

# Mobile Rooster



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"Something Worth Crowing About"

## 2023

*De Colores and Happy New Year!*

As we start this new year, we count our blessings. To quote a friend of mine: "We count YOU among the greatest blessings of our Movement!" We ask all Cursillistas for their palanca as we reinvigorate the movement in our archdiocese. Please pray for evangelization to reach new friends and invite them to upcoming small groups, Ultreyas, events and weekends. As we look ahead to this year, let's put some dates on the calendar!

**Regional Encounter Charlotte NC April 14 – 15**

**National Encounter Omaha NE Creighton University July 20 - 23**

**September 28 – October 1 Men's Weekend #146**

**October 19 – 22 Women's Weekend #147**

**As we look ahead together, let's joyfully shout**

**ULTREYA! (Onward!)**

--Theresa Gorman



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## **A Word From Deacon Joe Mueller**

### THREE CHARACTERS

There's a story I read about the Magi. In this story, like the Gospel, the Three Wise Men, who were astrologists, left their home country and followed the star until it hovered over the place where Jesus lay. Now the difference in this story is, these Three Wise Men were all of different ages.

Gaspar was a young man, Balthasar was middle-aged and Melchior was an old man. They entered one at a time, to give homage to the new born king. Melchior, the old man, entered first. He found an old man like himself. They shared stories and spoke of memories and gratitude. Middle-aged Balthasar entered next. He found a man his own age. He spoke passionately about leadership and responsibility.

Young Gaspar was the last to enter. He found a young prophet waiting for him. They talked excitedly about reform and promise.

Gathering outside to get their gifts, each man talked about his encounter with the new king. They were shocked at each other's stories, each one being different. Returning inside to present their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the Wise Men this time found a baby there, the infant Jesus, encountering His divine presence.

The Magi, at first, saw the Christ child in their own persona. Is it not

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### **Fall Weekends 2023**

**Men's Weekend #146:  
9/28 – 10/01  
Visitation Monastery, Mobile  
Rector: TBA**

**Women's Weekend #147:  
10/19 – 10/22  
Visitation Monastery, Mobile**

### **Scheduled Cursillo Weekends**

*Cursillos are generally scheduled for a Men's Weekend and a Women's Weekend each fall at the Visitation Monastery in Mobile, and a Men's Weekend and Women's Weekend each spring at the Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Holy Trinity (Fort Mitchell).*



## **Meditations by Bishop Robert Barron**

**Friends, let us meditate on John the Baptist. Young John, the son of the priest Zechariah, grew up in and around the temple, acquainted with its rituals. And he sensed that the true Messiah was on the horizon. And so he went away from the old temple, but he continued to act as a priest of a new Temple. John was baptizing people in the Jordan. Why this ritual? Well, in the Jerusalem temple, a pilgrim would cleanse himself in a mikvah, a ritual bath, before he entered to make sacrifice. John was acting as a priest, and the River Jordan was his mikvah. But what—or, better, who—was the new Temple? Jesus, who came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John. The heavens were torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descended on him.**

**This is temple talk. When the high priest entered into the Holy of Holies, he was entering into the heavenly realm. The Holy of Holies was the place where the “heavens were torn open” and a humble human being could enter. So the point is that Jesus is himself the new Holy of Holies.**



# **ULTREYAS**

## **Auburn/ Opelika**

- Leader: Celeste Boydston (205) 821-1024  
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## **Baldwin**

- New leaders needed. Currently meeting via committee.

## **Dothan**

- New leaders needed.

## **Mobile**

- Leader: Cathy Burch (251)709-6968  
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## **Montgomery**

- New leaders needed

## **North Baldwin**

- New leaders needed.

## **Phenix City/Columbus**

- New leaders needed.

## **South Baldwin**

- New leaders needed.

## **SCHOOL OF LEADERS**

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### **Why is Leadership Important?**

Leadership is important because it inspires, motivates, and sets an example for people to accomplish positive changes in the world.

**Are you the next Cursillo leader?**



## THREE CHARACTERS

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surprising that these Wise Men did not expect to see a new king to be under very humble circumstances? Does it point out we all have a different perspective, the cute cuddly baby Jesus, the grown man Jesus, the suffering Jesus and then the resurrected Jesus? Who is Jesus to us?

In Matthew's infancy narratives, certain characters represent different reactions to the news of Christ's birth. Let's consider King Herod. He reacted to the Magi's news with jealousy. King Herod wanted to eliminate Jesus. King Herod hated the idea of a new king. Herod feared his own power would be challenged. What's his response? Destroy the opposition, eliminate, regardless of the cost. What do we do when we hear unsettling news? Do we become bitter or harden our heart? Do we seek the Light of Christ? Do we choose to dwell in darkness?

The second group of characters, the Chief Priests and Scribes, were the so-called experts of Scripture. They were the "holy" men of Judea. They knew all the prophecies predicting the birth of the Messiah. Yet, in an-

swering Herod's question regarding the location of the Messiah's birth, the holy men chose to ignore the implication of this news. Perhaps they were to ignore the implication of this news. Perhaps they were afraid of Herod. Afraid their power and the status quo would be disrupted. Are we ever indifferent to the TRUTH? The TRUTH of what we believe and see. Do we fear repercussions from our Faith in Jesus Christ?

The third group. The Magi, foreigners! People outside the inner circle of Jewish tradition and religious belief. They came seeking what this great bright star was all about. They came to adore and give homage to a new King, Jesus Christ. They did it not knowing the greatness Jesus would bring to the world. Do we bring our gifts to Jesus? What gifts do we offer to Jesus? Are our hearts open to the gifts God gives to us?

Which of these characters represent us? Hopefully we chose the Magi. Like the Magi, our journey, our pilgrimage here is to find Jesus the Christ. The Epiphany is an image of our pilgrimage, our journey through life to Christ. This feast invites us to see ourselves in the Magi, to encounter Jesus, not just to encounter Jesus as our Lord and King, but to find Jesus in our neighbor.