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MASS TIMES

Suspended until further notice

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Fri
10:00 am - 12:00pm

RECONCILIATION

By appointment

ADORATION OF

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Suspended until further notice

“Lazarus, come out”

Lazarus was dead in the tomb for four days by the time Jesus arrived. Martha, Lazarus' sister even said, “Lord, by now there will be a stench.” There are other moments where Jesus raises the dead to life, but in none of those stories is someone as dead as Lazarus – four days! Lazarus is totally and completely dead. Beyond healing and beyond hope. Complete darkness and complete death. Sometimes, we might feel like we know people who are beyond God's redemption. Or we may feel that way ourselves, that we are completely dead in our spiritual lives and there is no hope for us. But the reality is – there is, in fact, hope for every single one of us. And this is why Jesus came – to give us life, and to give it to us in abundance (See John 10:10). There are so many things that bind us – sorrow, addiction, despair. The list can go on and on. Those things push us further and further into the tomb. But Jesus tells Lazarus and all of us to “Come out.” To come out from our tombs of burdens and be free to live. We might feel we are in our tombs during these days of “social distancing” and self-quarantining.” But the Lord comes to us even here and invites us to hold tightly to Him and His love. Let us heed these words so that we may follow the voice of the Lord and be led to freedom to live life and live it more abundantly.

Peace,
Fr. Jason Johnston

MASS INTENTIONS

(+) Deceased; (SI) Special Intention

Monday, March 30	
Tuesday, March 31	Familia Hernandez Rodriguez (SI)
Wednesday, April 1	Special Intention
Thursday, April 2	Familia Hernandez Rodriguez (SI)
Friday, April 3	Familia Hernandez Rodriguez (SI)
Saturday, April 4	Peter “Blue” Whelan Hayes (Maria Sherman req.)
Sunday, April 5	Doris DeLouche Roge'

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Total Contributions March 22, 2020 \$2,020.00
Total Online Giving March 22, 2020 \$2,366.00

Even though we are not having our weekend Masses, we are continuing the mission of the church, as best we can. Please continue the support the running of the parish. Donations can be made online or checks can be mailed to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 607 University Dr., Starkville, MS 39759. You can also drop a check off in the locked mailbox located on the wall outside the parish center front doors.

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

You can opt to give a "Quick" gift or create an account and sign-up to schedule regular donations.

REFLECTION

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives — our gifts as well as our sufferings — can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.

Easter Lily Donations CANCELED

Donations for Easter lilies won't be needed this year. Thank you for your generosity in the past and we look forward to celebrating together again soon!



GOING LIVE!

Join us this Sunday at 10:00 am on Facebook. Fr. Jason, Deacon Jeff and Deacon John will be celebrating Mass and it will be live streamed.

Go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephstarkville>

Readings for the Week

March 30 -Monday
DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; JN 8:1-11

March 31 - Tuesday
NM 21:4-9; JN 8:21-30

April 1 - Wednesday
DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; JN 8:31-42

April 2 - Thursday
GN 17:3-9; JN 8:51-59

April 3 - Friday
JER 20:10-13; JN 10:31-42

April 4 - Saturday
EZ 37:21-28; JN 11:45-56

April 5 - PALM SUNDAY
MT 21:1-11; PHIL 2:6-11; MT 26:14-27:66

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

All Masses, scheduled reconciliation times and parish activities have been cancelled until further notice.

Fr. Jason is still available for confession by appointment only. Please call the church office to schedule an appointment.

The parish office hours have temporarily changed. We will be open Monday through Thursday from 10 AM-2 PM and Friday from 10 AM-Noon -- We encourage you to conduct business with us by phone or email.

In accordance with the Bishops directives, the Church building continues to be closed and locked at this time (even for those who have a key).

Below is a Clarification Statement from the Diocese.

We have received several calls about leaving churches open for prayer. In the interest of safety and to clarify further the directive for no gatherings in parishes, **for the next two weeks we are asking that churches not be open for individual prayer** throughout the day. We will reassess this the first of April. One major way to slow down the spread of this virus is to take seriously social distancing and disinfecting areas where people have been. Everyone needs to cooperate in order to slow the spread. This virus is extremely dangerous. An individual may be asymptomatic in the church and go home and develop symptoms. These directives are meant to protect our faithful and our clergy. Prayers may be offered from anywhere.

To stay current on Diocesan directives and statements, please visit their website at:
<https://jacksondiocese.org/public-health-concerns/>

Daily Mass Intentions

Your Mass intention requests will continue to be offered by Fr. Jason during his private daily Mass. Those intentions will appear on the front of the bulletin. Please take this opportunity to join together in praying with Fr. Jason for those intentions.

Thought for discussion at home

How might the cloths and bands that bind us in death be released from me and those around me?

FORMED PICK



Our Parish
Code is:
HT24XG

Lectio: Salvation with Dr. Michael Barber

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation."
But what does "salvation" mean?

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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 Fritzius: 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