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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: Philippians 2:6-11

Not . . . something to be grasped. (Philippians 2:6)

Today is one of the most important days of the year. It's a day to fix our eyes on Jesus and watch him empty himself on a cross—for us and for our salvation. It's a day to honor the One whose entire life was one of giving, not grasping, one of healing and restoration, not division and rivalry. It's a day to praise Jesus for overcoming sin and death through his act of pure, sacrificial love.

By his humility and obedience, Jesus has undone Adam's prideful attempt to become God—and every attempt that all of Adam's children have made ever since. He has shown that the way to heaven is not by grasping for ourselves and striving against one another. It's not something we earn, and it's not a kingdom we conquer. No, Jesus' death on the cross proves that the way to heaven is one of receiving graciously instead of possessing selfishly.

This can sound so grandiose and heroic that we might think it's out of our reach. But nothing can be further from the truth. God sees every act of self-sacrifice, every decision to put someone else's needs ahead of ours, every decision to empty ourselves. When we give up time to help our child with yet another math problem, God sees it. When we listen carefully to a spouse who tells us about her difficult day at work, even if ours was no better, God sees it. When we put down our car window and offer some food or money to a homeless person, God sees it. He sees them all, and he rewards them.

Every single act of self-giving is a reflection of the cross. And because of that, every act of self-giving warms our Father's heart and moves him to raise us up a little bit more—just as he did for Jesus. So fix your eyes on Jesus today, and let his self-giving love move you to be more like him.

"Thank you, Jesus, for your cross! Lord, teach me to follow your path of love."

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Mar 26 IS 42:1-7; JN 12:1-11	12:05 pm – Health of Shiloh Sciacca
Tues, Mar 27 IS 49:1-6; JN 13:21-33, 36-38	No Mass
Wed, Mar 28 IS 50:4-9A; MT 26:14-25	12:05 pm – Special Intention
Thurs, Mar 29 – Holy Thursday EX 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 COR 11:23-26; JN 13:1-15	7:00 pm – The Lord's Supper
Fri, Mar 30 – Good Friday IS 52:13–53:12; HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9; JN 18:1–19:42	7:00 pm – The Passion of the Lord
Sat, Mar 31 – Holy Saturday GN 1:1–2:2 OR 1:1, 26-31A; GN 22:1-18 OR 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18; EX 14:15–15:1; IS 54:5-14; IS 55:1-11; BAR 3:9-15, 32C4:4; EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28; ROM 6:3-11; MK 16:1-7	5:00 pm – Easter Vigil – Corpus Christi, Macon 8:00 pm – Easter Vigil – St. Joseph, Starkville
Sun, Apr 1 – Easter Sunday ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; COL 3:1-4; JN 20:1-9	9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – Catholic Extension

Sunday Offering: \$7,503.00

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

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

Deborah Young - relative of parishioner
Brian Gill - family of Patricia and Godfrey Uzoigwe
Dana Uzoigwe - daughter-in-law of Patricia & Godfrey Uzoigwe
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
Lyda Alice Burnham, Bruce Burnham and family - friends of a parishioner
Parents of a parishioner
Jimmy Mitchell & family - friends of a parishioner
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

PRAYER REQUEST

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

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
Thomas Guest - friend of John and Dawn McGinley
Goya-Olivos and Jaskzowiak Families - friends of the Janus family
Leslie Agostinelli and baby Edie - sister & niece 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
Mark & Claire Lilly - parents of Mark Lilly
(Names on our sick list must be re-requested after 30 days)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:

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

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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enter our **parish code: HT24XG**
and follow the steps to create your own free account!

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MARCH 25, 2018

Sunday, 3/25 - Palm Sunday

10:15 a.m. - K-8 Religious Ed. - Center/Hall
1:00 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center
1:00 p.m. - Baptism - Church
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, 3/26

5:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Center
5:30 p.m. - Grief Group - Lounge
6:30 p.m. - Seder Meal - Hall
6:45 p.m. - Frassati Group - Lounge

Tuesday, 3/27

7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast - Hall
10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge

Wednesday, 3/28

12:00 p.m. - Lenten Lunch - FUMC
5:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
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, 3/29 - Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Mass - Church
8:00 p.m. - Adoration - Hall

Friday, 3/30 - Good Friday

9:00 a.m. - Community Stations - FUMC
11:30 a.m. - Pro-Life Rosary - Church
12:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church
7:00 p.m. - The Lord's Passion Service - Church

Saturday, 3/31 - Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass - Church
10:00 p.m. - Vigil Reception - Hall

Sunday, 4/1 - Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Easter Mass - Church
11:30 a.m. - Easter Mass - Church
4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

RCIA

The next RCIA session is Wednesday, March 28th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. The topic will be reflection on Holy Week. All are welcome!

CHRISM MASS TUESDAY

This Tuesday, we will have no Mass and no Confession, because the priests and deacons will be traveling to Jackson for the Chrism Mass. All are invited to attend the service at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle at 5:45pm in Jackson, MS.

HOLY THURSDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet will take place on March 29th at 7:00pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow in the Parish Hall until midnight.

COMMUNITY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday, March 30th, our church, along with several other local churches, will pray the Stations of the Cross together through downtown Starkville. It will begin at 9:00am with the first station in front of FUMC, and we will proceed through town, ending with the 14th station in front of St. Joseph. Please help us pack the streets with a visible sign of God's presence to all, as we pray together as a Christian community, reflecting on the passion of Jesus.

GOOD FRIDAY

For anyone who is not available to attend the Community Stations, our parish will pray the Stations of the Cross at noon on Good Friday in the Church. Additionally, our Celebration of the Lord's Passion will take place that night at 7:00pm.

HOLY SATURDAY

Our Easter Vigil service will take place at 8:00pm in the Church, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

EASTER SUNDAY

Our Easter Sunday Masses will be at 9:00am and 11:30am. There will be no 5:30pm Mass and no Religious Ed. that day.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed from Holy Thursday through Easter Monday. We hope you have a blessed and beautiful Holy Week!

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

CCM will lead the parish in the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th, at 3:00 in the afternoon. We hope all of you will join us for this special time of prayer. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday. We have the novena prayers available on the table in the back of the church. You don't have to pray the novena to participate in the chaplet, so if you didn't pray the novena, please don't let that keep you from joining us on Divine Mercy Sunday.

CCM T SHIRT SALES

CCM will be selling their Hail Mary, Hail State T-shirts after all the masses on April 8th. The cost is \$15.00 each. Cash or check only. We only have adult sizes available. If you want children sizes, please complete the order form that will be available during the t-shirt sale on April 8th.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

The Parish Care Committee would like to send care packages to our fellow parishioners who have been recently deployed by the military. They are looking for submissions of names and mailing information for package recipients. Please submit the information by June 15th to Sal Keith (salkeith80@gmail.com) or 662-617-9241.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Our final Parents' Night Out for the semester will be Saturday, April 7th, from 6:00-9:30pm. There is no set fee, but donations will be gladly accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn McGinley in the Church Office.

YOUTH CHOIR

We are attempting to organize a youth choir for our parish that would lead the congregation in song/music during one of the Sunday Masses approximately once a month. Any 6th-12th graders who would like to sing or play an instrument in this choir, please contact Ian Perez at (662) 694-0353 for more information.

FRASSATI FELLOWSHIP OF MISSISSIPPI

We would like to invite all young Catholic professionals (graduate students, recent alumni, and young professionals already in the workforce, single or married) to join our new regional outreach ministry! This group is named after Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, an Italian Catholic activist, whom Pope JP II named the patron of young adults for the 21st century. According to our patron's example, we strive to "serve the Lord in total happiness" through spiritual, social, and service-filled activities. If you are interested in joining us, please email us at frassatims@gmail.com for more information.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to donate a lily for our Easter altar, envelopes are provided in the back of the church for your convenience. Please put \$12 with your full name, your phone number, and the name of the person(s) you wish to honor or remember into the envelope, and return it in the Sunday offering, or bring it by the Church Office by Monday, March 26th. Thanks!

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 credit cards also 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. Each ticket admits two adults (21 and older) and includes dinner catered by Huck's restaurant, live music by Winwheel, open bar, and a chance to win \$10,000. Second chance insurance is also available. Tickets can be purchased from the school or any ACS advisory board member. Only 300 tickets will be sold so get yours today! Contact ACS for more info! Also, please save your box tops for ACS! Each one is worth 10 cents for the school! Thank you!