



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 - 2:00 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: Ephesians 1:3-14

He chose us in him, before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:4)

In June of last year, the United Nations estimated that there were 7.6 billion people living on Earth. In an even more jaw-dropping statistic, the Population Reference Bureau has estimated that approximately 108 billion people have lived on Earth since the beginning. So can you imagine that before God created the world, in the midst of these 108 billion people who would live in it, he knew you perfectly and chose you to be with him?

When we hear that God chose us before the foundation of the world, it can sound so theoretical. We think of "us" as a universal group: God's people. And while we are all part of this large group, we are not just anonymous members of the crowd. God's love for us is not generalized. It is personal and specific. He loves you for who you are. He loves you in the best way you can be loved. As overwhelming as this may sound, let this truth sink in today. Even if there were 100 trillion people, it doesn't matter. You—with all your quirks and idiosyncrasies—were in God's mind and in his heart from the beginning. He created you with a specific purpose, and he longs for you to be with him forever!

Here's one way to ponder this amazing truth: take today's second reading, and wherever you see the word "us," substitute your name. For example, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed [your name] in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose [your name] in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him" (Ephesians 1:3-4). Reread the whole passage slowly a couple of times. Proclaim it out loud. Let God expand your understanding of how much he loves you. Then bask in that love today.

"Father, I am so amazed to know that I am in your heart. Help me to trust and rely on your personal love today and every day."

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jul 16	12:05 pm – Communion Service
Tues, Jul 17	5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph
Wed, Jul 18	12:05 pm – People of St. Joseph
Thurs, Jul 19	5:30 pm – Special Intention
Fri, Jul 20	12:05 pm – Cecile Pinsonneault
Sat, Jul 21	5:00 pm – People Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
Sun, Jul 22	9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – People of St. Joseph

Sunday Offering: \$8,190.00

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

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

Marilyn Hubbard - friend of parishioners
Arlene Diaz - friend of a parishioner
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

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for: _____

By/Relation: _____

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

Turn this form into the office or drop in the collection

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
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

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:

Jeri Mangum	Chip Gavron	Clyde Taylor
Mary Beth Moore	Al Baca	Linda Morse
Karen Lilly	Edmond Emplaincourt	June Schmidt
Michael Rust	Ron & Patricia Raines	Kathy Winston
Brenda Fratesi	Jason Rollins	Lainie Anthony
Barbara Clynych	Rose Fischer	Stan & Barb Grzybowski
Dorothy Clowers	Anna Chromiak	Emily Jones
Kathryn Randall	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
Charles Tubertini	Paul Cuicchi	

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 JULY 15, 2018

Sunday, 7/15

10:15 p.m. - Coffee and Donuts - Hall
4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

Monday, 7/16

5:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Hall
6:00 p.m. - Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. - Center

Tuesday, 7/17

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

Wednesday, 7/18

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

Thursday, 7/19

6:15 p.m. - Parish Council Mtg. - Center

Friday, 7/20

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

Saturday, 7/21

10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
11.30 a.m. - KC 4th Degree - Hall

Sunday, 7/22

4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

SUMMER PLANS

Next week, Fr. Lenin leaves for Mexico and Fr. Rusty returns from his vacation. Also, the CYO begins their service project, HOMEWORK, followed by white water rafting in Tennessee. Please keep them all in your prayers for safe travels!

THIRD SUNDAY COFFEE & DONUTS

Join us today between the morning Masses for food and fellowship in the Parish Hall. Every 3rd Sunday of the month, following the 9:00am Mass, the Parish Care Committee provides Shipley's doughnuts, juice and coffee for the whole parish to get together and visit with one another. All are invited and encouraged to come!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE Q&A SESSION

Fr. Rusty and Erica Unz will be hosting a Q&A session about their pilgrimage to the Holy Land on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. There will be a short PowerPoint presentation and light snacks and refreshments will be provided. The exact program itinerary (with added site visits), and assistance with sign-ups will also be available if needed. Please join us, and bring all your questions!

KC 4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Sir Eugene T. Hicks Assembly 2734 of Starkville/Columbus will be hosting a 4th Degree Exemplification at St. Joseph Church in Starkville on Saturday, July 21st. Registration and a light lunch is from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The degree should last only a couple of hours. Although not mandatory to attend, our other planned events after the exemplification will include a Mass at 5:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church in West Point with a Social to follow at Anthony's Good Food Market. Scholarships are available. Please contact Chuck Bailey at (662) 312-4588 if you are a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus wanting to receive your Patriotic Degree of our order.

FREE JOBS TRAINING FOR WOMEN

Christian Women's Job Corps is offering free job, life and computer skills training to women 18 and older. Day classes will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on August 28th at CWJC on 207 S. Lafayette in Starkville. If you have questions or would like to enroll, call 662-722-3016 or 662-597-1030.

CASSEROLE KITCHEN

Did you know that those in need here in Starkville are able to receive a free, hot meal every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at the Casserole Kitchen, hosted by First Presbyterian Church? St. Joseph Catholic Church is one of 12 local churches that participates by providing a meal and serving those in need once a month. If you would like to participate in this ministry by helping prepare food and/or serving the meal, please contact Deacon Jeff in the Church Office.

K - 12TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATION

Even though classes won't begin until September 16th and it is just now July, we're already planning for the upcoming religious education school year. A big part of the planning process involves knowing how many children we will have in all of our classes. Please take the time to fill out a registration form found in the back of the church. It will take less than five minutes to do so and will be a great help to us. Completed forms may be placed in the folder in the back of church, or turned in to the Church Office. Registration is \$20 per child or \$30 for the whole family. Thank you.

ADORATION HOURS OPEN

We have the following hour of Adoration open: **Wednesday mornings from 1am to 2am.** Responsibilities include never leaving the Blessed Sacrament until a relief shows up and finding a replacement for your hour when you cannot keep your commitment (a sub list will be provided for you). Please consider spending an hour with Jesus each week. If you are interested, contact Mike Kassouf at 662-312-2973.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the parish and have not yet registered with us, there are forms in the gathering space that you can fill out and drop in the Sunday collection or the Church Office to register. If you haven't already, come by the office to meet the staff! We are so glad you are here and welcome you to our parish family!

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!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our altar flowers today were provided by Tomasz and Boguslawa Haupt in recognition of their 40th Wedding Anniversary! All of us at St. Joseph offer our sincere congratulations and best wishes to both of them on this wonderful milestone! Cheers!

WITH SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Libby Gerald on the loss of her mother, Olene Dallas, and to the family of parishioner Carol Reed, who passed away this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May the grace of God bring peace and comfort to you and your families at this difficult time.