

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan 12 – **Confirmation prep** class meets today at 5:30 p.m.
- Jan 14 – **Knights of Columbus** meeting – 6 p.m.
- Jan 16 – 8 a.m. **Mass** in the chapel – Fr. Arockia Doss
- Jan 16 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – chapter 19
- Jan 19 – **CCD** – 9 a.m.
- Jan 20 – **Bingo** – Singing River Rehab – 2 p.m.
- Jan 23 – 8 a.m. **Communion Service** – Deacon Emery Elder
RCIA – 6 p.m. – chapter 20
- Jan 25 – 26 – **Special Collection – Church in Latin America and Saltillo Mission**
- Jan 26 – **Ladies Auxiliary** meeting following Mass
- Jan 30 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – chapter 21

FLOWERS

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of **Peter Bellone** and were given by Inge Bellone.

MASS INTENTIONS are now being reserved for the calendar year 2020. If you would like a Mass said for your loved one on a certain date you may call or email the office.

FLOWER REQUESTS

Anyone wishing to place flowers on the altar for a weekend may use the sign-up sheet in the back of church to schedule a date.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE – next sale – **January 18** (8 a.m. – noon) – The store is also in need of additional volunteers to help with the sales.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPING – Keeping the house of the Lord clean is an important job. These teams volunteer each week to sweep, vacuum, dust, take out the trash, and clean the bathrooms. It usually takes less than an hour to do one task. Additional volunteers are needed for the new year. Please call the parish office if you can help.

BACKPACK BUDDIES Our parish donations of mac and cheese are needed weekly throughout the school year to assist this local ministry. Monetary donations may also be made. Place your donation in the regular collection and designate “**Backpack Buddies**” on the memo line.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for **Jan 17 – Team # 1** – Cynthia Grierson, Melissa Miller and Patty Waters

Jerry Lee's Receipts Program and Waynes Lee's Bucks Back to Schools – RCS is still collecting receipts from these locally owned grocery stores. Please bring in the eligible receipts and place them in the containers in the back of the church. These receipts will be sent to the schools again at the end of January.

2020 DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

Orders are now being taken for February delivery. Cost is \$10. Order forms are available in the church.

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sunday – **CCD & RCIA** 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
- Jan 15 – Communion Service – 7 p.m.

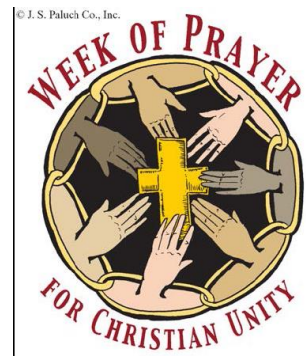
Mass Intentions for 2020 are now being reserved. If you would like a Mass said for your loved one on a certain date you may call or email the office.

Contribution Envelopes and Calendars are available in the back of church. Some families have different numbers this year. Please pick up yours today.

BACKPACK BUDDIES of East Central – Items needed throughout the school year are oatmeal, grits, or cereal in single-serving packs. Box located at the church entrance.

The Choose Life Billboard Initiative seeks to place billboards along Interstate 10 and other prominent roadways to promote respect for all human life and to bring awareness to alternatives to abortion. If you would like to support this initiative, you may send donations to St. James Catholic Church, 366 Cowan Road, Gulfport, MS 39507. Please include “Choose Life Billboards” on the memo line. If you have question, you may contact Penny Sullivan at 228-864-9061. *Choose Life: Pray, Pray, Pray*

Calling All Men! What better way to start this New Year than to commit a weekend to the Lord! The next **Men's Cursillo** is **January 23 – 25** in Dedeaux. It's not too late to join up! Please contact Felix Dias at 706-536-9177 or Joe Miserendino at 504-232-0888. De Colores!!



January 18 – 25, 2020

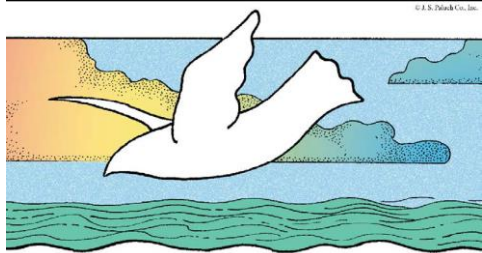
Almighty and merciful God, who wished to gather the scattered nations into one people through your Son, grant that those who glory in the name of Christian may put aside division and become one in truth and charity, and that all men and women may be illumined by the true faith and brought together into the communion of one Church, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. Jesus descended into the Jordan River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget the sons of God. This event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

COLLECTIONS – January 4 - 5

ST. JOSEPH

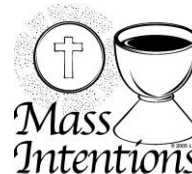
- Regular Collection – \$ 5,669.00
- Building Fund – \$ 225.00
- Aged and Infirm Priests – \$ 1,458.00
- St. Vincent de Paul – \$ 20.00
- Children’s Collection – \$ 4.00

ST. ANN

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,069.25
- Children’s Offertory – \$ 11.00
- Aged and Infirm Priests – \$ 295.00

Upcoming Special Collection

January 25 – 26 – Church in Latin America and Saltillo Mission



- Sat. 4 pm – People of the Parish
- Sun. 8 am – Eddie Christensen (RIP)
- Sun. 10 am – Dixie McCormack (RIP)

Thurs. 8 a.m. – In thanksgiving for favors received

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Sat 3:10 p.m.

MASS REQUESTS – If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for the intention of a loved one, a special occasion, or a deceased friend or family member, envelopes are available in the vestibule or you may call or mail your request to the parish office. A ten dollar donation is suggested for each intention.

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing, bless our family and friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. If you would like to add someone to this list, please call the parish office.



Arthur Trochesset, Barbara N. Thomas, Audria Viers, the Holt family, Janet Wells, Nicole Mary Green, Effie Williams, Gary Brown, Kelly Chamberlain, George Hinkel, Eva Hinkel, Wanda St. Andrie, Laurie Laffery, Steve Martinez, Glenda Jackson, Charles Pinkney, Tom Browning, Judy Smith, Susan George, Jane Norton, Nikki Hans, Gloria Long, Linda Huy, Conner Driscoll, Amsley Goodings, Tenny Henderson, Ellen Scheeler, Lara Lander, Mary Jo Garrett, Inge Bellone, Nathan Rowe, Anita Matthews, Denny Denmark, Tim and Annette Spiriti, Ron Hudson, Joanie and Kermit Loupe, Norman Jardine, Gail Seely, Deborah Green, Kenneth Hoskins, Greg Davidson, Pat McAdams, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Kay McBroom, Deacon Emery Elder, Karen Zettler, Kris Allen, Christi Seely, Betty Bodden, Tony Garriga, Heather Huy, the family of Sonny Shepherd, the unborn, all the faithful departed, peace in our world, Christian unity, and all military personnel stationed in harm’s way.

