



First Sunday of Lent

Feb 18, 2018

St Joseph

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MASS TIMES

Sundays:
 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm
 Mon, Wed & Fri
 12:05 pm
 Tues & Thurs
 5:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs
 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
 Fri
 8:30 am - Noon

RECONCILIATION

Tues 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues 7:00 am - Wed 7:00 am

Meditation: 1 Peter 3:18-22

It is . . . an appeal to God for a clear conscience. (1 Peter 3:21)

While St. Peter is describing the Sacrament of Baptism here, he could just as easily be talking about Reconciliation. For what could possibly be a better way to experience a clean conscience than by going to Confession? We know that when we confess our sins, we are forgiven—completely! But then comes the real challenge: keeping our consciences clear after we have received absolution. It's one thing to experience God's forgiveness, but what will change us so that we don't end up confessing the same things over and over again?

You may be surprised to find that the answer lies—again—in Confession! The sacrament doesn't just empty us of the past; it also fills us with grace for the future. That's because in Confession we meet Jesus, who came not only to pardon our sins but also to make us holy. In Confession, Jesus lifts the weight of our past sins from our shoulders so that we can go out into the world free from guilt, inspired by grace to say an even firmer no to sin than before. Of course, we all face temptation, just as Jesus did in today's Gospel. But because Jesus triumphed in the wilderness, we can triumph as well.

Jesus, the victor, is always ready to help us when we call out to him. He is right next to us, reminding us of his forgiveness and urging us to accept the grace he has stored up for us. He is here to remind us that he has overcome sin and that we can now enjoy the fruits of his victory. So make sure you celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. And when you do, know that the grace of this sacrament is there to cleanse you and to fill you with God's power. It is an ongoing grace that brings you closer to Jesus and strengthens you against any and all temptation.

"Thank you, Lord, for the grace that comes with Confession! Give me greater confidence in your mercy and love."

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Feb 19 LV 19:1-2, 11-18; MT 25:31-46	12:05 pm – Health of Shiloh Sciacca
Tues, Feb 20 IS 55:10-11; MT 6:7-15	5:30 pm – Special Intention
Wed, Feb 21 JON 3:1-10; LK 11:29-32	12:05 pm – Jason Meiring
Thurs, Feb 22 1 PT 5:1-4; MT 16:13-19	5:30 pm – Rosa Correro
Fri, Feb 23 EZ 18:21-28; MT 5:20-26	12:05 pm – Nany Eugarte
Sat, Feb 24 IS DT 26:16-19; MT 5:43-48	5:00 pm – People Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
Sun, Feb 25 – Second Sunday of Lent GN 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18; ROM 8:31B-34; MK 9:2-10	9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – Catholic Extension 5:30 pm – Catholic Extension

Sunday Offering: \$7,812.00

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

Please pray for our relatives and friends who are sick or grieving:

Edith Harkins - mother of Flo Henley
Shaw Coats - grandson of Barbara Coats
Keri Nixon - sister-in-law of Lisa Stricklin
Allen Love, Madelyn Gamett & Stefanie Zadravek - friends of Demi Dunne
Warren Fraser - friend of Susan Brown
Tom Lavelle - son of Mary June Lavelle
Bill and Dyan Duncan - friends of Rich and Barb Meiring
The Jimmy Mitchell family - friends of a parishioner
Julie Taylor - friend of Ronnie Puckett
Shiloh Sciacca - nephew of Havilah and Neil Couvillion
The Harris family - friends of Beverly Wilson
Linda Sullivan - friend of Jim and Liz Tomlinson
Thad Pepper - son-in-law of Dan and Suzanne Stumpf
Dan White - brother of Wil White
A relative of Richard & Donna Coughlin
Mary Jo Wallace - Aunt of Teresa Hamill
Kris Thomas - daughter-in-law of Jay McKee
Hope Mooney - sister of Laura McKee
Marjorie Orr - sister of Lucia Hoover
Laverne Rebolj - mother of Dana Bohna
Jane Reick - friend of Dolly Moore
Nicole Dunne - niece of Jim Dunne
Bill Nussbaum - brother of Janice Giallourakis
Thomas Guest - friend of John and Dawn McGinley
Goya-Olivos and Jazzkowiak Families - friends of the Janus family
Lyda Alice Burnham, Bruce Burnham and family - friends of a parishioner
Parents of a parishioner
Leslie Agostinelli and baby Edie - sister of Heather Simmonds

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for: _____

By/Relation: _____

Date: _____ New request ___ Renewal ___ (check one)

Turn this form into the office or drop in the collection

Kelson Bohna - son of Ron and Dana Bohna
Hope Broadus - friend of Monica Short
Hazel O'Neal - friend of a parishioner
Peter Soules - uncle of Robin Pigg
Daughter-in-law of a parishioner
Stephen Cobb - friend of Celeste Tomaso
Donald Law - father of Carol Walters
Sara Wilson - sister-in-law of Beverly Wilson
Mark & Claire Lilly - parents of Mark Lilly
Kerri Irby and family - daughter of Peggy Cini
Colleen Parker & Cindy Pittman - daughters of Wil and Judy White
Roger Austin & David Dionne - uncle and cousin of Dawn McGinley
Rachel Cronin - cousin of Laura Damm
Christina Moore - daughter of Billy and Mary Beth Moore
The Vignocchi & Bernardelli families - cousins of Barb Frank
The Carter family - cousins of Kathryn Barbier
Susan Felker & Marilyn Bowen - friends of Jimmy and Patti Abraham
Danny Carlisle & Sid Salter - friends of Jimmy and Patti Abraham
Alice Chain - friend of John and Gloria Corroero
Bonnie Mason and Harris McKinion - friends of Jay & Laura McKee
Mason Saxon - friend of Dennis & Deborah Reginelli

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:

Carol Reed	Edmond Emplincourt	Clyde Taylor
Joey Johnson	Frances Hairston	Linda Morse
Bob and Peggy Cini	Ron & Patricia Raines	June Schmidt
Theresa Lollar	Jason Rollins	Kathy Winston
Edwina Hogue	Rose Fischer	Lainie Anthony
Ana Maria Lopez	Anna Chromiak	Stan & Barb Grzybowski
Margaret Ann Chandler	Susan & Virginia Brown	Emily Jones
Robert Harris	Dianna Janus	Mary Runnels
Trish Auel	Jane Ammerman	Hugh Comish
John Simpson	Father Lenín	Tara Puckett
Diane Evrad	Celeste Tomaso	Flo Henley
Charles Tubertini	Peggy Wolverson	Kathryn Randall
Chip Gavron	Julie Smith	Dee Dee Cook
Al Baca	Charley Joel	Bud Tomaso
Tom Hannigan	Paul Cuicchi	Tim Read

ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

Please pray for those fighting abroad to keep us safe:

Billy Stricklin	Christian Bondi	Cory Delouche
Kevin Raftery	Ryan Mangum	Robert Elias
Chris Withrow	Matt Savage	Clayton Eckler
Andrew Rendon	Connor Bohna	Scott Shepard
Adam Fuhrmann	Patrick Smith	Andrew Pitman

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WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Sunday, 2/18

10:15 a.m. - K-8 Religious Ed. - Center/Hall
10:15 a.m. - Coffee & Donuts - Hall
1:00 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center
4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
6:30 p.m. - HS Religious Ed. - Center
6:30 p.m. - CCM Catholic Trivia. - Hall

Monday, 2/19

5:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Hall
5:30 p.m. - Grief Group - Lounge
6:00 p.m. - CCM Mat-Making - Center
6:00 p.m. - Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. - Center
6:45 p.m. - Frassati Group - Lounge
7:00 p.m. - CCM Adoration - Church
8:00 p.m. - KC Rosary for Vocations - Church

Tuesday, 2/20

7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast - Hall
10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge
4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church
6:00 p.m. - Casserole Dinner - 1st Presbyterian
6:30 p.m. - TND/FUEL - Hall
7:00 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

Wednesday, 2/21

12:00 p.m. - Lenten Lunch - FUMC
6:00 p.m. - CCM Relationship Group - Hall
6:00 p.m. - 9:00am Choir Practice - Church
6:30 p.m. - RCIA - Center
7:00 p.m. - LIFT - CYO House
7:15 p.m. - 11:00am Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, 2/22

9:00 a.m. - Women's Group - Center
6:15 p.m. - KC Officer's Mtg. - Center
7:00 p.m. - 5:30 Choir Practice - Church
8:00 p.m. - CCM Guys Group - Lounge

Friday, 2/23

11:30 a.m. - Pro-Life Rosary - Church
5:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church
6:00 p.m. - KC Fish Fry - Hall

Saturday, 2/24

8:00 a.m. - KC 2nd & 3rd Degrees - Center/Hall
10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

Sunday, 2/25

10:15 a.m. - K-8 Religious Ed. - Center/Hall
1:00 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center
4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
6:30 p.m. - HS Religious Ed. - Center
6:30 p.m. - CCM Ministry Team Mtg. - Hall

RCIA

The next RCIA session is Wednesday, February 21st, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. The topic this week is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome!

3RD SUNDAY COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

Join us between the morning Masses today for food and fellowship in the Parish Hall. Every 3rd Sunday of the month, following the 9:00am Mass, the Parish Care Committee is providing Shipley's doughnuts, juice and coffee for the whole parish to get together and visit with one another. All are invited, so please set aside time to join us!

PRO-LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

There will be a Respect Life prayer service on Thursday, March 1st, from 6:00-7:00pm at the MS State University Chapel of Memories. This is a parish-wide event and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Join us for a parish Reconciliation Service on Thursday, March 22nd, starting at 6:00pm. Several priests from our neighboring parishes will come down to hear your confessions. Lent is a wonderful time to receive this very important sacrament, so please make plans to come.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Tuesdays during Lent, from 7:00-7:45am, come to pray and reflect on this holy season of Lent and enjoy breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

LENTEN LUNCHEON

Every Wednesday during Lent, the Starkville Ministerial Association is sponsoring a weekly Lenten Luncheon at 12 noon at the First United Methodist Church. FUMC is located at 200 W. Lampkin Street downtown. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND FISH FRY

Please join us each Friday evening of Lent for the Stations of the Cross in the Church beginning at 5:30pm, followed by the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Bring the whole family to enjoy a fried or baked catfish dinner with all the fixings for \$8.00 per plate for adults and \$5.00 for kids under 16.

ADORATION OPENING

We have an Adoration opening from 4:00 - 5:00am every Wednesday morning for the next 6-8 weeks, or longer if desired. If you are interested in spending an hour with Jesus this Lenten Season, contact Mike Kassouf at 312-2973.

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

Our annual Catholic Service Appeal is well underway. Thank you to all those who have made a commitment to the Appeal. It is not too late to send in your pledge, so please join us in supporting the programs and services of the Diocese. For more information about the Appeal or to donate online, please visit www.jacksondiocese.org.

FRASSATI FELLOWSHIP OF MISSISSIPPI

We would like to invite all of the young adults (this includes recent graduates, grad students, and professionals within the Golden Triangle area) to join us for our Lenten Bible Study starting on Monday, February 19th, at 6:45pm! We will journey together through the topics of forgiveness, confession and The Paschal Mystery, which will then lead us into Holy Week. If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, please contact us at frassatims@gmail.com. Sessions will be held in the lounge of the Parish Center. Invite a friend!

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ACS NEWS

Annunciation is now taking applications for next year's pre-K-8th grades. If you or anyone you know is interested in a quality Catholic education, please contact Katie Fenstermacher, Marketing and Admissions Director, at (662) 328-4479. Also, please save your box tops and put them in the box on the gathering space table for ACS. Each one is worth \$.10 for our school! Thank you!