

Mobile Rooster



October, 2023

"Something Worth Crowing About"

Dothan Ultreya Resumes with New Leaders

St. Columba's new Ultreya leaders, **Don and Vicki Gardino**, have been active members of St. Columba for many years—Don provides many of the meals for parish events and Vicki is an Extraordinary Minister. Since they made their Cursillo weekends, both have served on weekend Cursillo teams at Visitation Retreat Center and at Blessed Trinity Retreat Center. They bring commitment and enthusiasm to their new post and invite all to the next parish Ultreya, which will be held in the Education Building on October 15 following the 5:00 pm Mass.



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Bernardo DeFaria will be this month's witness speaker. Bernardo was a reluctant attendee when he made his Cursillo years ago—changing his mind and costing his sponsor several application fees before he finally agreed to go—but he had a life-changing experience that guides him to this day. He will share his recent experience hiking the Camino de Santiago in Spain as his witness at the Ultreya. Please come and hear about this remarkable event, its effect on the speaker and what it can mean for all of us.



A Word From Deacon Joe Mueller

WHEN THE WORLD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

Shortly after COVID ended, Fr. Mike Schmitz wrote a book titled, *"A World Undone: Finding God When Life Doesn't Make Sense."* In the book Fr. Mike looked at events that occurred during that time and asked the question, "What spiritual lessons did we learn from 2020?"

Here are some thoughts on Fr. Mike's Three Spiritual Lessons from 2020.

1) Concentrate on Your Sphere of Influence.

Our Church has an awesome task of taking care of its people. We cannot be a St. Mother Teresa or a Pope St. John Paul II with worldwide notoriety and influence. But these Saints give us hope that in our own small corner of the world we can be Christ, to our family, our friends, our neighbor and community. Let our charitable actions be our evangelization.

2) Be United with Christ as You Respond to the World.

How are we united with Christ? By our

baptism! Not only by baptism, but by the Holy Eucharist. We also unite ourselves through prayer and worship. Let's not just think if we pray and receive the Sacraments that is the end-all of our union with Christ. We also unite with Christ by taking action, going out into the world. As Jesus commissioned his disciples to go and preach the Good News, so we too are called to do the same.

3) God is Acting in the Midst of Hardship.

Trust Him! From time-to-time, I hear people tell me how distressed they are by all that has happened in 2020 and see little change coming in 2021. They feel lost, disillusioned. Asking, "why is God allowing this to happen?" Individually neither of us has any control over world events. Neither of us can predict the future. So do we just hang in the balance? NO! We put our trust in God. We allow God to be in control.

Fall Weekends 2023

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



Bishop Robert Barron:

Friends, our Gospel (Luke 11:5–13) offers a wonderful promise of answered prayer: “And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Petitionary prayer is one of the most fundamental ways that we raise our minds and hearts to God. It is also the most common form of prayer in the Bible. Every major Scriptural character—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Solomon, Ezra, Nehemiah, Peter, James, Paul, and John—prays in this way; they all ask God for things.

There is something, of course, primal and elemental about this kind of prayer: “O God, please help me! O Lord, save my child!” If we could place a net capable of catching prayers as they waft their way to heaven from hospitals and churches, we would corral millions upon millions of them. Finally, the paradigmatic prayer that Jesus taught us—the Our Father—is nothing but a series of petitions, and Jesus urged his followers, again and again, to persevere in prayer.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Are you looking for a way to give back to Blessed Trinity Shrine retreat center with your time and talents? We are in need of volunteers to help us with hospitality and serving meals during retreats. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Director at 334-855-4474 (ext 3) or btsr.director@msbt.org. We have many opportunities for you to help us out with retreats between now and the end of the year!

September 8-11, 14-17, 22-24, 27-30

October 1-11, 13-15, 19-22

November 2-5, 10-11, 16-18, 30

December 1, 2

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ULTREYAS

Auburn/ Opelika

- Leader: Heidi Strother. Phone 334-319-6511. auburnopelikaultreya@gmail.com

Baldwin

- New leaders needed. Currently meeting via committee.

Dothan

- Leaders: Don and Vickie Gardino (334) 805-3506 vickigardino@gmail.com

Mobile

- Leader: Cathy Burch (251)709-6968 burchce13@hotmail.com

Montgomery

- New leaders needed

North Baldwin

- New leaders needed.

Phenix City/Columbus

- New leaders needed.

South Baldwin

- New leaders needed.

Mobile

- Leader: Nell O'Donnell nellodonnell@bellsouth.net

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

Why is Leadership Important?

It 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?



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WOMEN'S CURSILLO TEAM

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Spiritual Team

Father Jim Cink

Deacon Malcolm Zellner

Deacon Steve Sykes

Team

**Anita Toole • Barbara Gibbs • Barbara Pughsley • Bea Hernandez • Beth Little • Carol Bell
Cathy Burch • Cathy Eilers • Cindy Hoover • Jackie Simmonds • Jan Quint • Jill Roh
Lisa Arnold • Marguerite Murphy • Marie DeLong • Mary Jo Wilder • Pam Gacek
Phyllis Hood • Shelly Mahoney • Suzanne Cale • Vickie Gardino**

The WOMEN'S CLOSING will be October 22, 2023 at 5:00 PM. If you are able, please show up a little early to help set up and rearrange chairs.

De Colores,

Anthony Nguyen