



Third Sunday of Easter

Apr 15, 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: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead. (Acts 3:15)

Let's set the stage for today's first reading. Peter has just healed a man who had been lame from birth. Thrilled at his healing, the man begins jumping for joy in the Temple, which attracts a large crowd. Everyone is astonished. Everyone, that is, but Peter. "Why are you amazed at this?" he asks (Acts 3:12). Surely he was happy, but he seems more surprised at their astonishment than at the miracle itself!

So why would Peter be so unsurprised? Perhaps the answer comes in his words to the crowd. At least three times, Peter announces something more astonishing than this miracle: after all that we did to Jesus, God raised him from the dead and gave him back to us as our Savior. "The author of life you put to death," he says, "but God raised him" (Acts 3:15). It was a stunning reversal that no one saw coming. God repaid our cruelty with his divine love.

Through the drama of Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Pentecost, Peter learned how merciful and generous God is. Remember, Peter had denied Jesus and fled at his arrest. He, the "Rock" of the Church, crumbled in fear. And still, Jesus forgave him and welcomed him back. So, after all this, nothing could astonish Peter any more. He knew that God wanted only good for his people.

This is the astonishingly good news of the gospel: God is relentless in his mercy. He takes our worst sins to himself, wipes them away, and gives us healing and forgiveness instead of punishment and retribution. At Mass today, remember that no matter how bad your sins are, no matter what you think you deserve, God has just one answer for you. In yet another stunning reversal, he offers up his Son, Jesus, in the humble form of bread and wine.

"Thank you, Father, for repaying my sins with your love! Lord, I want to follow your way of mercy."

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Apr 16 ACTS 6:8-15; JN 6:22-29	12:05 pm - Health of Shiloh Sciacca
Tues, Apr 17 ACTS 7:51-8:1A; JN 6:30-35	5:30 pm - People of St. Joseph
Wed, Apr 18 ACTS 8:1B-8; JN 6:35-40	12:05 pm - Catolina Blanche
Thurs, Apr 19 ACTS 8:26-40; JN 6:44-51	5:30 pm - Special Intention
Fri, Apr 20 ACTS 9:1-20; JN 6:52-59	12:05 pm - Peter Jurusik
Sat, Apr 21 ACTS 9:31-42; JN 6:60-69	5:00 pm - People Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
Sun, Apr 22 ACTS 4:8-12; 1 JN 3:1-2; JN 10:11-18	9:00 am - People of St. Joseph 11:30 am - People of St. Joseph 5:30 pm - People of St. Joseph

Sunday Offering: \$11,588.00

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

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

Gary Keith - father of Jason Keith
 Marilyn Bowen - friend of Jimmy and Patti Abraham
 Susan Felker & Danny Carlisle - friends of Jimmy & Patti Abraham
 Susannah Smith - friend of Peggy Cini
 Gwen Hatch - sister-in-law of David Monts
 Mark & Claire Lilly - parents of Mark Lilly
 A friend of Lea Pitre
 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
 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 Zadravek - friends of Demi Dunne
 Warren Fraser - friend of Susan Brown

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for: _____

By/Relation: _____

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

Turn this form into the office or drop in the collection

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
 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 Dawn McGinley
 Goya-Olivos and Jaszkwowiak Families - friends of the Janus family
 Leslie Agostinelli and baby Edie - sister & niece of Heather Simmonds
 Kelson Bohna - son of Ron and Dana Bohna
 (Names on our sick list must be re-requested after 30 days)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:

J. Connor Ferguson	Chip Gavron	Paul Cuicchi
Carla Bohna	Al Baca	Clyde Taylor
Brenda Fratesi	Edmond Emplaincourt Frances	Linda Morse
Barbara Clynch	Hairston	June Schmidt
Dorothy Clowers	Ron & Patricia Raines	Kathy Winston
Kathryn Randall	Jason Rollins	Lainie Anthony
Carol Reed	Rose Fischer	Stan & Barb Grzybowski
Joey Johnson	Anna Chromiak	Emily Jones
Theresa Lollar	Susan & Virginia Brown	Mary Runnels
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	Ryan Mangum	Robert Elias
Kevin Raftery	Matt Savage	Clayton Eckler
Chris Withrow	Connor Bohna	Scott Shepard
Adam Fuhrmann	Patrick Smith	Andrew Pitman
Christian Bondi	Cory Delouche	

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR APRIL 15, 2018

Sunday, 4/15

10:15 a.m. - K-8 Religious Ed. - Center/Hall
 10:15 a.m. - 3rd Sunday Coffee & Donuts - Hall
 12:30 p.m. - Baptism - Church
 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, 4/16

5:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Hall
 6:00 p.m. - CCM Mat-Making - Center
 6:00 p.m. - Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. - Lounge
 7:00 p.m. - CCM Adoration - Church
 7:00 p.m. - RCIA Team Mtg. - Lounge

Tuesday, 4/17

10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge
 4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church
 6:00 p.m. - Casserole Kitchen - 1st Presbyterian
 6:30 p.m. - TND/FUEL - Hall

Wednesday, 4/18

7:15 a.m. - Companions on the Journey - Center

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, 4/19

9:00 a.m. - Women's Group - Center
 6:15 p.m. - Parish Council Mtg. - Center
 8:00 p.m. - CCM Guys Group - Lounge

Friday, 4/20

11:30 a.m. - Pro-Life Rosary - Church

Saturday, 4/21

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

Sunday, 4/22

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
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RCIA

The next RCIA session is Wednesday, April 18th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. The topic is service and faith formation opportunities in our parish and community. All are welcome!

HUMANE SOCIETY RAFFLE

Help support the Oktibbeha County Humane Society Second Chance fund by purchasing \$1 raffle tickets for a chance to win a 9x12 Bull-dog painting from Fancy Paints artist Nancy Waggoner. Tickets on sale after the 9:00am and 11:30am Masses on April 15th.

THIRD SUNDAY COFFEE AND DONUTS TODAY

Join us after the 9:00am Mass for coffee, juice and Donuts provided by the Parish Care Committee in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

LIFETOUCH PHOTO MAKE-UP DAY OR SUBMISSIONS

Lifetouch has let us know that *only those parishioners who had a photo taken or submitted a photo for the new directory will receive one when the books arrive!* Therefore, if we have 15 people or more, they will be happy to come out to do a photography make-up session for our parish. If you missed the opportunity to have your free portrait made, this is your chance! Please email Demi at demidunne@hotmail.com to let her know if you are wishing to come to a make-up shoot. Otherwise, you can submit a photo to Demi by April 23rd to be put in the new directory. The photo should be no bigger than a 4x6, or jpegs should be at least 250kb.

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

The Ladies Auxiliary will be meeting Monday, April 16th, at 6:00pm in the Parish Center Lounge. All Ladies are welcomed!

CCM SHOPPING BAG THANKS

Thank you to all of our parishioners who supplied CCM with your shopping bags. We are at the end of the semester and won't have a need for any bags through the summer. Your support of this beautiful ministry has been tremendous and we are truly grateful. If we need more bags when the Fall Semester begins, we will put a notice in the bulletin. Have a great summer!

YOUTH CHOIR

We are attempting to organize a youth choir for our parish that would lead the congregation in song/music during one Sunday Mass 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.

LEBANESE DINNER

Our 12th annual Lebanese Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus is Thursday, May 10th. Dinner tickets are by advance sale only and are \$12. The dinner includes baked Kibbee, rolled grape leaves, green beans and Lebanese salad with pita bread. Also available in-house will be several types of baklava and Lebanese pastries. Knights are in the gathering space selling ticket today after both Masses. They will also be selling on future Sundays after Mass.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Don't forget to turn in your rice bowl if you took one this Lent! They are due and the funds will be sent to the Diocese this week for distribution. Thanks to all who participated!

FRASSATI FELLOWSHIP OF MS

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 regional outreach minis-

try! 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.

"DELTA ITALIANS" TALK AT MSU

Father Paul Canonici is coming to MSU to present: "The Revival of a Lost Immigration Story: The Delta Italians." Father Paul Canonici is a retired Catholic Priest and one of the few remaining first generation, American-born Italians who immigrated to the Delta region. He has been studying the issue and the history of these families over the years, publishing two books, "The Delta Italians," Volume I and II. The event is going to be at Mississippi State University on April 19th at 5:00pm at the McCool building's auditorium, room 234. A book signing will take place right after the presentation, at 6:00pm, sponsored by Barnes and Noble.

ACS NEWS

ACS's annual \$10,000 Drawdown fundraiser will be 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 Win-wheel, open bar, and a chance to win \$10,000. Also, ACS students are selling raffle tickets for the chance to win complete orthodontic treatment from Callaway Orthodontics! Each ticket is \$25. The drawing will be held on April 20th at the annual Drawdown. You do not have to be present to win and treatment is transferable to a friend or family member. For tickets, see an Annunciation parent in the back of the church after Mass or contact Heather Fulton at heatherfulton@gmail.com.

DWELLING PLACE RETREAT VESPER TIME — NOW WHAT?

At the Vesper time in our lives, we need to pause to pray and reflect upon our history-- where we have been, where we are now, and consider the direction we are headed. What now? Where to from here? How can I best make this time in my life truly God's time? Presented by Kathleen and David Gruseck, married for 50 years, Kathleen is a Certified Spiritual Director and David is a Permanent Deacon since 1999. The retreat begins April 27th with dinner at 6:30pm and runs through the 28th. The cost is \$100. For more information, contact The Dwelling Place at 662-738-5348 or email us at dwellpl@gmail.com

GATHERING SPACE LIBRARY

The books in the Gathering Space are organized by category, and each category has been assigned a number, which you will see on each book. The books are there for your use. Feel free to borrow, enjoy them, and return them to be shared with others. When you return books, please do not re-shelve them yourself. Put them on the bookcase to the right, labeled "RETURN BOOKS HERE". If you would like to donate appropriate books, please take them to Demi or Jeff in the office, but do not leave them on the bookshelves. Books for children or young teens are kept in the Parish Center rather than this space. If you have any questions, please direct them to Barbara Frank (662-323-0538)

WITH SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Marc Anthony on the death of his mother, Towana Goodson Anthony. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May the grace and peace of our Lord bring comfort to you and your family at this time.