

## ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter ~

Father Sreboth, will be on vacation April 23 thru May 18. There will be no weekday Masses during this time.

### **Msgr. F. Charles Troncale**

He will cover for Fr. Sreboth (on vacation, April 23-May 18) on 3 successive weekends, beginning April 28.

**Easter commemorates Jesus'** Resurrection from the dead. It is the greatest of all Christian festivals, having the central place in the liturgical year. The Easter season continues from Easter Sunday to Trinity Sunday inclusive.

White is the liturgical color for Sundays during the Easter season. It is a symbol of joy, purity, innocence, holiness, & glory. So, white truly symbolizes the risen Christ & his salvific effects on us during the Easter season.

### **Easter Season Readings**

Joy is expressed in the Mass readings & prayers. The Gospels are taken from St. John & focus on Jesus' message in the light of Easter. The 1<sup>st</sup> Readings are taken from the Acts of the Apostles & set before us the history of the primitive Christian community with its accent on joy & fervor flowing from knowledge of Jesus' Resurrection.

### **Paschal Candle after Pentecost**

It is kept near the baptismal font to be used during baptismal ceremonies & is also available for Funeral Rites by being placed near the casket during the Funeral Mass. The Paschal Candle is lit for the funeral.

**Easter Duty** is the grave obligation each Catholic has to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. In America, it is from the First Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday inclusive.

"I know without a doubt, that abortion is a violent act of murder and exploitation. And I know that our responsibility is to work and pray without ceasing for its end."

*Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila - January 22, 2013*

**"The St. Vincent de Paul Society has produced a 10-episode series of 30-minute TV programs for EWTN TV that will air every week over the next ten weeks starting Sunday March 4. The programs will be shown twice on Sundays, at 5:30 am & 3:30 pm CT, and then repeated again the following Saturday at 5 pm CT. These programs show the many different activities that Vincentians do to serve those in need around the country. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is very active throughout the Archdiocese of Mobile."**

### **Paschal Candle**

It is a large wax candle, usually decorated, blessed at the beginning of the Easter Vigil liturgy. It is placed near the altar or pulpit & lighted during liturgical services. The Alpha above the Cross & the Omega below indicate that Christ is really the beginning & end of all. On the 4 sides of the Cross are numbers of the current year. A singer proclaims the solemn hymn of praise, Exsultet, with its theme of Jesus' triumph over darkness. So, the Paschal Candle is the symbol of the risen Savior, the light of the world.

### **Easter Season**

It spans from Easter to Pentecost. The Paschal Candle shines forth until the Ascension to signify the Risen Christ. The principal characteristic of this season is the frequent use of "alleluia" which is the chant of victory. Jesus was victorious over sin & death. " Alleluia" anticipates the bliss of heaven, as we move forward on our journey to heaven.

**Pentecost** commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. It takes its name from the fact that it comes about 50 days after Easter. Originally in the Old Testament (Deut. 16:9), it was called the Feast of Weeks & fell on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Passover. The first fruits of the corn harvest were offered to the Lord. Later, the giving of the law to Moses was also celebrated. In 2015, Pentecost is on May 24. Red vestments are worn to celebrate the Holy Spirit's intrusion into the Apostles. They were fired up to spread the Gospel to all nations, as they themselves lived & proclaimed the same Gospel.

Catholic Social Services Thrift Store is in the need of gently used furniture and household items. We are unable to take mattresses, electronics (T.V.'s, computers, etc...), books or toys at this time. Drop off at Catholic Social Service, 4455 Narrow Lane Rd., Montgomery, Al. Thank you & God Bless



The Catholic Young Adults of Montgomery invite

all Young Adults (21-39) to attend  
**Brewing the Faith**

on the second Monday of each month.

Each meeting will include fellowship and a brief talk on our faith.

Date: **Monday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m.**

Location: **Cucos Mexican Cafe** on Chantilly Parkway (outdoor patio)

Fr. Zackary Greenwell will give a talk entitled "Catholics and Polarizing Politics: Healthcare, Welfare, Guns, Immigration, and the Wall."

To learn more about the **Catholic Young Adults of Montgomery** group, go to our website:



<b>Ushers</b>	<b>April 22</b>	<b>April 29</b>
	10:00 AM Bennie Ryan Bobby Spotswood Open Open	Steve Smejkal Carmine Roberto Open Open



<b>Rosary</b>	Jamie & Dawn Damato	Frank Gitschier
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<b>Lector</b>	Sylvia Stewart Doris Reynolds	Tom & Cindy Somerville
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**Eucharist Ministers:**

<b>April 22</b>	<b>April 29</b>
10:00, Mary Loftin	10:00, Dawn Damato
<b>May 6</b>	<b>May 13</b>
10:00, Karen Franklin	10:00, Michelle Beesley

**Weekly Tithing Report:**  
April 15, 2018

Year's 2018 Budget: \$156,000.00  
 Budget to Date: \$45,000.00  
 Sun Collections to Date: \$34,334.50+  
 Sun Collection Last Week:  
 Building the Future:  
 Building the Future to Date: \$5,576.00+

Thank you for your generosity!

Food & Fellowship—April 22—Bring something to share.



**Good for your marriage.... Good for your health!**  
 Natural Family Planning is offered as a way of living out the Church's beautiful teaching on married life. The next NFP series is scheduled for April 22, May 20, and June 24. All of these meetings are Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:45 at the St. Bede Family Life Center. You can register online at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) and search for classes in zip code 36109. For more information, call Brian and Vicki Petters at 356-5357.

**Natural Family Planning**

In order to help couples live out the Church's beautiful teaching on marriage & family life, the Couple to Couple League offers classes on natural family planning. To find out more info, go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) & search for classes in your ZIP Code. Or, call Brian & Vicki Petters, 334-356-5357.



**Please pray for:**

Anna Strickland	Gladys Bracken	Dana Libby
Ed & Loretta Martin	Cal Libby	Shannon Young
Kathleen Faulkner	Helen Rayburn	Tom Somerville
Clarice Goodin	Lesly Somerville	Simon
Cammie Moreno	Shaddock	

**Montgomery Area Adoration Chapel**

Call Priscilla Berry, 288-3292.

Adoration Chapel's open hour:

Sun: 3-4 AM.  
 Mon: 3-4 PM.  
 Tues: 11 PM-12 Midnight  
 Fri: 2-3 PM.  
 Sat: 3-4 AM.

Prayer Partners needed:

Sun: 2-3 PM.  
 Tues: 7-8 PM.  
 Fri: 8-9 AM.



**Adoration Chapel**

"Our Savior has instituted the most august sacrament of the Eucharist, which contains his flesh & blood in their reality, so that whoever eats of it shall live forever. Therefore, whoever turns to it frequently & devoutly so effectively builds up his soul's health that it is almost impossible for him to be poisoned by evil affection of any kind."  
 (St. Francis De Sales)

**Mass Intentions For The Week**

Sun, Apr 22	10:00 AM, OLQM Parishioners
Mon, Apr 23	6:30 AM, No Mass
Tues, Apr 24	8:15 AM, No Mass
Wed, Apr 25	8:15 AM, No Mass
Thurs, Apr 26	8:15 AM, No Mass
Fri, Apr 27	8:15 AM, No Mass

**Water Cooler Catechism**

Fr. Pat Driscoll from Holy Spirit Parish & Tom Riello from Montgomery Catholic Prep are on WMGY (800 AM) at 8 AM, Sunday mornings, & online at [archangelradio.com](http://archangelradio.com) & the Archangel Radio app.

**Catholic News Sources:**

EWTN.com; CatholicCulture.org; Catholic World Report.com; [www.cardinalnewmansociety.org](http://www.cardinalnewmansociety.org) & USCCB.org (official website of the US bishops)

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