
8/27 5 pm	Mass for the intentions of <b>JUANITA HERRERA</b> (Eva Trussell's friend)
8/28 8:30	Mass in memory of <b>DEDIE HORN</b> (David Horn's mother)
11:15	Mass in memory of <b>KATHY BACHELOR</b>
8/30 6 pm	Mass for <b>THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY</b>
8/31 8:30	Mass in memory of <b>JESSIE AGUILAR</b> (Christina Beswick's nephew)
9/1 8:30	Mass in memory of <b>FR. JOSEPH ALLEN</b>
9/2 8:30	Mass
9/3 5 pm	Mass for healing for <b>JUANITA HERRERA</b> (Eva Trussell's friend)
9/4 8:30	Mass in memory of <b>KRISTOFER VOORHEES</b>
11:15	Mass for <b>ST. PAUL PARISH FAMILY</b>

**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 771-1164.

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

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:**  
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>YOU</b>
<b>August 21, 2011</b>		
Regular	\$3,265	
Building	\$5,574	
Assumption	\$170	
Burse Club	\$6	