



*CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
of the  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

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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: Ten minutes before Mass.  
 Saturday: 3:30 – 4:15  
 Anytime on request.  
 Cathedral Office Hours:  
 Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
 Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

## First Sunday of Lent - March 13, 2011

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
and him alone shall you serve."

— Matthew 4:10

### SCRIPTURE THEME:

#### **STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION**

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.



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### LENTEN REMINDERS:

**A**bstinence: All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, unless a very serious reason excuses us on a particular Friday (excepting Good Friday, which must be observed always.)

**Lenten Devotions:** During Lent why not attend Mass every day. This could be the beginning of a very good habit. Daily Mass here at the Cathedral is at 12:10 P.M.

Also, as is customary, the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Friday afternoon at 5:15 P.M. Please make a special effort to attend.

### CATHEDRAL ALTAR SOCIETY:

The Cathedral Altar Society will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 17, at 6:00 PM in the Cathedral Rectory. All members are encouraged to attend.

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### **Mass Intentions Week Beginning Sunday, March 13, 2011**

Sunday March 13	10:30 A.M. Parishioners
Tuesday March 15	12:10 P.M. Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday March 16	12:10 P.M. Robin B. Baggett
Thursday March 17	12:10 P.M.
Friday March 18	12:10 P.M. Mary Conwell
Saturday March 19	8:00 A.M. Mary Frances Alexander

### TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations for last weekend. Thank you.



### CATHEDRAL PRAYER NETWORK:

If you have a special intention please call the Prayer Request Line at the Cathedral Rectory at 434-8291 and leave the name of the persons you wish to have prayed for and the reason. Your request will be relayed to the members of the network. Your request will remain confidential. **Next Sunday the Prayer Group will have their monthly gathering at the Cathedral Rectory at 2:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.**



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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Having an emergency? Contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we may be able to help you. Call (251) 442-1122 and leave a message. **Please help us help other.** Contributions may be left in the Poor Box at the rear of the church or you can mail a check to The Cathedral Downtown Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 161, Mobile, AL 36601. **Join us!** Come to our meetings to learn more about the charitable works of this organization. Meetings are on the **First and Third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 pm in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue.

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