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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

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice!”

In the second reading today, St. Paul tells the Philippians, “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!” (Phil 4:4). St. Paul is like this “type A” extrovert that is getting in everyone’s face to remind them not to put their heads in the sand and live lives full of worry and anxiety. Because the reality is that worry is anchored in fear and fearfulness can develop into a lack of true faith. No, St. Paul is rallying everyone together to remember to keep their heads in the clouds – to have the mind of Christ, to count their blessings, to give thanks and practice knowing God’s presence in the midst of trials and tribulations. St. Paul in so many words is encouraging them to say no to worrying and to say yes to praying and rejoicing. With so much pervasive divisiveness these days, it is easy to get sucked up into an everyday worry of what we cannot control. This lack of control can easily send one spiraling into anxiety, worry, uneasiness and/or concern of what is going to happen next. St. Paul is calling us to a simple faith. St. Paul is calling us to be anchored in the Lord through praying and rejoicing, praying and rejoicing, praying and rejoicing. We are called daily, during this Advent Season, to make sure that we are anchoring ourselves in praying and rejoicing. For when we do, we will have our heads wrapped around the mind of the Lord, and we can’t help but to be overcome with joy. We will be able to proclaim from depth of our soul, “Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again: rejoice!”

Christ’s Blessings,
 Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon, Dec 17 | 12:05 pm – Special Intention |
| Tues, Dec 18 | 5:30 pm – Warren Bourgeois, Jr. and Warren Bourgeois, Sr. |
| Wed, Dec 19 | 12:05 pm – Juana Achecar |
| Thurs, Dec 20 | 5:30 pm – Communion Service |
| Fri, Dec 21 | 12:05 pm – Communion Service |
| Sat, Dec 22 | 5:00 pm – People of Corpus Christi, Macon, MS |
| Sun, Dec 23 | 9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – People of St. Joseph |

Sunday Offering: \$11,363.00

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

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

Melinda Redwine, Brenda Sisson, Audrey Scales
 Susan Felker & Marilyn Bowen - friends of Jimmy & Patti Abraham
 Fr. Robert Dalton - friend of Al Baca
 Conor Moran - nephew of Barbara and David Monts
 Lyn Barbier - mother of Kathryn Barbier
 José Solorzano - father of Fr. Mario Solorzano
 Sr. Ailes Therese - friend of Al Baca
 Nicky Cumberland -friend of Courtney Slattery
 Olivia - friend of Alex and Cindy Harris
 Amy Arnault -sister of Lynne Ryder
 Christina Moore - daughter of Billy and Mary Beth Moore
 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
 Shiloh Sciacca - nephew of Havilah and Neil Couvillion
 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
 Lyda Alice Burnham, Bruce Burnham and family - friends of a parishioner
 Parents of a parishioner
 David Lack - husband of Susan Shira Lack

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for: _____
 By/Relation: _____
 Date: _____ New request ___ Renewal ___ (check one)

Stephen Cobb and family - friends of a parishioner
 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
 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
 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
 (Names on our sick list must be re-requested after 30 days)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:

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| Duane Aultman | Ana Maria Lopez | Charley Joel |
| Isabella Grace Morgan | Robert Harris | Paul Cuicchi |
| Fr. Lenin Vargas | Trish Auel | June Schmidt |
| Twila Alpe | John Simpson | Kathy Winston & Jane Bell |
| Dan Ryder | Charles Tubertini | Lainie Anthony |
| Shirley Delouche | Chip Gavron | Barb Grzybowski |
| Joel Okula | Al Baca | Emily Jones |
| Dan Stumpf | Patricia Raines | Mary Runnels |
| Libby & Hugh Gerald | Jason Rollins | Hugh Comish |
| Mary Beth Moore | Rose Fischer | Tara Puckett |
| Michael Rust | Susan & Virginia Brown | Flo Henley |
| Brenda Fratesi | Dianna Janus | Dee Dee Cook |
| Barbara Clynych | Jane Ammerman | Bud Tomaso |
| Kathryn Randall | Peggy Wolverton | Tim Read |
| Theresa Lollar | Julie Smith | |

ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

Please pray for those fighting abroad to keep us safe:

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

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION
 Weekly Offering: \$11,363.00

REFLECTION
 Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 16, 2018

Sunday, 12/16

10:15 a.m. - K-8 Religious Ed. - Center/Hall
 1:00 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center
 4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
 5:30 p.m. - Parish Christmas Dinner - Hall

Monday, 12/17

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

Tuesday, 12/18

7:00 a.m. - Men's Advent Breakfast - Hall
 10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge
 4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church
 6:00 p.m. - Casserole Kitchen - 1st Presbyterian

Wednesday, 12/19

5:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Hall
 6:00 p.m. - 9am Choir Practice - Lounge

Thursday, 12/20

No Church Activities

Friday, 12/21

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

Saturday, 12/22

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

Sunday, 12/23

10:15 a.m. - K-8 Religious Ed. - Center/Hall
 1:00 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center
 4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
 5:30 p.m. - Parish Christmas Dinner - Hall

RCIA

RCIA is taking a break for Christmas. The next RCIA session is Wednesday, January 9th. Merry Christmas to you all!

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 19th, at 6:00 pm, there will be an Advent Reconciliation Service in the Church led by Fr. Rusty, Fr. Jeffrey and visiting priests from nearby parishes. Bishop Kopacz, after speaking with Fr. Jeffrey about some of the issues surrounding his coming, agreed that it would be best for him not to attend the Reconciliation Service. Bishop Kopacz wanted to assure us that we are in his thoughts and prayers.

NO MASS NEXT THURSDAY OR FRIDAY

Next Thursday and Friday, Dec. 20th and 21st, Fr. Rusty will be out of town, so we will have Communion Services instead of Masses on those days.

ADORATION SUSPENSION

There will be no Adoration on the following days due to the Christmas and New Year holidays: Tuesday, December 25th, Wednesday, December 26th, Tuesday, January 1st, and Wednesday, January 2nd. We will resume our normal Adoration schedule on Tuesday, January 8th.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S GROUP SUSPENSION

The Thursday morning Women's Group will no longer meet until the new year. They will resume on January 10th with a new FORMED series on the Eucharist.

KC CHRISTMAS CARD SALE ENDING

The Knights of Columbus are concluding the Keep Christ in Christmas card sales this weekend. If anyone still needs to get cards after that point, please contact Randy Follett (follett@ece.msstate.edu, 662-648-9448) and we'll be able to sell to you individually.

CCM COOKS NEEDED

We are looking for cooks for the Spring Semester. If you are interested in cooking for our college students, please contact Mary Beth.

ACS NEWS

All are welcome to attend school mass each week on Thursdays at 8:30am in the gym. The school office will be closed during the holidays from December 21st to January 4th. We are still collecting Box Tops. Please leave them in the designated box on the gathering space table. Follow us on Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube) for more news and events!

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER TONIGHT

Our Parish Christmas Dinner is tonight, December 16th, at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. The parish will supply turkey, ham, rolls and drinks. We are asking parishioners to bring a dessert, appetizer, or side dish based on the first letter of your last name. Names beginning with A – F please bring desserts, G – L appetizers, and M – Z side dishes, but all are welcome even without bringing food, so please join us!

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

On Saturday, December 22nd, our parish is responsible for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Walmart. The money raised from this event goes to help those in need here in our community. If you would like to volunteer an hour of your time, either alone or with family or friends, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space.

RELIGIOUS ED. SCHEDULE K-12

Today will be out final K-8th grade classes of the year. We will not

have high school classes tonight, because of our parish Christmas Dinner at 5:30pm. Classes will resume on January 6th.

NEED 11:30AM MASS VOLUNTEERS

We are hoping to have help from parishioners willing to serve our 11:30am Mass as a Eucharistic Minister. If you have ever considered helping to serve the parish in this way, now would be a wonderful time to sign-up. You would normally serve one to two Sundays a month, and training will only take about 15 minutes of your time. At your earliest convenience, please call Deacon Jeff Artigues in the Church Office for training and hopefully be added to next month's ministry schedule. Thank you for your willingness to serve our parish!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate a Christmas Poinsettia, there are envelopes located on the gathering space table for your convenience. The cost is \$12, and the envelope can be filled out with your name and phone number, as well as the name(s) of those whom you wish to honor or remember. Envelopes can be dropped in the Sunday offering, or you can bring them by the Church Office by December 18th to give to Demi. Thank you!

ADVENT MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

This Tuesday, from 7:00 to 7:45am, come to pray and reflect on this holy Advent Season and enjoy breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus. All men are welcome to attend.

CCM SEEKING HELP FOR 2019 SEEK CONFERENCE

CCM is sending a group of students to the SEEK conference in Indianapolis in January! SEEK is a very large college student conference held every two years and is put on by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). There will be over 60 talks given by very influential Catholic speakers including Fr. Mike Schmitz! As you can imagine, these trips can get expensive quickly. If you are willing to donate anything, please stop the office to see our campus minister, Mary Beth. If you have any questions or want more information, you can email her at: mary.nunenmacher@gmail.com. Thank you.

BISHOP OFFERS FINANCIAL RESTORATION

For those who may have missed it, the diocese recently addressed the idea of financial restoration for those who gave money for the orphanage/chapel projects in Mexico or for medical expenses for Fr. Lenin. Although the investigation is ongoing and no charges have been made, the bishop felt it would be best to return monetary donations to those who wanted reimbursement for donations to those causes. Claims may be submitted to:

Diocesan Director of Finances
Father Lincoln S. Dall
Chancery Building
PO Box 2248
Jackson, MS 39225

In your correspondence please include the monetary amount, along with any documentation that can substantiate your claim. In addition, please construct a concise narrative that describes the circumstances that prompted you to make a donation. At this time Bishop Kopacz is looking into the diocesan insurance policy to determine the level of reimbursement for submitted claims. This process will be expedited as quickly as possible.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, December 24th: 5:00pm
Christmas Mass, December 25th: Midnight
Christmas Day Mass, December 25th: 9:00am