

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Feb 1 – 2 – **Blessing of Throats** at all Masses
- Feb 2 – **First Sunday Social** in the parish hall following Mass
- Feb 4 – **Ultreya** – St. Mary in Gautier – 7 p.m.
- Feb 6 – **Mass** – 8 a.m. – Fr. Arockia Doss
RCIA – 6 p.m. – chapter 22
- Feb 9 – **CCD** – 9 a.m.
- Feb 11 – **Knights of Columbus** meeting – 6 p.m.
- Feb 13 – **Mass** – 8 a.m. – Fr. Arockia Doss
RCIA – 6 p.m. – chapters 23 and 24
- Feb 15 – **RCS 75th Carnival Ball**
- Feb 16 – **CCD** – 9 a.m.
- Feb 17 – **Bingo** at Singing River Rehab – 2 p.m.
- Feb 18 – **Finance Council** – 6 p.m.
- Feb 20 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – chapters 25, 26 and 27
- Feb 23 – **Ladies Auxiliary** meeting following Mass
- Feb 25 – **Adoration** – begins following 8 a.m. Mass
- Feb 26 – **Ash Wednesday** – a day of fast and abstinence
(Mass and Distribution of Ashes – 12 noon)
Special Collection – Churches in Eastern Europe and Churches in Africa
- Feb 27 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – chapters 28, 29 and 30
- Feb 29 – Mar 1 – *Special collection – Black and Indian Missions*

FLOWERS

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of **Mary Jo Garrett** and were given by Clay and John Garrett.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE – next sale – **February 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. You may place a monetary donation in the regular collection and designate “**Backpack Buddies**” on the memo line.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for **Feb 8** – **Team # 4** – Linda Clark and Donna Dart

St. Alphonsus Parish in Ocean Springs will present a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on **Friday February 7** at 6:30 p.m. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with a Vatican collection of over 150 relics. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina. In addition, there will be a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

St. Ann's News

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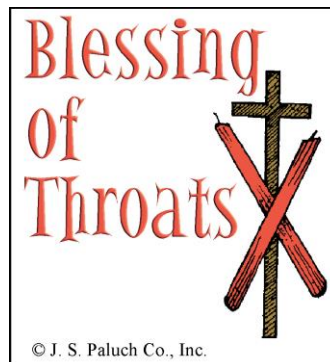
- Sunday – **CCD & RCIA** 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Chapter 22
- Feb 5 – Liturgy of the Word with Communion – 7 p.m.
- Feb 9 – **Youth Mass** Pk – 1st
- Feb 12 – Liturgy of the Word with Communion – 7 p.m.
- Feb 19 – **Pastoral Council** – 5:30 p.m.
- Feb 26 – **Ash Wednesday** – a day of fast and abstinence
Finance Council – 5:30 p.m.
Mass with Distribution of Ashes – 7 p.m.

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

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.

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 mil_476@yahoo.com

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 at the end of February. **Boxtops for Education** are also still being collected throughout the school year.



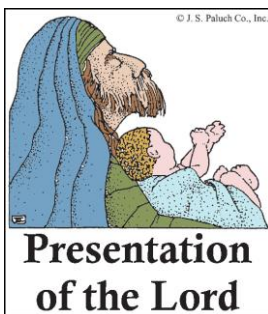
Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events that surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."



THE ROAD TO GOD

There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues.

—Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux

COLLECTIONS – January 25 - 26

ST. JOSEPH

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,897.00
- Building Fund – \$ 10.00
- Church in Latin America – \$ 113.75
- Church in Saltillo – \$ 758.75
- Choir Donation – \$ 100.00
- Children's Collection – \$ 6.00

ST. ANN

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,940.95
- Children's Offertory – \$ 11.01
- Church in Latin America – \$ 201.50
- Church in Saltillo – \$ 441.50

Upcoming Special Collections

February 26 (Ash Wednesday) – Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa

February 29 – March 1 – Black and Indian Missions



- Sat. 4 pm – Frances Kaiser (RIP)
- Sun. 8 am – People of the Parish
- Sun. 10 am – Sandra Lyons (RIP)
- Thurs. 8 am – 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, 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 Mary Jo Garrett, the unborn, all the faithful departed, peace in our world, the poor souls in purgatory, and all military personnel stationed in harm's way.

CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE – December 2020

Father Mike Austin and Paula Spears offer you an opportunity to travel and experience Christmas Markets on the Danube, featuring a 6-night River Cruise with an optional 2-night post extension in the Magical Christmas Markets of Prague. Dates are December 9 – 17, 2020. The price of the trip is discounted by \$400 if booked before April 1, 2020. The discounted price is \$3,999 per person, double occupancy. Round Trip out of New Orleans, LA. For more information call Paula 228-697-7814 or email: Christmasmarkets2020@gmail.com.