



The 1st Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

St Joseph

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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

GREED vs. CHARITY

Greed = an out of control, excessive desire to have more. It might be more wealth, more things, or even more power. Whatever "it" is, in the desire to want more and more, greed becomes "deadly" because it leads to all kinds of sins. Greed becomes "mortal" when it progresses to the level of harming another or oneself. Jesus faced the temptation of greed in the desert when he was tempted by bodily desires, tempted by power and tempted to amaze others. Yet, out of his love for God the Father, Jesus resisted the temptations. One of the temptations that I believe entangles us at times is greedy entitlement. Too many people feel entitled to things, to getting their own way, or to possessions. This greed impinges on the freedom of others and hurts others on many different levels. That is why the deadly sin of "greed" has to be countered by the theological virtue of "charity". Greed has no power when we are giving of ourselves freely to the Lord and to others with no strings attached. Charity, generously serving others, is a powerful weapon that calls us to put our sense of entitlement aside. Like Jesus, charity calls us to put our own wants and needs aside while putting our love for God and others at the forefront. Charity is alive when we are taking time for personal prayer. Charity is alive when we are giving at the minimum "10%" to the Church and other needs. Charity is alive when we are spending more time with those we love. Charity is alive when we listen rather than talk. Charity is alive when we go out of the way for someone. Jesus resisted the devil's temptations with the gift of charity. Let us resist the temptation of greedy entitlement by also immersing ourselves in charity, in a "no strings attached" love for God and one another.

Christ's Blessings,
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Mar 11 Mon, Mar 18	12:05 pm - Communion Service 12:05 pm - Warren Bourgeois, Sr.
Tues, Mar 12 Tues, Mar 19 - St. Joseph's Feast Day	5:30 pm - Communion Service 5:30 pm - People of St. Joseph
Wed, Mar 13 Wed, Mar 20	12:05 pm - The Priests of the Jackson Diocese 12:05 pm - Kaitlynn Vannoy
Thurs, Mar 14 Thurs, Mar 21	5:30 pm - Special Intention 5:30 pm - Robert J. Frohoff
Fri, Mar 15 Fri, Mar 22	12:05 pm - Todd Dean 12:05 pm - The Priests of the Jackson Diocese
Sat, Mar 16 Sat, Mar 23	5:00 pm - People of Corpus Christi, Macon, MS 5:00 pm - People of Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
Sun, Mar 17 Sun, Mar 24	9:00 am - People of St. Joseph 11:30 am - Special Intention 5:30 pm - People of St. Joseph

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

The Shippel family - friends of the Keiths
 Jean Kelley - sister of Mary June Lavelle
 Bob Nadorff - father of Michael Nadorff
 Bob Lambert - brother of Mary McCoy
 Marjorie Orr - sister of Lucia Hoover
 Gary Keith - father of Jason Keith
 Walker Jones - brother of Greer Smith
 Walter Stewart - father of Sarah Nedoff
 Dan Reese - brother of David Reese
 Stefanie Zdravec and LS Wills - friends of Demi Dunne
 Beverly Smitherman - friend of a parishioner
 Chris Coleman & family - friends of a parishioner
 Parents of a parishioner
 Barbara Setaro - friend of Beverly Wilson
 Kelson Bohna - son of Ron and Dana Bohna
 Barbara Brown - mother of Robin O’Nan
 Margaret Williams & Marth Hogan - aunt and cousin of Tamara Allen
 John Riske - father of Sarah Twietmeyer
 Dawn Repta & Walker Scrivner - cousin & friend of Gregg Twietmeyer
 Family of Rebecca Howell Trevino - cousin of Margaret Ann Chandler
 Lyda Alice Burnham, Bruce Burnham and family - friends of a parishioner
 Colleen Parker & Cindy Pittman - daughters of Wil and Judy White
 John Weston - nephew of Fred & Julie Smith
 Mike Delouche - son of Curt & Shirley Delouche
 Greg Bevill - son of Amelia Bevill
 Melinda Redwine, Brenda Sisson,
 Audrey Scales & Dr. Bill Foster - 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

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for: _____
 By/Relation: _____
 Date: _____ New request ___ Renewal ___ (check one)
Turn this form into the office or drop in the collection

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
 Liz, Austin & Nick Redding - sister and nephews of Katie Gent
 John Breuning - father of Peggy Cini
 Matt Savage - friend of a parishioner
 Brian Pitre - son of Lea Pitre
 Arlene Diaz - friend of a parishioner
 Greg Raney and family - friends of David and Lisa Darce
 Bonnie Bennett - friend 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
(Names on our sick list must be re-requested after 30 days)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:

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

ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

Please pray for those fighting abroad to keep us safe:

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

Sunday Offering: \$10,216.00
 Online Giving: \$4,255.00

REFLECTION

Today’s first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today’s Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MARCH 10 and 17, 2019

Sunday, 3/10

1:00 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center
 4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

Monday, 3/11 - No church activities

Tuesday, 3/12

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Prayer Breakfast - Hall

Wednesday, 3/13

12:00 p.m. - Lenten Lunch - FUMC
 5:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 Mass Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, 3/14

11:30 a.m. - Ladies Luncheon - Center
 4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church
 6:00 p.m. - KC Council Mtg. - Center

Friday, 3/15

12:30 p.m. - Pro-life Rosary - Church
 5:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church
 6:00 p.m. - KC Fish Fry -Hall

Saturday, 3/16

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

Sunday, 3/17

10:15 a.m. - 3rd Sunday Coffee & Donuts - Hall
 1:30 p.m. - Quilting Group - Center
 4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - lounge

Monday, 3/18

5:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Hall
 6:00 p.m. - Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. - Center
 7:00 p.m. - CCM Mat-Making - Hall
 8:00 p.m. - CCM Adoration - Church

Tuesday, 3/19 - St. Joseph Feast Day

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Prayer Breakfast - Hall
 10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge
 4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church
 6:00 p.m. - Casserole Kitchen. - 1st Presbyterian
 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Feast Day Dinner - Hall

Wednesday, 3/20

12:00 p.m. - Lenten Lunch - FUMC
 5:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
 5:30 p.m. - Finance Council Mtg. - Center
 5:30 p.m. - CCM Exodus 90 Mtg. - Hall
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 Mass Choir Practice - Church
 6:30 p.m. - RCIA - Center
 7:00 p.m. - CCM Bible Study - Lounge

Thursday, 3/21

9:00 a.m. - Women’s Group - Center
 4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church
 6:00 p.m. - CCM Girls’ Group - Lounge
 6:15 p.m. - Parish Council Mtg. - Center
 6:30 p.m. - RCIA Team Mtg. - Center
 7:00 p.m. - 5:30 Choir Practice - Church
 8:00 p.m. - CCM Guys’ Group - Lounge

Friday, 3/22

11:30 a.m. - Pro-life Rosary - Church
 12:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church
 6:00 p.m. - KC Fish Fry -Hall

Saturday, 3/23

10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
 3:00 p.m. - CCM Murder - Hall

Sunday, 3/24

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

RCIA

Because of spring break, RCIA will not meet on Wednesday, March 13th. The next RCIA session will be at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 20th, in the Parish Center. The topic will be the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome.

SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE

The Church Office will be closed this week, and Father Jason will not be available for Confession or Mass on Monday or Tuesday. We will have Communion Services those days, however, and daily Masses the rest of the week. Additionally, Religious Ed. will not meet today or next week, but we will resume K-8 classes on Sunday, March 24th and HS classes on April 7th. We hope you have a blessed break!

NO THURSDAY WOMEN'S GROUP THIS WEEK

The Thursday Morning Women's Group will not meet this week for Spring Break. They will resume on Thursday, March 21st.

EXTRA LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In order to give folks more opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lenten Season, Father Jason plans to add Confessions each Thursday of Lent at 4:30pm, preceding the 5:30 daily Mass.

LADIES' LUNCHEON

March 14th will be the next St. Joseph Ladies' Luncheon in the Parish Center at 11:30am. Be sure to wear green as we're celebrating St Patrick's Day! Your hostesses will be Beverly Wilson, Mary June Lavelle, Patricia Uzoigwe and Hillary Smith. We hope to see you there!

THIRD SUNDAY COFFEE & DONUTS, 3/17/19

Join us on Sunday, March 17th, 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 is providing Shipley's doughnuts, juice and coffee for the whole parish to get together and visit with one another. All are invited!

OKTIBBEHA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY FUNDRAISER MARCH 17TH

Having a graduation party, family get together, or baseball tailgate? You can win a Little Dooey tailgate package for 20 (\$264 value) that includes pulled pork, chicken, 3 sides, cheese & sausage tray, iced tea and all the fixings. Tickets (2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10) will be on sale after Mass on Sunday, March 17th. The drawing will be March 18th. 2nd & 3rd place prizes of a Family Pack for 6 (\$33 value) will also be awarded.

ST JOSEPH FEAST DAY, MARCH 19TH

Please join us on March 19th to celebrate the Feast Day of our parish patron saint, St. Joseph. The St. Joseph Altar will be set up in the Hall and a dinner will be served following the 5:30pm Mass that evening. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the making of the St. Joseph Altar and volunteers are needed to provide items for it. Some of the items needed are bottles of wine, olive oil, bags of rice, spaghetti, dried beans, etc. We are also asking for canned goods to be donated to the SJFP, particularly protein canned goods, such as peanut butter, tuna fish or canned meats, as well as canned fruit. Please bring the items on Sunday, March 17th, after 1:00pm to the Parish Hall, and feel free to stay and help with set-up! If you have any questions, please contact Hillary Smith at 662-719-1689.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Tuesdays during Lent, from 7:00-7:45am, come to pray and reflect on this holy season of Lent and enjoy breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

LENTEN LUNCHEON

Every Wednesday during Lent, the Starkville Ministerial Association is sponsoring a weekly Lenten Luncheon at 12 noon at the First United Methodist Church. FUMC is located at 200 W. Lampkin Street downtown. St. Joseph will lead the reflection and provide the meal on March 20th. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND FISH FRY

Please join us each Friday evening of Lent for the Stations of the Cross in the Church beginning at 5:30pm, followed by the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Bring the whole family to enjoy a fried or baked catfish dinner with all the fixings for \$8.00 per plate for adults and \$5.00 for students or kids under 16. Cash, checks and now also credit cards accepted!

PARISH LENTEN MISSION, APRIL 4TH

Fr. Francis Orozco, OP, a Dominican friar and Vocations Director of the St. Martin de Porres Southern Province of Dominicans, will offer a mission on the Mercy of God and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy on Wednesday, April 4th, at 6:00pm. This year will be different in that our Lenten Reconciliation Service will follow the Mission Service. We hope all of our parishioners can attend!

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Join us for a Parish Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, April 4th, following the Lenten Mission in the Church. Several priests from our neighboring parishes will come down to hear your confessions. Lent is a wonderful time to receive this very important Sacrament, so please make plans to come.

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

We thank all those at St. Joseph Parish who have generously responded to the annual Catholic Service Appeal. Countless lives are touched by every contribution. We ask that God grant us a renewed sense of responsibility for the work of our parish, diocese and the church throughout the world. We ask those who have not sent in your pledge to please consider a gift. To date, St. Joseph has raised \$5,504.00, and our goal is \$35,486.69. For more on information about the Appeal or to donate online, please visit www.jacksondiocese.org.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED AT 11:30AM MASS

We are still seeking volunteers who would like to serve the 11:30am Mass as Eucharistic Ministers. We have had several people move and drop off the list recently and are hoping to replace those folks and even gather more! You will only be asked to serve 1-2 times per month, and training only takes about 15 minutes. If you have ever considered serving the parish in this important ministry, now is the time to join us! Please call Deacon Jeff in the office to set up a time to train at your convenience, and thank you so much for your willingness to serve!



1st Parish Update -- March 7, 2019

I hope y'all have had a great, happy and holy beginning of your Lenten season, and you have all begun diving into the three pillars of Lent -- Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Lent is also a great time to really consider our pastoral priorities, as well, and how we and all of our parish organizations can grow in the three areas of Outreach, Vocations, and Mercy.

Tomorrow night, we will have our first Stations of the Cross. It will be led by the clergy of the Parish. Afterwards, the Knights of Columbus are serving fried catfish in the Parish Hall. Since Larry's Catfish disappeared overnight, we've got the best Friday Lenten catfish in town. Guaranteed!

On a sad note, our Director of Campus Ministry, Mary Beth Nunenmacher, has announced that she will be leaving at the end of the semester. We have been blessed by Mary Beth's presence and her willingness to take on this position. She has been a blessing to our students and to our office staff and parish community. I have appreciated the stability she has helped provide to our students over these last few months. We will miss her and her servant's heart, and we wish her all the best as she transitions into her future. She will be with us until the end of May. Please keep her in your prayers.

In the last few weeks, we have assembled a Search/Steering Committee to help guide us as we find a new Director of Campus Ministry. This committee has met and has offered valuable insights into CCM, and they have helped us develop a vision regarding the qualities of a candidate for this position and for CMM as a whole. Thank you very much to our two students on the committee -- Brennan Reeder and Jaycie Yott, as well as Deacon Jeff Artigues, Deacon John McGinley, Glenn Schmidt, and Elaine White. We have begun advertising, and we hope to have someone in place for June 1, 2019. Thus far we have received the resumes of some really great candidates. Please keep this search committee and the applicants in your prayers. We're hoping the Lord sends us the right person.

There are a few things on the horizon that I wanted to notify you about for which we need to prepare our hearts, minds, and our spiritual lives.

1. On March 19, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph, our parish's patronal feast. On the same day, the Catholic Diocese of Jackson will publish a list of clergy who have been credibly accused of abuse of a minor.

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2. Sometime in March, possibly in April, the Federal Grand Jury will be convening and discussing whether or not to indict Fr. Lenin Vargas. An indictment means that there is probable cause to believe that a suspect has committed a crime. It's the formal act of charging someone with a federal crime by determining there is enough evidence to go to trial.

I mention these things for your knowledge, so you can prepare yourselves, as well as your prayers for all involved, particularly from our parish. These can be very trying times for us, but let us continue to put our faith in the Lord and turn toward Him in prayer.

St Therese of Lisieux and prayer: "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." This Lenten Season, let's hold on tightly to our relationship with the Lord in prayer. And whatever joys come or whatever trials, they will not overwhelm us and cause us to lose our faith. These things will threaten us into doing just that. Remember the words of St. Paul from this past Sunday, "Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

Be not afraid! Keep the faith!

Peace,
Fr. Jason Johnston