



CURSILLO



NEWS

Archdiocese of Mobile



**Make a Friend, Be a Friend,
Bring a Friend to Christ**
Spring Newsletter
Patron Saint of Cursillo



Gospel: JOHN 4:5-42

⁵ On the way he came to the Samaritan town called Sychar near the land that **Jacob** gave to his son Joseph.

⁶ Jacob's well was there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.⁷ When a Samaritan **woman** came to draw water, **Jesus** said to her, 'Give me something to drink.'⁸ His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.⁹ The Samaritan **woman** said to him, 'You are a Jew. How is it that you ask me, a Samaritan, for something to drink?' -- Jews, of course, do not associate with Samaritans.

¹⁰ Jesus replied to her: If you only knew what **God** is offering and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me something to drink,' you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water. ¹¹ 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered, 'and the well is deep: how do you get this living water?'

¹² Are you a greater **man** than our father Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

¹³ Jesus replied: Whoever drinks this water **will** be thirsty again;

¹⁴ but no one who drinks the water that I shall give **will** ever be thirsty again: the water that I shall give **will** become a spring of water within, welling up for eternal life.

¹⁵ 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never be thirsty or come here again to draw water.'

¹⁶ 'Go and call your husband,' said **Jesus** to her, 'and come back here.'

¹⁷ The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband";

¹⁸ for although you have had five, the one you now have is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.'

¹⁹ 'I see you are a prophet, sir,' said the woman.

²⁰ 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, though you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

²¹ Jesus said: Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews.

²³ But the hour is coming -- indeed is already here -- when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father seeks.

²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.

²⁵ The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah -- that is, Christ -- is coming; and when he comes he will explain everything.'

²⁶ Jesus said, 'That is who I am, I who speak to you.'

²⁷ At this point his disciples returned and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'What are you talking to her about?'

²⁸ The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people,

²⁹ 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I have done; could this be the Christ?'

³⁰ This brought people out of the town and they made their way towards him.

³¹ Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat';

³² but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.'

³³ So the disciples said to one another, 'Has someone brought him food?'

³⁴ But Jesus said: My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work.

³⁵ Do you not have a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you, look around you, look

at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest!

³⁶ Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, so that sower and reaper can rejoice together.

³⁷ For here the proverb holds true: one sows, another reaps;

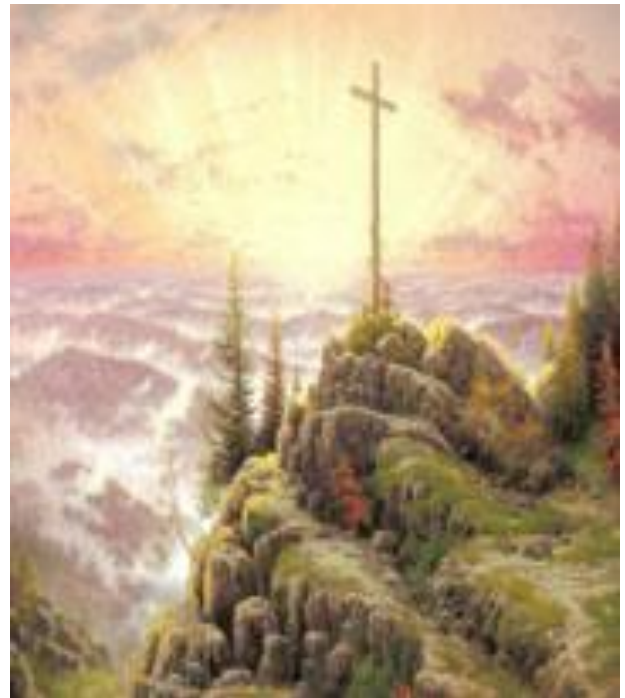
³⁸ I sent you to reap a harvest you have not laboured for. Others have laboured for it; and you have come into the rewards of their labour.

³⁹ Many Samaritans of that town believed in him on the strength of the woman's words of testimony, 'He told me everything I have done.'

⁴⁰ So, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and

⁴¹ many more came to believe on the strength of the words he spoke to them;

⁴² and they said to the woman, 'Now we believe no longer because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he is indeed the Saviour of the world.'

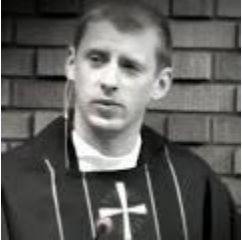


Spiritual Advisors Corner:

Pray for all the Ultreya, baby chicks, upcoming cursillo weekends and all of our Cursillastas.

Palanca Drop Off Spots and Times:

Can be used during the times of January and July. This is to give times so all know when to have everything completed.



My cursillo experience: It was my first weekend as a part of the team. I made my cursillo weekend last fall. I enjoyed the time together with such great people. The women's talks were very interesting, the food was great. Holy Trinity is a beautiful place.

Rectors Corner:

Men's:

Womens:



All Ultreya's Prayer Request:



Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,

by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan,

and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls. Amen..



*O glorious prince St. Michael,
chief and commander of the heavenly hosts,
guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits,
servant in the house of the Divine King
and our admirable conductor,
you who shine with excellence
and superhuman virtue deliver us from all evil
, who turn to you with confidence
and enable us by your gracious protection
to serve God more and more faithfully every day.*

Psalms 95:1-2,6-9

¹ Come, let us cry out with joy to Yahweh, acclaim the rock of our salvation.

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, acclaim him with music.

⁶ Come, let us bow low and do reverence; kneel before **Yahweh** who made us!

⁷ For he is our God, and we the people of his sheepfold, the flock of his hand. If only you would listen to him today!

⁸ Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah, as at the **time** of Massah in the desert,

⁹ when your ancestors challenged me, put me to the test, and saw what I could do!

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Meditation for the Quarter

Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17

³ For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly in mind.

⁴ Against you, you alone, I have sinned, I have done what you see to be wrong, that you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence, and your victory may appear when you give judgement,

⁵ remember, I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception.

⁶ But you delight in sincerity of heart, and in secret you teach me wisdom.

¹² Give me back the joy of your salvation, sustain in me a generous spirit.

¹³ I shall teach the wicked your paths, and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodshed, God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will acclaim your saving justice.

¹⁷ Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken, contrite heart you never scorn.



'Cut to the Heart'

[Peter said,] "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other Apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?"

- Acts 2:36-37



Announcements

.Note From the Editor: I normally do not add my thoughts to the letter. But I am finding it harder to see Christ moving through us. We are all one family in GOD. There is no North team and South team only. We are one family. So to me and everyone when there is a great event like the One Faith One Family, we should all come together. Some of us should have opened our homes to the distant family members so they could be there. We as cursillastas should go where-ever there is an event to better serve GOD. We all have

Devotion for the Quarter

families but how are we going to teach them to put GOD first if we are not doing it but supporting Catholic Christian events. These events should be packed out by Cursillistas. I challenge everyone to attend future events and bring a person that is not a cursillista so we can show our love. Open our homes to each other and become closer family members. I promise you will not regret doing so. So much love to share. When Does GOD come first? Why Do we let little things Divide us and Let Satan take Hold?

SEARCH NEWS;

Search retreat program in the Archdiocese of Mobile is for teens, by teens. It is really a Junior Cursillo program for our high school youth. Once you attend the Search retreat, you can participate the following year by applying to be on the Search and Palanca team. These past two years, we have experienced solid growth and a deeper understanding of the dynamics of bringing our youth to Christ during the course of a retreat weekend. Teens are changed when they encounter the true beauty and depth of their Catholic faith, especially when it comes through the witness of their peers. That is what a *Search Retreat* is all about- helping teens realize that what they are really searching for is Jesus Christ. Through the retreats structure to the location of the retreat everything is designed to lead the teens to Christ and the Sacraments.

All of the talks (teens' testimonies), small group discussions, prayers, activities, and palancas are led by the Search team. The team members really develop over the course of the year into strong, faithful, and committed Catholics who are leaders in their parishes. They are a blessing to the Archdiocese and to the teens they serve on our annual retreats. Each year, we offer two retreats for high school youth- one in the Montgomery, area and one the Mobile area. They are open to all high school youth-Catholic and non-Catholic.

I would invite the Cursillo family to pray for the Search retreat program, offer palancas for our retreat weekends, and consider sponsoring a Search team member or Searcher (retreat participant) for the weekend retreats. The cost for one retreat is \$85.00. We do not charge the Search retreat team any fees to be on the team since they already pour out their time and energy as committed team members.

If you have any questions, please contact the Search Team Coordinators, **Joey Dunbar** at 251-680-

3935;jdunbar@mobilearchdiocese.org or **Brandon Bender** at 334-354-4007;bbender1@gmail.com. Thank You and DeColores.

IF you have an Iphone join catholicify. It will have info for all the churches in the archdioceses.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. May 9th Moms night out previews showed at One Faith One Family: groupsales@sonypictures.com or call 1-877-488-4258.
2. Matthew Kelly at McGill Toolen Catholic High School call:251-342-9221 or DynamicCatholic.com. Please all cities let me know when there are events so we can post them in these emails. Thanks Diane

MONTHLY ULTREYA LOCATIONS

Auburn/Opelika

- Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 PM
- Where: [St. Michael's](#), Auburn

Autauga/Elmore

Meets 4th Wednesday of each month @ 7:30 PM

- Where: [St Joseph](#), Prattville

Baldwin

- Meets: 2nd Saturday of each month @ 7:00 PM
- Where: [Christ the King](#), Assumption Hall

Central Baldwin

- Meets: 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 PM
- Where: [St. Lawrence](#), St Lawrence Room

Dothan

Meets: 2nd Thursday of each month @ 7:00 PM

- Where: [St. Columba](#), O'Hara Hall

Mobile

- Meets: 3rd Saturday of each month
- Where: Call for time & place

Montgomery

- Meets: 1st Thursday of each month @ 6:00 PM

- Where: [St. Bede](#) (Odd numbered months)
[Holy Spirit](#) (Even numbered months)

Phoenix City/Columbus

- Meets: 2nd Sunday of each month @ 1:30 PM
- Where: [St. Patrick \(Phoenix City\)](#) Social Hall

South Baldwin

- Meets: 2nd Saturday of each month after 5:00 PM Mass
- Where: [St. Margaret of Scotland](#)

Today's Readings

[Today's Readings and Saint of the Day](#) here on Mobile Cursillo.

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