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MASS TIMES

Sunday

9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

Wed & Fri

12:05 pm

Tues & Thurs

5:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Fri

8:30 am - 12:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4:30 pm - 5:25 pm

Thursday 5:00pm - 5:25 pm

Sunday 4:30 pm - 5:20 pm

First Saturdays 9:30 am
or by appointment

ADORATION OF

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues 7:00 am – Wed 7:00 am

“I am the light of the world”

Today, we hear the story of the Man born blind. What a message for us to hear during these strange times! Jesus even says, “Night is coming when no one can work.” Jesus is speaking about the end. And it can certainly feel like that kind of darkness of night at this moment. But Jesus offers Himself to us as the light of the world. Jesus’ disciples ask if it is because of this man’s sin or his parents’ that he was born blind. Jesus answers them and tells them it was neither. Rather, “it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” Then Jesus spits on the ground and makes clay and rubs it on his eyes. Then the man is told to wash himself in the pool of Siloam. Then the man comes out of his darkness and light is manifested in his life, like no other time before. Through this healing, Jesus is manifesting Himself as light and hope. He is the light in the darkness. Here he offers one of his famous “I am” statements – “I am the light of the world.” What a powerful message. We all need to pray with this Gospel passage this weekend. In our own darkness, especially in this darkness, Jesus manifests Himself. He is present to us. Let us now, remain faithful and be present to Him.

Peace,
Fr. Jason Johnston

MASS INTENTIONS

(+) Deceased; (SI) Special Intention

Monday, March 23	
Tuesday, March 24	Familia Hernandez Rodriguez (SI)
Wednesday, March 25	Porfirio Fuentes +
Thursday, March 26	Familia Hernandez Rodriguez (SI)
Friday, March 27	Familia Hernandez Rodriguez (SI)
Saturday, March 28	People of Corpus Christi
Sunday, March 29	People of St. Joseph

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Total Contributions March 15 \$6,774.00
Total Online Giving March 15 \$2,363.00

Even though we are not having our weekend Masses, we are continuing the mission of the church, as best we can. We will not be collecting our weekend offerings. Please don't forget to tithe. Donations can be made online or checks can be mailed to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 607 University Dr., Starkville, MS 39759

or

Visit our website to see how you can give online
StJosephStarkville.org

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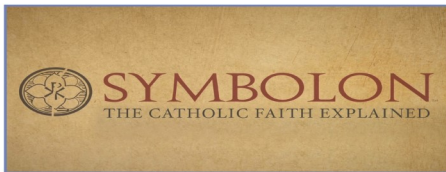
The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

Easter Lily Donations CANCELED

Due to the uncertainty of the Mass schedules, we canceled our order for Easter lilies. We will not have lilies for this Easter, therefore, we won't need donations to help offset their cost. Thank you for your generosity in the past and we look forward to when we can all be together again.



FORMED PICK



Symbolon The Story of Salvation

Our Parish
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The story of salvation began with Creation itself—and a decision that affects all of us to this present day. How did the events of an ancient past set into motion God's rescue operation to save us from eternal death?

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Thought for discussion at home

What can I do to allow Christ to illuminate my way?

Here's what's going on this week at St. Joseph

(CCM events are in maroon)

ALL MASSES, RECONCILIATION and PARISH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. The Parish Office is still open. Please let us know if there is anything you need. **Fr. Jason is still available for confession by appointment.**

We have also been instructed by the Bishop that our church building is to be locked and remain locked until further notice. **Those with keys are not to use them.** This is a difficult time for all of us and the first thing we want to do is go to the church and pray. Perhaps we can use this time to ask God into the depths of our hearts and imagine ourselves with him in the Agony in the Garden.

Below is the message from the Diocese:

Blessings to all of you from the Chancery Office during these challenging times. I know that these are difficult times for us in our parishes, and we are wanting to respond to our parishioners in creative ways. However, I want to remind you that our churches are not to be open for parishioners to pray. Bishop Kopacz discussed that with an infectious disease doctor earlier in the week and that was the decision that was made in conjunction with the priests council this week.

Daily Mass Intentions

Your Mass intention requests will continue to be offered by Fr. Jason during his private daily Mass. The intentions printed on the front of the bulletin will continue to be posted. This is a wonderful opportunity to join together in praying for those intentions

Prayer Materials Available

We will have prayer cards and the Living Faith booklets available on a table outside by the side door of the church and on a table by the church office in the Parish Center.

Readings for the Week

March 23 -Monday
IS 65:17-21; JN 4:43-54

March 24 - Tuesday
EZ 47:1-9, 12; JN 5:1-16

March 25 - Wednesday
IS 7:10-14; 8:10; LK 1:26-38

March 26 - Thursday
EX 32:7-14; JN 5:31-47

March 27 - Friday
WIS 2:1, 12-22; JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

March 28 - Saturday
JER11:18-20; JN 7:40-53

March 29 - Sunday
EZ 37:12-14; ROM 8:8-11; JN 11:1-45

Prayers for Parishioners

David Darce
 John Andol
 Mary Sowers
 Peter Franco
 Flo Henley
 Rose Fischer
 Maria Elena Cristova
 George Sills
 Ronnie Puckett
 Lea Pitre
 Tim Bastow
 Diane Crutchfield
 Edwina Hogue
 Lee Ann Wilson
 Joe & June Schmidt
 Duane Aultman
 Twila Alpe
 Dan Ryder
 Joel Okula
 Dan Stumpf
 Mary Beth Moore
 Barbara Clynych
 Kathryn Randall
 Ana Maria Lopez
 Robert Harris
 Trish Auel
 John Simpson
 Al Baca
 Patricia Raines
 Jason Rollins
 Susan & Virginia Brown
 Dianna & Kolten Janus
 Jane Ammerman
 Charley Joel
 Kathy Winston
 Jane Bell
 Lainie Anthony
 Barb Grzybowski
 Emily Jones
 Mary Runnels
 Hugh Comish
 Tara Puckett
 Dee Cook
 Barbara Setaro

Prayers for Families and Friends of Parishioners

Abraham & Bobbie Potts: friends of a parishioner
 Jacob Weber: brother-in-law of Mark and Karen Lilly
 Deanne and Henry Coolidge: relatives of Barbara Frank
 John and Lois Riske: parents of Sarah Twietmeyer
 Deborah Cox: friend of Hillary Smith
 Myra and Bob Fritzus: friends of Barbara Frank
 Susan Griffin: friend of Jeri Mangum
 Stan Rodgers: friend of Dennis & Deborah Reginelli
 John Reginelli: brother of Dennis Reginelli
 Kyle Williams and Wanda Box: friends of John and Jeanne Marszalek
 Ledge McDowell: brother-in-law of David and Mike Reese
 Maggie Reedy: niece of Mary June Lavelle
 Davis Hogue and Peter Soules: uncles of Robin Pigg
 Mike Buisson: friend of Robin Pigg
 Sara Wilson: sister-in-law of Beverly Wilson
 Kim Coenen and John Lord: friends of Beverly Wilson
 Vic "Sarge" Nickels: friend of David Darce
 Denise Kidd former parishioner and friend of Katy Richey
 John B. Lane, III: uncle of Dianna Janus
 Alexander Rosener & family: brother of Dianna Janus
 Logan McPhail: grandfather of Laura McPhail
 Mary Kay Collins: sister of Barbara Setaro & Rich Herschede
 Bernie McGinley: father of Deacon John
 Lisan Woods and Marilyn Muse: friends of Mary Lavelle

Donnie Buckner & family: friends of parishioner
 Edmund and Shirley Blancher: uncle & aunt of Kathryn Barbier
 Charles Gerald: bother of Hugh Gerald
 Lary Priest: friend of parishioner
 Ida Harrell: friend of parishioner
 Catherine and Michael: sister and brother of Trish Auel
 Jon Walker and Carly: friends of Tim Bastow
 Stefanie Zadravec, LS Wills, Mary Hellen & Chloe Zamiela, and T. Moore: friends of Demi Dunne
 Cody Ray Slaughter: friend of Jack Day
 Michael Goff: friend of Susan Brown
 Monica Monts: sister-in-law of Dave & Barbara Monts
 Muse Davis: brother-in-law of John & Gloria Correro; husband of Linda Davis
 Carol Reese : sister of David & Mike Reese
 The Burnham family: friends of a parishioner
 Chris Coleman & family: friends of a parishioner
 Parents of a parishioner
 George Bond: relative of Melissa Follett
 The Dakhllalla family: friends of the Folletts
 Eugene Sheehan: friend of Joel Okula
 Gizela Jalocho: mother of Bo Haupt
 Mary Delaney Hall: niece of Mark Janus
 Mary Lynn McKee: sister of Jay & Laura McKee
 Pat Wilkes: daughter of Mary Runnels
 Kyle Williams & Hector Mula: friends of John & Jean Marszalek
 Gary Dildy: cousin of Kathryn Barbier
 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
 Gary Keith: father of Jason Keith
 Walter Stewart: father of Sarah Nedoff
 Dan Reese: brother of David Reese
 Barbara Brown :mother of Robin O'Nan
 Margaret Williams: aunt of Tamara Allen
 Dawn Repta: cousin Gregg Twietmeyer
 Walker Scrivner: friend of Gregg Twietmeyer
 Family of Rebecca Howell Trevino: cousin of Margaret Ann Chandler
 Cindy Pittman: daughter of Wil & Judy White
 Mike Delouche: son of Curt & Shirley Delouche
 Greg Bevill: son of Amelia Bevill
 William Stephens, Melinda Redwine & Brenda Sisson: friends of Jimmy & Patti Abraham
 Fr. Robert Dalton: friend of Al Baca
 Conor Moran: nephew of Barbara & David Monts
 Lyn Barbier: mother of Kathryn Barbier
 José Solorzano: father of Fr. Mario Solorzano
 Nicky Cumberland: friend of Courtney Slattery
 Olivia: friend of Alex & Cindy Harris
 Amy Arnault: sister of Lynne Ryder
 Christina Moore: daughter of Billy & Mary Beth Moore
 Tom Lavelle: son of Mary June Lavelle

Prayers for our soldiers

Adam Fuhrmann
 Christian Bondi
 Ryan Mangum
 Matt Savage
 Cory Delouche
 Robert Elias

Clayton Eckler
 Conor Mangum

Prayers for our seminarians

Dcn. Cesar Sanchez
 Dcn. Andrew Nguyen
 Carlisle Beggarly
 Andrew Bowden
 Ryan Stoer
 Tristan Stovall



Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen