



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 2:13-18

He . . . broke down the dividing wall of enmity. (Ephesians 2:14)

In almost poetic language, St. Paul invites the Ephesians to marvel at the unity they are experiencing. Many of them were Gentiles, people who looked down on the Jews almost as much as the Jews looked down on them. And yet here they were worshipping Jesus—alongside of Jewish brothers and sisters! Through Christ, the centuries-old wall dividing them had been broken down, leaving only a bond of love. But this wasn't the only time when Jesus brought Jews and Gentiles together. Probably the most important one happened about thirty years earlier, on the first Good Friday. That's when "Herod and Pontius Pilate, together with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel," overcame their differences . . . so that they could put Jesus to death (Acts 4:27). Of course, not everyone was in on the plot, but many were united in their hatred of Jesus.

Isn't it amazing how Jesus can take something horrible and make it a source of blessing? The devil had created a false and feeble unity in order to eliminate Jesus, but his plan backfired. This mock unity brought about the true unity that the Ephesians—and Christians everywhere else—were now enjoying. Where once there was Gentile versus Jew, slave versus free, and woman versus man, now there were only brothers and sisters witnessing to the Spirit's power to heal ancient divisions.

If Jesus can overcome centuries of division between Jews and Gentiles, surely he can heal the divisions in our lives. It may not happen overnight or in the way we expect, but it can happen—especially if we work toward it ourselves. So take one relationship today, whether you need to offer forgiveness, let go of resentment, or ask for forgiveness, and see what you can do to break down the walls. It won't happen overnight—just as it took time for the early Church. But if you persevere, it will happen.

"Come, Lord, and heal every division and wounded relationship."

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jul 23	12:05 pm – James Francis Dunne
Tues, Jul 24	5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph
Wed, Jul 25	12:05 pm – People of St. Joseph
Thurs, Jul 26	5:30 pm – Special Intention
Fri, Jul 27	12:05 pm – People of St. Joseph
Sat, Jul 28	5:00 pm – People of Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
Sun, Jul 29	9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – People of St. Joseph

Sunday Offering: \$6,097.00

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

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

Matt Savage - friend of parishioner
Brian Pitre - son of Lea Pitre
Traci Hardin - family member of Edwina Hogue
Shiloh Sciacca - nephew of Havilah and Neil Couvillion
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 a 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

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for: _____

By/Relation: _____

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

Turn this form into the office or drop in the collection

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
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
(Names on our sick list must be re-requested after 30 days)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:

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

ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

Please pray for those fighting abroad to keep us safe:

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

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 JULY 22, 2018

Sunday, 7/22

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

Monday, 7/23

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

Tuesday, 7/24

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

Wednesday, 7/25

7:15 a.m. - Companions on the Journey - Center
5:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
6:30 p.m. - Holy Land Pilgrimage Q&A - Center

Thursday, 7/26

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

Friday, 7/27

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

Saturday, 7/28

10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
11.00 a.m. - SJCC Softball Team Party - Hall

Sunday, 7/29

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

CONGRATS TO THE ST. JOSEPH PADRES

Congratulations! to the St. Joseph Padres for finishing 3rd in the Starkville Church Rec League Tournament. In honor of their successful season the Knights of Columbus will be honoring them with an end of the season party Saturday, July 28th, from 11am until 2pm in the Parish Hall. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served. Wear your swimsuit to enjoy some fun water games. The whole parish is invited to attend.

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!

ACS JOB OPENING AND NEWS

Annunciation has a part-time position open for their After Hours Program here at 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. Applications can be found on their website at annunciationcatholic.school.org. All applications/resumes should be directed to Joni House, principal, 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!

THOMAS MERTON RETREAT, AUG 10-11

In addressing the US Congress in 2015, Pope Francis called Thomas Merton, an American Trappist Monk, one of the most influential spiritual writers of the 20th century. Best known for his bestselling autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, Merton also wrote more than 70 other books, poems, articles and essays before his death in 1968. Since his death, his work continues to be studied by both ordinary lay people as well as theologians. In today's complex and confusing world, his clear, straightforward thoughts on societal issues and spiritual matters are as relevant as when they were first written. During this retreat, we will look at Merton's historical life, conversion, teaching on solitude, thoughts on contemplation and his theology of lights. Presented by Ed Thebaud, a passionate admirer and scholar of Merton, he is a member of the International Thomas Merton Society. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:30pm on August 10th, and the cost is \$100. For more info, contact The Dwelling Place at dwellingpl@gmail.com or call 662-738-5348.

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 Tuesdays & Thursdays 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!

WITH SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Barbara Grzybowski who lost her husband, parishioner Stanislaw Grzybowski, this past week. May the grace of God bring peace and comfort to you and your family at this difficult time. Visitation for Stan will be held at the church on Tuesday, July 31st, at 3pm, with the Funeral Mass at 4pm. A repast will follow in the Parish Hall.