St. Maurice Catholic Church

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Rectory: 251-867-5189
Fr. Pat's cell # 251-769-3324
Pastor: Rev. Patrick J. Madden
Deacon: Terrence Anderson

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Sat. 5-5:30 PM and anytime by appointment
BAPTISM: Please contact pastor when you anticipate a baptism in the near future.
WEDDINGS: Please contact pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date.
ILLNESS: Please contact the Rectory & leave a message, or call Fr. Pat's cell number, when a parishioner is ill or in the hospital.

Parish Council Members

Lisa Templeton – Education	209-3396
Fred Nordmeyer – Parish Life	867-2692
Wiley Downing – Finance	362-0166
Stephen Tidwell – Buildings & Grounds	369-3157
Terry Anderson – Deacon	809-0051

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WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday, 6:00 PM; Sunday, 9:00 AM
WEEKDAY MASSES: Tues. & Thurs., 6:00 PM; Wed. & Fri., 8:30 AM
***Hispanic Mass** – 3rd Sunday of the Month @ 11 AM*

Monthly Schedule:
February 4 – ACYC dinner and bingo Fundraiser at 6:45 p.m.
February 5 – Sunday School / Confirmation Class from 6-8 p.m.
February 7 – 10 – **NO WEEKDAY MASS**
February 8 – Adult Scripture Group at 9:00 a.m. / Soul Sister's at 6:00 p.m.
February 12 – Sunday School
February 14 – T.V. Mass in Mobile
February 15 – Adult Scripture Group at 9:00 a.m.
February 19 – Sunday School / Spanish Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Misa en español: el Domingo de cada mes a las 11 de la mañana (el 19 de Febrero).

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 5TH , 2017

COLLECTION RESULTS FOR JANUARY 28TH AND 29TH : REGULAR $1,285.00 AND BUILDING FUND $40.00

We are currently building a parish website: www.saintmauricebrewton.org log on and watch us grow!

- Father Mesa will be celebrating Mass on February 4th and Father Milsted will be celebrating Mass on February 5th as Father Pat recovers from wrist surgery.
- February 4th at 6:45 p.m. we will have our ACYC Fundraiser: Hearts for Haiti. Join us for a fun evening of dinner and bingo.
- Sunday February 5th from 6-8 p.m. will be our next Confirmation Class.
- ACYC will be February 17-19 in Orange Beach. See Terry Reiss for further information if you a have high school student who wishes to attend.

St Maurice Parish Bulletin Insert

Pastor's Corner

As we continue our Liturgy now in the Ordinary Season of the Year , its time to get back to basis's . Last weeks Gospel of the Beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel gives us a opportunity to dig deeper into a theme that Jesus and First Century Christians would have understood very clearly as opposed to all of us who have heard this scripture passage collectively for over 2,000 years. Jesus main message is that people who live in the Kingdom of God see the world we live in , from a different Kingdom perspective. It is this perspective I want to reflect upon with you. The Beatitudes reflect what many scholars today call "non" dualistic or contemplative theology. This approach to life's issues challenges us to see a broader life-giving horizon then a "dualistic "mentality can offer. Dualistic thinking is our way of reading reality from the position of patterns of structure that represent the familiar or ordered expectations. This means our first response to complex issues is to find a way to fit them into labels, categories , right/wrong, winners/losers, haves/have-not's. Or to put it into political terms Republican or Democrat. The Beatitudes remind us of the mind of Christ , who always challenges the status quo or structures of his day to reach towards values and actions that seek to develop answers to our present days complex issues that offer solutions which build up God's Kingdom. We pray at every mass "thy Kingdom come" the Beatitudes remind us that our kingdom then must be decreased for God's Kingdom to increase. Complex issues : Immigration, Racism, Violence at Home and conflicts in countries , health care, poverty and so many other issues ; solutions that bring hope and justice can only come out of a different mind set then they originated from. One source I base my ideas upon besides sacred scripture (daily meditations from cac.org) Center for Action and Contemplation – Fr. Richard Rohr OFM.

<u>Posting of the collection results for January 28th and 29th are: Regular $1,285.00 and Building Fund $40.00</u>

Soul Sister's is having a canned food drive and will be donating items to St. Stephen's food pantry. A box is located in the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your help!

Activities for February:

February 4 – ACYC Dinner and Bingo Fundraiser at 6:45 p.m.
February 5 – Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. & Confirmation Class from 6-8 p.m.
February 7-10- No Weekday Mass
February 8 – Adult Scripture Group at 9:00 a.m. / Soul Sister's at 6:00 a.m.
February 12 – Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
February 14 – T.V. Mass in Mobile
February 15 – Adult Discussion Group at 9:00 a.m.
February 17-19 – ACYC in Orange Beach. (For High School Students Only)

The dates for Sunday School in February are as follows: 5th, 12th, 19th and the 26th.

February 4th there will be dinner and bingo in the Parish Hall directly following Mass. Come on over and enjoy an evening of fun with your Parish family!

For anyone interested in attending a TV Mass at the Visitation Monastery please mark your calendars! On February 14th our very own Ms. Barbra Comander will be playing during the Mass that day!

New Parish Council minutes are available in the back of the church for anyone interested in a copy.