



THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF

SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 4, 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 First meeting for Pilgrimage to Rome: 6:30 in the Chapel Sacristy
9/8	NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9/14	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
9/15	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
9/18	8:30 Mass: Religious Education Teacher Blessing
9/19-22	Diocesan Priest Retreat
9/24-25	Catholic Charities Pledge Weekend



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SEPTEMBER: MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows goes back to apostolic times. St. John the Evangelist can be considered as one of the first devotees of the Mother of Sorrows. He witnessed first-hand how Mary stood at the Cross of Her Son, suffering and grieving at the sight of her Son Who was dying an agonizing death by crucifixion. John recorded it in his Gospel -*John 19:25*.

Simeon prophesied at the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, that Mary's soul would be pierced by a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts would be revealed. Mary, as the first and greatest disciple of Jesus participated in a most deep and profound way in the redemptive work of her Son.

Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been honored by the Church since the 14th century. In many artists' depictions of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Blessed Mother's heart is pierced by seven swords which symbolize the seven sorrows of Mary's life. The Seven Sorrows are:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon
2. The Flight into Egypt
3. The Loss of the Holy Child in Jerusalem
4. Mary meets Jesus Carrying the Cross
5. Mary witnesses the Crucifixion and Death of Her Son
6. Mary Receives the Dead Body of Her Son
7. The Burial of Her Son and Closing of the Tomb

There are a few different Novenas to Our Lady of Sorrows; some begin on September 7 and continue through September 15, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows; others begin on her feast day and continue for 9 days.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

(After each prayer, say the Hail Mary, the Prayer to our Sorrowful Mother for a particular grace, and The Memorare)

September 7, Day 1: Prayer in honor of the First Sorrow of Mary

Most sorrowful Virgin, sorrow filled your heart when,
on offering your divine Son in the temple,
holy Simeon told you that a sword would pierce your soul
and you knew then that you would be asked to suffer with Jesus.

I wish to join with you in this sorrow, and I ask you,
O Queen of Martyrs, to obtain for me the grace that I
may always remember my death, which will help to keep me from all sin.

Hail Mary, Prayer for Grace, Memorare



THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

SEPT 05-SEPT 11

Mon 9/05		Mass at the Prison
Tues 9/06	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed 9/07	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to St. Anthony</i>
Thur 9/08	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Novena to St. Jude</i>
Fri 9/09	7:30 am 8:30 am 9—7 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel Adoration
Sat 9/10	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 9/11	8/8:30 am 10:45/11:15	Rosary/Holy Mass Rosary/Holy Mass

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



The Holy Rosary is prayed
thirty minutes before each

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

Bible Study Class: Sundays 10:00-10:45

Breakfast Sunday: Resumes in the spring

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: Resumes in the spring

Family Night: Announced in bulletin, 5 pm in
church hall

Knights of Columbus:- 2nd Tuesday, 6:45
pm in the church hall Youth Room— (Dave
Moreau, Grand Knight 256-233-4610)

RCIA: Sundays 9:30 am in the chapel. **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 church hall (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

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8 OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY

Mary the Dawn,
Christ the
Perfect Day;
Mary the Gate,
Christ the
Heav'nly Way!

Mary the Root,
Christ the
Mystic Vine;
Mary the Grape, Christ the Sacred Wine!

Mary the Wheat-sheaf,
Christ the Living Bread;
Mary the Rose-tree,
Christ the Rose blood-red!

Mary the Font, Christ the Cleansing Flood;
Mary the Chalice, Christ the Saving Blood!

Mary the Temple, Christ the Temple's Lord;
Mary the Shrine, Christ the God adored!

Mary the Beacon, Christ the Haven's Rest;
Mary the Mirror, Christ the Vision Blest!

Mary the Mother, Christ the Mother's Son;
Both ever blest while endless ages run.
Amen



LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

The Ladies Altar Society will meet this
Tuesday, September 6
at 9:30 a.m.
in the **church hall.**
All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

FOOD PANTRY



The food pantry is in need of
**Cooking oil, canned carrots,
canned northern beans, canned
pinto beans and canned corn**

*Thank you for your continued support.
Rachel Thompson*



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

PLEASE WELCOME THE
FOLLOWING TO OUR
PARISH:



Rick and Deb Luyk and family
Ryan and Amie Mandel and family
John and Ann Margaret Chapman
and family



CONGRATULATIONS



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THOSE WHO CELEBRATED LAST WEEK:

Billy & Tina Key	19 yrs 8/29
Scott & Dorothy Brannan	21 yrs 9/1
Michael & Dorothy Durr	22 yrs 9/2
Michael & Tina White	24 yrs 8/29
Joe & Sandra Mandarino	35 yrs 8/28
Perry & Marilyn Michael	45 yrs 9/3

and TO THOSE CELEBRATING THIS WEEK:

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

LATE REGISTRATION FEE AFTER TODAY

Forms are available in the vestibule and at
the church website. Please attach payment
and return in the collection plate 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.

SEPTEMBER, MONTH OF
OUR LADY OF SORROWS



NOVENA, CONTINUED

Day 2: Most holy and sorrowful Virgin, sorrow filled your motherly heart when you saw your divine Son hated by Herod and you had to flee with Him to Egypt, to save Him. I wish to join with you in this sorrow and ask you, O Queen of Martyrs, to obtain for me the grace to avoid all the temptations of my enemies on the difficult road to Heaven. *Hail Mary, Prayer for Grace, Memorare*

Day 3: Most sorrowful Virgin, sorrow filled your heart when you were separated from your Divine Son, Who remained lost for three days in Jerusalem while you looked everywhere for Him. I wish to join with you in the sorrow you felt then, and I ask you, O Queen of Martyrs, to obtain for me the grace never to lost Jesus, your Son, but always to remain united to Him by the help of His grace. *Hail Mary, etc.*

Day 4: Most sorrowful Mother, sorrow filled your motherly heart when you followed your dear Son to Calvary, and saw Him falling under the weight of the Cross. I wish to join with you in this sorrow, and I ask you, O Queen of Martyrs, to obtain for me the grace to bear with patience whatever cross it will please God to send me. *Hail Mary, etc.*

Day 5: Most sorrowful Mother, the greatest sorrow filled your heart when you stood near the Cross of Jesus, and watched Him die in suffering for the sins of the world, without being able to do anything to help Him. I wish to join with you in this sorrow, and ask you, O Queen of Martyrs, to obtain for me the grace to fight against all temptations, even

though it costs me effort and suffering and death, so that, strengthened by His love when I am dying, I may obtain the grace of a happy death. *Hail Mary, etc.*

Day 6: Most Sorrowful Mother, sorrow filled your heart when the adorable body of your Divine Son was taken down from the Cross and laid in your arms. I wish to join with you in this sorrow, and ask you to obtain for me the grace to receive Jesus into my soul before I die, so that I may be perfectly united to Him forever in Heaven. *Hail Mary, etc.*

Day 7: Most sorrowful Virgin, sorrow again filled your heart when the sacred body of Jesus was taken from your arms and placed in the grave. I wish to join with you in this last sorrow of yours, and ask you to obtain for me, through the sufferings of Jesus, which were the cause of all your sorrow, a sincere sorrow for my sins, a burning love for God, and a tender and practical devotion towards you. *Hail Mary, etc.*

Day 8 and Day 9: Pray the Hail Mary, the Prayer to our Sorrowful Mother for a particular grace and the Memorare.

**PRAYER TO OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER
FOR A PARTICULAR GRACE**

O most holy and afflicted Virgin,
Queen of Martyrs,
who stood on Mount Calvary
when your Son was in agony:
by the sword of sorrow which pierced your
heart, by the sufferings of your whole life on
earth, by your unspeakable joy in Heaven;
look down with maternal pity and tenderness
as I kneel before you to sympathize with
your sorrows, and to place my petition, with
childlike confidence, in your wounded heart.

I beg of you, dear Mother, to plead for me
with your Divine Son, since He can refuse
you nothing, and, through the merits of His
most Sacred Passion and Death, together
with your own suffering at the foot of His
Cross, so to move His Sacred Heart
that I may obtain this request ...
State your request

To whom shall I go in my needs and misery,
if not to you, O Mother most merciful,
you who pity us poor exiles still sighing in
this valley of tears? Offer to Jesus for us but
one drop of His most precious blood,
but one pang of His loving heart;
remind Him that you are our life,
our sweetness and our hope, and your
prayer on my behalf will be heard. Amen.

MASS READING FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 9/03 ST. GREGORY THE GREAT	2 COR 4:1-2, 5-7 Ps 96: 3 Lk 22:24-30
Sat Vigil/Sun 9/04	EZE 33:7-9 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 ROM 13: 8-10; MT 18:15-20
Mon 9/05	GEN 1: 26—2:3 Ps 90: 2, 3-5a,12-13, 14 and 16 1 THESS: 4: 1b-2, 9-12 Mt 6: 31-34
Tues 9/06	COL 2: 6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Lk 6:12-19
Wed 9/07	COL 3: 1-11 Ps 145: 2-3, 10-11,12-13ab Lk 6:20-26
Thur 9/08 THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	MIC 5: 1-4a Ps 13: 6ab, 6c MT 1: 18-23
Fri 9/09	1 TIM 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Lk 6: 39-42
Sat 9/10	1 TIM 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7 Lk 6:43-49
Sat Vigil/Sun 9/11	SIR 27:30—28: 7 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 ROM 14:7-9 MT 18:21-35

**All those going on the
pilgrimage to Rome will
meet, Tuesday, Sept. 6
at 6:30 pm in the chapel.**

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
Warehouse open from 8:30-3pm Saturdays
Clothing available through September 10

**POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL
National Honor Society Blood Drive**
September 7
8 am—2 pm
School library
Contact: (256) 430-1760 or
ksmith@jp2falcons.org

**HOSPICE OF LIMESTONE COUNTY
VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

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

September 10-11, 2011 Server Schedule			SERVER LISTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE		
To receive a schedule by e-mail, send your request to Tom at spschedule@bellsouth.net			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	Kathi Davis	John Morgan Thomas Lipka Eugene Scarbel*	Virgil Bartlow, Jr	John Diaz	Vocal
8:30	Joe Serocki	Tom Caillouet Linda Butler Chuck Butler*	Frank Westmoreland	Alexander Mingus Matthew Brannan Haley Branson	Guitar
11:15	Chris Miller	Chris Miller* Steve Kirkpatrick Maria Taylor	Carl McLemore	Isaac Niedzwiecki Adrianna Moore Grant Baugher	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...

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| 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 | Lois Graff | 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 by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Names on the prayer list may be removed after one month unless otherwise notified.

Mass Intentions	
<i>Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule</i>	
9/3 5 pm	Mass for the POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
9/4 8:30	Mass in memory of KRISTOFER VOORHEES
11:15	Mass for ST. PAUL PARISH FAMILY
9/6 6 pm	Mass for JESSICA MITCHELL ON HER BIRTHDAY
9/7 8:30	Mass in memory of PRISCILLA DIANA
9/8 8:30	Mass in memory of DENNIS PIPP
9/9 8:30	Mass for the INTENTIONS OF BILL & BETTY HANDS
9/10 5 pm	Mass for healing for RAMOND LA BRECQUE
9/11 8:30	Mass in memory of KRISTOFER VOORHEES
11:15	Mass for ST. PAUL PARISH FAMILY



Please Join us for Donuts and Coffee after the 8:30 Mass.

Collection Report:		YOU	
August 28, 2011			
Regular	\$4,279		
Building	\$5,468		
Assumption	\$5		
Burse Club	\$234		

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

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 or (800) 540-9963.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:
Sep 16, Oct 14
Contact by e-mail at: register.cebirmingham@gmail.com
or visit the website at 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.

