



St Joseph

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MASS TIMES

Sundays:
 9:00 am, 11:30 am

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: Luke 1:57-66, 80

All were amazed. (Luke 1:63)

What do you think is the most amazing thing about John the Baptist? His uncompromising zeal for the Lord? His clear, passionate preaching? Maybe his gift of self-denial, or the humility he displayed despite his fame. How about this: that even as a fetus, John leapt for joy in the presence of Mary and Jesus. Imagine: Here was an unborn baby, barely aware of life outside of the womb, and yet the muffled, quiet sound of Mary's greeting filled him with the Holy Spirit and caused such a dramatic reaction.

This leap may remind us of Isaac's wife, Rebecca, who also felt an unusual amount of activity from the twins in her womb. Rebecca asked the Lord why this was happening, and he told her that something spiritual and prophetic was going on inside of her (Genesis 25:20-23). King David also leaped before the Ark of the Covenant. He loved God so much he could not contain himself (2 Samuel 6:14-15). The prophet Isaiah wrote that in the age to come, when the glory of the Lord is made manifest, the lame will leap for joy (Isaiah 35:4-6).

John's leaping shows us that there is a part of us that can recognize God, regardless of what we do or who we are. It's encoded into the way he made us. This ability to recognize the Lord is not limited to unborn babies or to great saints like John. It's in all of us, and it's something that the Holy Spirit wants to bring to life so that we too can recognize Jesus more deeply—and rejoice in his presence. So on this great feast day, let's honor John the Baptist for all that he did for Jesus and for us. John truly is one of the greatest saints of the church. But let's never forget that the relationship between John and Jesus is something each one of us can experience. We can all leap for joy as we prepare this world for the coming of Christ the King!

"Come, Lord, and fill my heart with joy."

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jun 25	12:05 pm – Health of Shiloh Sciacca
Tues, Jun 26	5:30 pm – Health of Janice Toner
Wed, Jun 27	12:05 pm – People of St. Joseph
Thurs, Jun 28	5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph
Fri, Jun 29	12:05 pm – Special Intention
Sat, Jun 30	5:00 pm – People Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
Sun, Jul 1	9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – People of St. Joseph

Sunday Offering: \$6,774.00

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

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

Greg Raney - friend of David and Lisa Darce
 Bonnie Bennett - friend of parishioner
 Hazel O'Neal and Jon Peterson - friends of parishioner
 David Lack - husband of Susan Shira Lack
 Stephen Cobb and family - friends of a parishioner
 Dale Perkins - friend of Al Baca
 Marcus Efantis - nephew of Demi Dunne
 Dr. Bill Foster - friend of Jimmy and Patti Abraham
 Dakhlallah family - friends of Randy & Melissa Follett
 Read Bush & family - friends of Chuck Bailey
 Bob Lambert - brother of Mary McCoy
 Kris Thomas - daughter-in-law of Jay McKee
 Hope Mooney - sister of Laura McKee
 Eugene Sheehan - friend of Joel Okula
 Tonya McLendon & Stefanie Zadravek - friends of Demi Dunne
 Gary Keith - father of Jason Keith
 Marilyn Bowen - friend of Jimmy and Patti Abraham
 Susan Felker & Danny Carlisle - friends of Jimmy & Patti Abraham
 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

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
 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
 Keri Nixon - sister-in-law of Lisa Stricklin
 Allen Love & Madelyn Garnett - 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
 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
 A relative of Richard & Donna Coughlin
 Mary Jo Wallace - Aunt of Teresa Hamill
 Marjorie Orr - sister of Lucia Hoover

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:

Jeri Mangum	Charles Tubertini	Paul Cuicchi
Mary Beth Moore	Chip Gavron	Clyde Taylor
Karen Lilly	Al Baca	Linda Morse
Michael Rust	Edmond Emplaincourt	June Schmidt
Brenda Fratesi	Ron & Patricia Raines	Kathy Winston
Barbara Clynych	Jason Rollins	Lainie Anthony
Dorothy Clowers	Rose Fischer	Stan & Barb Grzybowski
Kathryn Randall	Anna Chromiak	Emily Jones
Carol Reed	Susan & Virginia Brown	Mary Runnels
Theresa Lollar	Dianna Janus	Hugh Comish
Edwina Hogue	Jane Ammerman	Tara Puckett
Ana Maria Lopez	Celeste Tomaso	Flo Henley
Robert Harris	Peggy Wolverton	Dee Dee Cook
Trish Auel	Julie Smith	Bud Tomaso
John Simpson	Charley Joel	Tim Read

ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

Please pray for those fighting abroad to keep us safe:

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

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR JUNE 24, 2018

Sunday, 6/24

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

Monday, 6/25

5:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Hall
 7:00 p.m. - KC Rosary for Vocations - Church

Tuesday, 6/26

10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge
 4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church

Wednesday, 6/27

7:15 a.m. - Companions on the Journey - Center
 5:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
 7:00 p.m. - LIFT - CYO House

Thursday, 6/28

6:15 p.m. - KC Officer's Mtg. - Center

Friday, 6/29

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

Saturday, 6/30

10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
 1:00 p.m. - Baptism - Church
 1:30 p.m. - Reception - Hall

Sunday, 7/1

10:15 a.m. - KC Pancake Breakfast - Hall
 1:30 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center
 4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

ACS NEWS

Annunciation has a part-time position open for their After Hours Program here St. Joseph. The position entails caring for the ACS students returning from school on the bus in the Parish Hall each school day until 5:30pm. For more information contact Joni House at johouse@cableone.net. ACS is also 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. Also, please save your box tops for ACS! Each one is worth 10 cents for the school! Thank you!

PARISH DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY

This is for people wishing to facilitate a divorce recovery program in their parish. In every parish, there are some marriages struggling to survive. Sometimes, some of these marriages end in divorce. The first place most Catholics turn when confronted with divorce is to their own parish. The Diocese of Jackson wants to support parishioners recovering from divorce, by assisting them with learning and living their faith more fully. Will you help to support divorced Catholics in your parish? The "Recovering from Divorce Parish Program" can help you get started. Details: For additional information, or questions, please call the Office of Family Ministry at 601-960-8487 or email Charlene Bearden at charlene.bearden@jacksondiocese.org.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019

Join Fr. Rusty Vincent and Erica Unz on a once in a lifetime pilgrimage to the lands made holy by Jesus Christ himself February 13-22, 2019! We will depart from GTR (other airports are available), and will travel directly to Tel Aviv, where we begin our 8 day tour of the Holy Land, visiting countless sacred sites, and celebrating Mass daily. The cost is \$3,999 and is ALL INCLUSIVE (all meals, hotels, transportation, entrance fees, etc. included. Tips to guide and driver and souvenirs not included). Registration and payment required no later than December 13, 2018. Contact Fr. Rusty or Erica (619-823-4883) for more information!

CYO SUMMER EVENTS

All current 9th-12th graders are invited and encouraged to join our CYO for our summer activities. July 16-20 we have HomeWork which is a week of service here in Starkville this year, followed by white water rafting on the Ocoee River near Chattanooga, TN. These events include work, fun, comradery, and a living out of our Catholic Faith. Contact Jeff for more details.

SUMMER COLLEGE STUDENTS

If you are a Catholic college student who is here for the summer, please let us know you are here by filling out the sign-up sheet on the tables in the back of the church. We will be meeting periodically throughout the summer for "dutch treat" supper and/or a movie.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS

The Thursday Morning Women's Group will be taking a break for the summer. They will return to begin a new study in mid-August. Watch the bulletin for details!

PRAYER SERVICE

A Statement from Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop Galveston-Houston, and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

June 13, 2018, Fort Lauderdale, FL—

"At its core, asylum is an instrument to preserve the right to life. The Attorney General's recent decision elicits deep concern because it potentially strips asylum from many women who lack adequate protection. These vulnerable women will now face return to the extreme dangers of domestic violence in their home country. This decision negates decades of precedents that have provided protection to women fleeing domestic violence. Unless overturned, the decision will erode the capacity of asylum to save lives, particularly in cases that involve asylum seekers who are persecuted by private actors. We urge courts and policy makers to respect and enhance, not erode, the potential of our asylum system to preserve and protect the right to life.

Additionally, I join Bishop Joe Vásquez, Chairman of USCCB's Committee on Migration, in condemning the continued use of family separation at the U.S./Mexico border as an implementation of the Administration's zero tolerance policy. Our government has the discretion in our laws to ensure that young children are not separated from their parents and exposed to irreparable harm and trauma. Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together. While protecting our borders is important, we can and must do better as a government, and as a society, to find other ways to ensure that safety. Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral."

Please join us for an ecumenical prayer service for our leaders and for the families affected by the current policies separating children from their parents at the borders. The service will take place on Sunday, July 1st, at 5:30pm in the Church, followed by a light meal in the Parish Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.