



# St Joseph

## Catholic Church

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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: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

#### Here I am! (Genesis 22:1)

Abraham must have felt trapped. He had already given up so much to follow the Lord, and God had blessed him richly. So logic would tell him that he would be blessed if he obeyed the Lord this time. But this was the hardest thing God could possibly ask of him: to kill his son with a knife and burn his corpse in ritual sacrifice. Could God really want that? But Abraham had already told God, "Here I am!" (Genesis 22:1). He had committed himself, and there was no backing out.

Try to imagine that three-day journey to the place of sacrifice. The silence, the awkward answers to Isaac's questions, the agonizing over what he was about to do. How many times did Abraham almost turn around and head back home? But somehow, Abraham trusted that God would still fulfill his promises. So when he arrived at the place, Abraham told his servants, "We will . . . come back to you" (Genesis 22:4). Even then, he trusted that both he and Isaac would return. Notice, when the angel intervenes, Abraham again repeats the only thing he had said to God so far: "Here I am" (Genesis 22:11). These words must have sounded much different now, three harrowing days later, as he was on the verge of doing the unthinkable to his son. Imagine the fear, the exhaustion, even the anger, in his voice. Yet even now, as his grip on his faith was fragile at best, he held on and trusted.

We all have times when God seems to be asking the impossible of us: to accept a terminal illness or permanent disability; to resolve a bitter, long-standing conflict; to give up on a treasured dream. Abraham's response, "Here I am," may feel like the hardest thing to say. But this story tells us that God still loves us and is still offering us his grace. So if it feels like you're barely hanging onto your faith, remember Abraham. Remember that God is still with you. And even if the unthinkable occurs, repeat what Abraham said to God: "Here I am" (Genesis 22:1, 11).

*"Here I am, Father. I trust that you will never abandon me."*

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon, Feb 26</b> DN 9:4B-10; LK 6:36-38	12:05 pm – Health of Shiloh Sciacca
<b>Tues, Feb 27</b> IS 1:10, 16-20; MT 23:1-12	5:30 pm – Special Intention
<b>Wed, Feb 28</b> JER 18:18-20; MT 20:17-28	12:05 pm – Theodore Efantis
<b>Thurs, Mar 1</b> JER 17:5-10; LK 16:19-31	5:30 pm – Cornelius & Kathleen Ryan
<b>Fri, Mar 2</b> GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A; MT 21:33-43, 45-46	12:05 pm – Rosa Correro
<b>Sat, Mar 3</b> MI 7:14-15, 18-20; LK 15:1-3, 11-32	5:00 pm – People Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
<b>Sun, Mar 4</b> EX 20:1-17; 1 COR 1:22-25; JN 2:13-25	9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – Catholic Extension 5:30 pm – Catholic Extension

Sunday Offering: \$7,610.00

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

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

Frankie Smith - grandson of Frank & Hillary Smith  
 Marianne Morgan - friend of Jeri Mangum  
 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 Zdravek - 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 Hamlin  
 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 Jaszowski Families - friends of the Janus family  
 Lyda Alice Burnham, Bruce Burnham and family - friends of a parishioner

**PRAYER REQUEST**

Pray for: \_\_\_\_\_  
 By/Relation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New request \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ (check one)  
*Turn this form into the office or drop in the collection*

Parents of a parishioner  
 Leslie Agostinelli and baby Edie - sister of Heather Simmonds  
 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 Correro

**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 Evrard	Celeste Tomaso	Flo Henley
Charles Tubertini	Peggy Wolvertón	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

**FORMED:**

**The Catholic Faith. On Demand**  
 Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and click on the **Register** tab,  
 enter our **parish code: HT24XG**  
 and follow the steps to create your own free account!

**WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2018**

**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

**Monday, 2/26**

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. - Parish Care - Center  
 6:45 p.m. - Frassati Group - Lounge  
 7:00 p.m. - RCIA Team Mtg. - Center

**Tuesday, 2/27**

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

**Wednesday, 2/28**

12:00 p.m. - Lenten Lunch - FUMC  
 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, 3/1**

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

**Friday, 3/2**

11:30 a.m. - Pro-Life Rosary - Church  
 12:30 p.m. - Bagging for Food Pantry  
 5:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church  
 6:00 p.m. - KC Fish Fry - Hall

**Saturday, 3/3**

9:00 a.m. - Food Distribution - Hall  
 9:00 a.m. - Baptism - Church  
 10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

**Sunday, 3/4**

10:15 a.m. - K-8 Religious Ed. - Center/Hall  
 10:15 a.m. - KC Pancake Breakfast - 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 28th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. The topic this week is the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome!

## **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.

## **ST JOSEPH FEAST DAY, MARCH 19TH**

Please join us on Monday, March 19th, to celebrate the feast of our parish patron saint, St. Joseph. The St. Joseph Altar will be set up in the Hall and a dinner will be served following a 5:30pm Mass that evening. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the making of the St. Joseph Altar. Volunteers are needed to provide items for the Altar. Some of the items needed are (1) baked cookies that are traditional for the altar. Some sample recipes are in the back of church; (2) fresh fruit such as oranges, apples, plums, etc.; (3) fresh vegetables such as bell peppers, garlic cloves, onions, cabbages, carrots, potatoes, etc.; (4) bottles of wine, olive oil, olives, etc.; (5) bags of rice, spaghetti, dried beans/peas. Please bring the items on Sunday, March 18th, by 1:00pm to the Parish Hall. All volunteers are welcome to help with set-up on Saturday. Please help us make this a successful feast! If you have any questions, please contact Hillary Smith at 662-719-1689.

## **SEDER MEAL**

The parish will have an opportunity to participate in a Seder Meal on Monday, March 26th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. In order that enough food will be prepared, advanced sign-up is requested, but not required. Please sign-up in the back of the Church. For more information, contact Dave Monts, (662) 263 6946, or [dlmontsinms@gmail.com](mailto:dlmontsinms@gmail.com).

## **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](http://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 on Mondays 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](mailto:frassatims@gmail.com). Sessions will be held in the lounge of the Parish Center. Invite a friend!

## **FORMED**

Want to learn more about your Catholic Faith and/or deepen your spiritual life? Through videos, full length movies, audio books, Bible studies, devotionals, reflections and more, [formed.org](http://formed.org) is a great tool to assist you. We've made it free for you, so all you need to do is use it. Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org), click on the register tab, enter parish code HT24XG and then follow the steps to create your own free account.

## **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!