



Third Sunday of Lent

Mar 4, 2018

# 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: Exodus 20:1-17**

***I . . . brought you out of . . . that place of slavery. (Exodus 20:2)***

Despite the fact that slavery continues to exist, it should be obvious that no one has the right to own another person. This was the reason, after all, for the Israelites' exodus from Egypt: God rescued them from slavery. What is not so obvious, however, is the way we can fall into a kind of slavery to sin. It's a slavery that happens whenever we are trapped in sinful habits that we cannot get out of.

The good news is that just as he rescued the Israelites from physical slavery, God wants to rescue us from spiritual slavery. The idea of being someone's slave is naturally abhorrent to us. No one wants to be owned by someone else. This is the same attitude that we should have when it comes to slavery to sin as well. No one wants to be under its power. No one wants to feel powerless in some area of their lives. As St. Paul has said, we were created to be free, and Jesus came for just this purpose: to "set us free" (Galatians 5:1).

So do you want to experience freedom from a sinful habit that has some control over your life? If so, here are two suggestions. First, confess your sins each day in prayer. Tell Jesus how hard it is to overcome this sin. Believe in the promise of Scripture: "If we acknowledge our sins," God will "cleanse us from every wrongdoing" (1 John 1:9). Second, pray for the strength to resist. Trust that God sees your efforts and blesses them with his own power to help us say no when temptation rises up within us.

We may never stop sinning. But the process of sanctification, which comes as we pray, confess our sins, and seek God's strength, can help reduce our sins. It makes sin lose its power over us and makes us stronger in our efforts to resist.

***"Lord, I don't want to be a slave. Help me to be free."***

### MASS INTENTIONS

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| <b>Mon, Mar 5</b><br>2 KGS 5:1-15AB; LK 4:24-30                     | 12:05 pm - Health of Shiloh Sciacca                             |
| <b>Tues, Mar 6</b><br>DN 3:25, 34-43; MT 18:21-35                   | 5:30 pm - Valentine Emplaincourt-Dusart                         |
| <b>Wed, Mar 7</b><br>DT 4:1, 5-9; MT 5:17-19                        | 12:05 pm - Special Intention                                    |
| <b>Thurs, Mar 8</b><br>JER 7:23-28; LK 11:14-23                     | 5:30 pm - Extension Society                                     |
| <b>Fri, Mar 9</b><br>HOS 14:2-10; MK 12:28-34                       | 12:05 pm - Rosa Correro   |
| <b>Sat, Mar 10</b><br>HOS 6:1-6; LK 18:9-14                         | 5:00 pm - People Corpus Christi, Macon, MS                      |
| <b>Sun, Mar 11</b><br>2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23; EPH 2:4-10; JN 3:14-21 | 9:00 am - People of St. Joseph<br>11:30 am - Catholic Extension |

**Sunday Offering: \$6,166.00**

**Thank you for your contributions and generosity!**

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

George Mangum - son-in-law of Eugene & Carolyn Columbus  
Renee Columbus - daughter-in-law of Eugene & Carolyn Columbus  
Catherine Stone - sister of Trish Auel  
Brenda Graves - sister of Debra Lipe  
Alecia Holder, Margie Fletcher & Tracey Lang - friends of Debra Lipe  
Frankie Smith - grandson of Frank & Hillary Smith  
Christina Moore - daughter of Billy and Mary Beth Moore  
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 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

**PRAYER REQUEST**

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

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 Jaszkwia 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  
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  
Keri 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

**PRAYER LIST**

***Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:***

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

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Go to **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 MARCH 4, 2018**

**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

**Monday, 3/5**

5:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Hall  
6:00 p.m. - CCM Mat-Making - Center  
6:45 p.m. - Frassati Group - Lounge  
7:00 p.m. - CCM Adoration - Church

**Tuesday, 3/6**

7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast - Hall  
10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge  
11:30 a.m. - Grand Generation Lunch - Center  
4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church  
6:30 p.m. - TND/FUEL - Hall

**Wednesday, 3/7**

12:00 p.m. - Lenten Lunch - FUMC  
1:00 p.m. - Book Club - Lounge  
5:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00am Choir Practice - Church  
6:00 p.m. - CMM Relationship Group - Hall  
6:30 p.m. - RCIA - Center  
7:15 p.m. - 11:00am Choir Practice - Church

**Thursday, 3/8**

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

**Friday, 3/9**

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, 3/10**

10:00 a.m. - Baptism - Church  
10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

**Sunday, 3/11**

1:00 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center  
4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

### **RCIA**

The next RCIA session is Wednesday, March 7th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. The topic this week is the History of the Church (part 2). All are welcome!

### **NO CCD OR 5:30 MASS NEXT WEEK**

There will be no 5:30pm Mass next Sunday and no Religious Ed. for the next two Sundays due to spring break. 5:30pm Mass will resume Sunday, March 18th and Religious Ed. will meet again on March 25th.

### **PRO-LIFE EVENT ON CAMPUS**

CCM and MSU Students for Life are co-hosting a pro-life speaking event on Tuesday, March 6th, from 6:00-8:00pm in the Old Main Auditorium. All students and parishioners are invited to attend. Speaker Christina Bennett has an incredible pro-life message to share, and we are excited to be a part of the ongoing discussion in support of all life from conception to natural death.

### **GRAND GENERATION LUNCHEON**

In case you didn't know, the Grand Generation is our group of parishioners who are in that 60 year old and higher range. On the first Tuesday of each month, we like to show our appreciation for them by preparing and serving them a home-cooked meal. No need to register...just show up. This Tuesday, March 6th, at 11:30am in the Parish Center will be our next monthly Grand Generation Luncheon. In addition to good food and fellowship we will have a guest speaker, Ramona Parker, an Extended Care Specialist.

### **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN NEWS**

Last Sunday after the 9am Mass, Grand Knight Richard Coughlin presented Ruth Baareman, Director of the Starkville Pregnancy Care Center with a check for \$4000 from our baby bottle fundraiser. The parishioners of St Joseph gave \$3489 in coins, bills and checks, and the Council added the rest. This year's total brings the Starkville Council contribution to \$13,641 over 5 years! Additionally, in 2017, 41 "Red Rose" babies were born to women who had previously been considering abortion, but instead chose life, thanks to God and the Pregnancy Care Center's ministry. Thanks to all of you for your generosity, and if you still have a baby bottle, it is not too late to turn it in, either full or empty!

### **RELIGIOUS ARTICLES CASE**

On the left side of the gathering space, we have a case with many religious items for our members to purchase such as: birthstone rosaries, new baby gifts, crucifixes, assorted items for First Communion, Confirmation, birthdays or just little happies for someone! We will open the case right after the 9am Mass if you are interested in purchasing one of the items, and we can accept cash or checks as payment. You may also contact the Church Office if you see something that you like during the week.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 \$4.00 for kids under 16. Cash, checks and now also credit cards accepted!

### **ACS NEWS**

Annunciation is now taking applications for next year's pre-K-8th grades. If you are interested in a top-notch Catholic education, please contact Katie Fenstermacher, Marketing and Admissions Director, at (662) 328-4479. Save the date for ACS's annual \$10,000 Drawdown fundraiser on Friday, April 20th, at 7:00pm at the Trotter Convention Center. Tickets are \$100 for two adults and include dinner, live music, open bar, and a chance to win \$10,000. Contact ACS for more info! Also, please save your box tops for ACS! Each one is worth 10 cents for the school! Thank you!