

St. Joseph's News

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan 19 – **RCS Carnival Ball** bingo (Sacred Heart) – 1 p.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  
**Confirmation prep.** meets at 5:30 p.m.
- Jan 30 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – chapter 21

FLOWER REQUESTS

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE – next sales – **February 1 and 15** (8 a.m. – noon) – The store is also in need of additional volunteers to help with the sales.

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 24** – **Team # 2** – Lynn Denmark and Cathye Frederic

thank you!

To our parish family:

Your care and support throughout Dixie’s battle with cancer and at the time of her death is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your many cards, prayers, and the delicious food for the past two years. We know that dinner for over one hundred people after the funeral was a huge effort on the part of many, and are ever so grateful. We love and thank you all.  
Duncan and Elena May  
Maria, Susan and Amy  
Gracie, Tony, Katie and Breanna McCormack

WELCOME

**Fr. Arockia Doss** and **Fr. John (Jack) Sajdak** will be celebrating the Masses at St. Joseph and St. Ann this weekend. Fr. Doss is Parochial Vicor at Our Lady of Victories in Pascagoula and Fr. Sajdak is on winter vacation visiting with Mary Ann and Mike Daniel.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sunday – **CCD & RCIA** 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Chapter 20
- Jan 22 – **Communion Service** – 7 p.m.
- Jan 26 – **Youth Mass** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

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.

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.

St. Peter the Apostle Church on Telephone Road in Pascagoula invites you to their **Gospel Concert** today at 3 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

WOMEN’S GIFT will present a silent retreat directed by Fr. Dominic Pham based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola at Kelly Retreat Center the weekend of **February 21-23**. Openings are limited and registration deadline is **February 14**. For more information, contact Mildred Bolden at 228-547-0974 or email mil476@yahoo.com



**9 Days for Life** - Join Catholics nationwide in the annual **Respect Life** novena, January 21 – 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

On Wednesday, January 22, the Church in the US observes the annual “**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.**” This day is set aside to pray and do penance for the legal protection of human life.

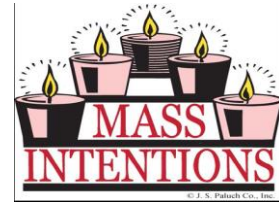
For our nation: May God unite us in peace and respect for each other and reverence for all human life. *We pray to the Lord.*

**THREE MISSIONS**

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last weekend, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “outranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.



Sat. 4 pm – Elarry Brumfield, Sr. (RIP)  
Elarry Brumfield, Jr. (RIP)

Sun. 8 am – Wilbur and Sally White

Sun. 10 am – Most Rev. Roger Morin (RIP)  
Bishop Emeritus of Biloxi

**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.*



I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach  
to the ends of the earth.

-Isaiah 49:6b

**COLLECTIONS – January 11 - 12**

**ST. JOSEPH**

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,865.00
- Building Fund – \$ 336.25
- Aged and Infirm Priests – \$ 90.00
- Children’s Collection – \$ 12.52
- Backpack Buddies – \$20.00
- Flower Donation – \$ 50.00

**ST. ANN**

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,517.25
- Children’s Offertory – \$ 3.00
- Building Fund – \$ 373.00

***Upcoming Special Collection***

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

Next weekend, we will take up the annual **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for this collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america)