



# St Joseph

## Catholic Church

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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: Mark 9:30-37

#### *The Son of Man is to be handed over to men. (Mark 9:31)*

What a remarkable statement! As he begins his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus tells his disciples—and us—that he will be handed over. He will become passive, powerless in our hands. He will leave it up to us to decide what to do with him. It's just as the prophet Isaiah had said, "Like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7).

This is a strong contrast to everything we have seen Jesus do so far. From the moment he burst onto the scene, Jesus was at the center of attention—healing people, contending with opponents, calming storms, and multiplying bread. He always took the lead. He always spoke with authority. He was the one shaping the story. But at the cross, where it matters the most? Jesus remained quiet, humble, and vulnerable.

The truth is, this is what Jesus intended all along. He came as God's gift to us. A gift doesn't tell the recipient how to use it. He left it up to us to decide how we were going to receive him. We didn't have to reject him as many of his people did. We didn't have to deny him as Peter did. We didn't have to kill him as the Romans did. We could have embraced him and accepted his message of salvation. But we didn't. And still God handed him over. He didn't take back his gift.

Even today, God continues to hand Jesus to us. At every Mass, on every altar, in every Communion line, Jesus is placed in our hands as God's gift of salvation. None of us are worthy to receive him. None of us accept him as fully as we should. But that doesn't stop him. He still gives himself to sinful men and women. He still offers his salvation to us. Let's return his gesture and hand ourselves over to him.

***"Lord, I am not worthy to receive you. Please keep speaking your words to me so that I may be healed."***

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon, Sep 24</b>	12:05 pm – Shiloh Sciacca
<b>Tues, Sep 25</b>	5:30 pm – Emalee Formica
<b>Wed, Sep 26</b>	12:05 pm – Sue Thigpen
<b>Thurs, Sep 27</b>	5:30 pm – George Bohna
<b>Fri, Sep 28</b>	12:05 pm – Martha Kottmann
<b>Sat, Sep 29</b>	5:00 pm – People of Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
<b>Sun, Sep 30</b>	9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – People of St. Joseph 5:30 pm – Ann Boneau

**Sunday Offering: \$6,965.50**

**Thank you for your contributions and generosity!**

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

Christina Moore - daughter of Billy and Mary Beth Moore  
 Stanley Villavaso - brother of Eric Villavaso  
 Beverly Norris - friend of Barb Frank  
 Alexander Rosener & family - brother of Dianna Janus  
 Abraham and Bobbie Potts - friends of a parishioner  
 Tom Lavelle - son of Mary June Lavelle  
 Gary Keith - father of Jason Keith  
 Liz, Austin & Nick Redding - sister and nephews of Katie Gent  
 John Breuning - father of Peggy Cini  
 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  
 Parents of a parishioner  
 Lyda Alice Burnham, Bruce Burnham and family - friends of a 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 and the Morton family - nephew & friends of Demi Dunne  
 Dr. Bill Foster - friend of Jimmy and Patti Abraham  
 Dakhllallah family - friends of Randy & Melissa Follett  
 Read Bush & family - friends of Chuck Bailey  
 Bob Lambert - brother of Mary McCoy

**PRAYER REQUEST**

Pray for: \_\_\_\_\_  
 By/Relation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New request \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ (check one)

*Turn this form into the office or drop in the collection*

Kris Thomas - daughter-in-law of Jay McKee  
 Hope Mooney - sister of Laura McKee  
 Eugene Sheehan - friend of Joel Okula  
 Allen Love & Stefanie Zadravek - friends of Demi Dunne  
 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  
 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  
 (Names on our sick list must be re-requested after 30 days)

**PRAYER LIST**

***Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:***

Joel Okula	Trish Auel	Charley Joel
Dan Stumpf	John Simpson	Paul Cuicchi
Shirley Delouche	Charles Tubertini	June Schmidt
Libby Gerald	Chip Gavron	Kathy Winston
Jane Bell	Al Baca	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

**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	Patrick Smith	Scott Shepard
Adam Fuhrmann	Cory Delouche	Andrew Pitman

**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 SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**

**Sunday, 9/23**

10:15 a.m. - K-8 Religious Ed. - Center/Hall  
 10:15 a.m. - Adult Ed. - Hall  
 1:00 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center  
 4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge  
 6:30 p.m. - HS Religious Ed - Center

**Monday, 9/24**

5:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Hall  
 6:00 p.m. - Grief Group - Lounge  
 7:00 p.m. - CCM Mat Making - Center  
 8:00 p.m. - KC Rosary for Vocations - Church

**Tuesday, 9/25**

10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge  
 4:00 p.m. - Confession - Church  
 6:30 p.m. - CCM Tuesday Night Dinner - Hall  
 7:00 p.m. - RCIA Team Mtg. - Center

**Wednesday, 9/26**

7:15 a.m. - Companions on the Journey - Center  
 5:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge  
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 Choir Practice - Church  
 6:30 p.m. - RCIA - Center  
 7:00 p.m. - LIFT - CYO House  
 7:15 p.m. - 11:30 Choir Practice - Church

**Thursday, 9/27**

9:00 a.m. - Women's Morning Group - Center  
 6:00 p.m. - CCM Girls' Group - Lounge  
 6:15 p.m. - KC Officer's Meeting - Center  
 7:00 p.m. - 5:30 Mass Choir Practice - Church  
 7:00 p.m. - Fr. Barron's The Mass Series - Hall  
 8:00 p.m. - CCM Guys' Group - Lounge

**Friday, 9/28**

11:30 a.m. - Pro-Life Rosary - Church  
 4:00 p.m. - Commission Ceremony- Church

**Saturday, 9/29**

10:30 a.m. - CCM Game Day Parking - Lots  
 10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

**Sunday, 9/30**

10:15 a.m. - K-8 Religious Ed. - Center/Hall  
 10:15 a.m. - Adult Ed. - Hall  
 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 Core Team Mtg. - Hall

### RCIA

The next RCIA session will be Wednesday, September 26th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. The topics this week are sacraments and sacramentals. It is not too late to start RCIA. All are welcome!

### THURSDAY WOMEN'S GROUP TOUR ANNUNCIATION

On October 4th, the Thursday Morning Ladies Group will CAR-POOL to Columbus and tour Annunciation Catholic Church and Chapel. We will leave at 10:00am from the Parish Center. If any Ladies of our Church wish to attend, please call Jo Ann Watson, 323-6652 before Wednesday, October 3rd.

### BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Starting next Sunday, September 30th, the Knights of Columbus will be distributing baby bottles from the Starkville Pregnancy Care Center. We encourage each household to take a bottle home, fill it with coins, currency or checks, and return it no later than Sunday, October 28th. Your contributions will make a difference in the lives of young women in our community who are facing unexpected pregnancies. Your efforts will save the lives of unborn babies and help their moms learn about Jesus! Thank you for your participation!

### CALLING ALL BASS FISHERMAN

St. Richard Knights of Columbus is planning it's 1st Annual Team Bass Challenge Saturday, November 10th, at Ross Barnett Rez. Friday Night Dinner will be served on November 9th for competing fishermen in Foley Hall. Guest Speaker & Door Prizes \$100.00 per 2 man team (optional 3rd member \$50.00). Payouts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place. 1st Place Lunker Pot \$30.00/Boat. Contact Tommy Lamas @ 601-366-2335 or lamas@saintrichard.com for more info.

### BOB DAMM CONCERT TODAY

Today, Robert J. Damm, professor of music at Mississippi State University and 11:30 Mass Choir member, will present a faculty artist recital entitled, "The Greatest Drumset Grooves in Rock and Roll History." This free concert will begin at 3:00pm on September 23rd in the Bettersworth Auditorium of Lee Hall. Joining Bob will be Bill Cooke, Drew Deickmann and Jerry Carnathan; three local guitarists, as well as Jim Beaty (bass and vocals), Bobby Shannon (keyboard and vocals), Doug Thomas (saxophone) and Big Joe Shelton (harmonica). For more information, call Dr. Damm at 662-325-3070 or email: rdamm@colled.msstate.edu.

### EVENING ADULT ED. WITH DEACON JOHN

ENGAGE! verb: to interest someone in something and keep them thinking about it. Deacon John McGinley will be leading a series of talks and discussions about faith and spirituality. The hope is that each session will help us all engage in our faith in new ways. For the next 3 months, there will be twice-monthly, 1-hour sessions in the church, held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. We'll begin on October 1st. You are asked to each bring your own personal Bible with you to this first session. There is no cost for this and you do not have to attend each session - come when you can!

### NO MORE BAGS NEEDED FOR CCM

The Catholic Campus Ministry offers their thanks for the many recyclable bags that were donated for their homeless mat-making project, but they are asking that no more bags be donated at this time. They have more than they need currently, and will let the parish know when they are in need again. Thanks so much to all who donated!

### DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY CLASS

If you'd like to learn more about Dante and his great work, "The Divine Comedy", join us for class on Sunday mornings **from 10:15-11:15am (During Religious Ed.) in the Parish Hall**. Each week, we'll be watching a "Great Courses" DVD lecture series and discussing ideas in the text. The course will be accessible to you whether you read the Comedy as you take the class or not. Either way, you'll gain the tools to better grasp and appreciate Dante, as well as the confidence to read and understand him on your own. Enrich your Catholic faith, dive into one the greatest artistic works of the Middle Ages, and learn more about The Holy Trinity, who is "The Love that moves the sun and the other stars." All are welcome!

### ADULT PIANO LESSONS BEING OFFERED

Opportunities for adults who would like to learn to play piano or improve existing skills are being offered! Beginning Adult Piano Class, Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00pm; Adult Piano Class 2, Mondays from 6:00-7:00pm or Adult Piano Masterclass & Musicianship Activities, once-per-month, Thursdays, 6:00-9:00 pm. Contact Dr. Jackie Edwards-Henry, pianist for our 11:30am Mass Choir, if interested at: jackie.edwards-henry@msstate.edu or her work phone: 662-325-2864.

### WALK OF HEROES FUNDRAISER

The Starkville Pregnancy Center will be hosting their annual walk-a-thon on Saturday, October 13th. It's a family-friendly, 2 mile walk to raise funds to continue serving our community. For more information, to register, or to sponsor a walker, please visit [sartkvillepregnancycenter.com](http://sartkvillepregnancycenter.com)

### BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S *THE MASS* SERIES

Beginning Thursday, September 27th, from 7:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall, we will be hosting *The Mass* DVD series to dive deeper into the mystery of the Mass, which is the center of our Catholic worship. In this nine part series, Bishop Barron shows in wonderful depth how the Mass contributes to our salvation and our personal relationship with the Lord. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. The evening will be led by Fr. Rusty Vincent with discussion and commentary. All are invited to attend. If there are any questions, please contact Fr. Rusty in the office.

### CCM COOKS NEEDED

Every semester our awesome parishioners volunteer to cook for our college students. All that is involved is finding the recipe you want to cook, sending it to Mary Beth and then cooking it for our students. We will do the shopping and clean-up after. We serve dinner at 6:30pm every Tuesday. If you want to serve our students by cooking a meal for them, please contact Mary Beth Nunemacher in the Church Office to pick a date. Thank you for always being so generous with our college students.

### WITH SYMPATHY

We offer our deepest sympathy to Dianna Janus on the death of her niece, Kaitlynn Vannoy, this week. May the grace and love of Almighty God bring comfort and peace to you and your loved ones during this time. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.