



*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: 11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M.
Saturday: 3:30 – 4:15
Anytime on request.

Cathedral Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 30, 2011
The greatest among you must be your servant.
— Matthew 23:11

SCRIPTURE THEME:
GOD IS IN CHARGE

“Who do you think you are?!” today’s readings demand. We are brought up short, put in our place, given a dose of reality. Who is God? Who is in charge? Who is the greatest?

We begin with a passage from the prophet Malachi, one of the latest prophets, who wrote after the Jews returned from Babylon. Calling the people to task in God’s name, he condemns the divisions and false teachings that have arisen, reminding them that all were created by the one God. Paul tells the Thessalonians the same thing, but in a positive way—praising them for remembering that it is God who is at work within them.

Finally, the Gospel presents Jesus speaking out against hypocrisy and vainglory. “You have but one teacher . . . you have but one Father” (Matthew 23:8, 9). We are firmly put in our place. God is in charge.

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ALL SAINT’S DAY:

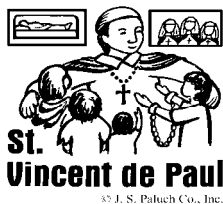
Tuesday of this week is All Saint’s Day, a holyday of obligation and all are required to observe the holyday by attending Mass. Masses here in the Cathedral will be on Monday evening at 5:30 PM and on Tuesday at 12:10 PM

ALL SOUL’S DAY:

November is dedicated to remembering all those who have died. The month begins, after All Saints Day, with a special day commemorating all the Dead. It is the time when we are reminded of the people in our lives who have died. It is also a time when we are reminded of our own impending death and our subsequent union with God. If you would like to have a loved one remembered at daily Mass please list their names on an All Soul’s envelope and place it in the collection basket at the Offertory.

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.



There will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses this weekend to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Mass Intentions
Week Beginning Sunday, October 30, 2011

Sunday October 30	10:30 A.M.	Parishioners
Wednesday November 2	12:10 PM	Dec. Members of the McGill Class of 1952
Thursday Nov. 3	12:10 P.M.	Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Friday Nov. 4	12:10 P.M.	John R. Cavanaugh
Saturday Nov. 5	8:00 A.M.	Thomas Sharp, Jr.

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

I have now been the rector of our historic Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception for five months. It is such a pleasure to be here and to count myself as part of the cathedral family. As I have been settling in to my new roles, I have felt most welcomed and I am very grateful for that. One of the things that I have observed over the past few months is that our Sunday Collections have been decreasing. Hopefully this was just the result of summer vacations and other plans. I would like to take this time to encourage you as parishioners of the Cathedral to give generously as in the past. We rely on your financial contributions to pay our bills. Although we do receive a subsidy from the Archdiocese, it does not cover everything. We still have to do our part. To paraphrase the old saying that “many hands make light work” I would also say that “many contributions make less worry.” Thank you for your prayerful consideration and may God bless you all. Msgr. Martin.

The offertory collection for last weekend was \$2,334.12 and for the Propagation of the Faith \$460.12. Thank you for your tithes and donations.

CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET:

Lila Rose, president of Live Action, will be the speaker at this year’s Celebrate Life banquet, a benefit for “2B” Choices for Women. Lila Rose has led numerous undercover investigations exposing Planned Parenthood’s corruption and illegal activity. Lila is a frequent guest on radio and television programs. The banquet will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6th, at the Renaissance River-view Plaza. Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please make plans to join us at this most exciting event. Reservations are \$40 per person or \$400 per table. Please call Connie Arensberg at 470-1971 to make your reservation.

DEVELOPMENT FUND:

There will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses next weekend for the Cathedral Development Fund.

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