

**St. Joseph's News**

Until further notice in the Diocese of Biloxi all daily and Sunday public Masses will **not** be celebrated. All Catholics are dispensed from the obligation of attending Mass. However all churches will remain open with limited hours for parishioners and others who wish to pray and seek spiritual assistance. You may go to the parish website by visiting [www.stjosephmosspoint.com](http://www.stjosephmosspoint.com) for the weekly bulletins and parish updates.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral continues to livestream daily Mass **Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m.** and on **Sunday at 11 a.m.** To view the Masses, visit the Diocese of Biloxi's *YouTube Page*.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** at St. Joseph, normally scheduled for the last Tuesday of the month, is cancelled for the month of April.

Copies of the missal and weekly bulletins are available in the church. You are encouraged to take home a copy of the missal so you can follow the daily and Sunday readings.

**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 specific date/weekend.

**GRADUATION MASS** – Please contact the parish office with the name(s) of those who will be graduating from either high school or college with the class of 2020. Graduation Mass is tentatively scheduled for **May 17**. Even though all schools may be physically closed for students through the end of the semester, we would still like to honor these young people in their parish family.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE** is temporarily closed due to COVID – 19 and is **not** taking any drop off donations until further notice.

**Jerry Lee's Receipts Program** (receipts dated through **March 2020**) and **Waynes Lee's Bucks Back to Schools** – RCS is still collecting receipts from these locally owned grocery stores. Please send in the eligible receipts with your regular collection envelopes, and these will then be forwarded to the two campuses.

Thank you for your generous donations to the **2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal**. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider making your annual gift as we continue to celebrate the risen Lord and His divine mercy and strive to continue to ***"Bring Christ to the World,"*** especially those living in South Mississippi.

Pledge information as of **April 8**:

**St. Joseph** – total pledged – \$ **14,775** (87% of goal)

**St. Ann** – total pledged – \$ **5,948.75** (66% of goal)

**St. Ann's News**

Sunday –**NO CCD & RCIA**

**St. Ann Church will be open from 9 – 10 a.m. on Sunday.** Deacon Frank will be there the entire time. He is allowed to distribute the Holy Eucharist to those ready to receive, inside the church or in your vehicle outside. Just couples or family groups at one time for Communion.

**Follow us on Facebook @StAnnCatholicChurch** to get updates and spiritual messages. God bless us all as we yearn for the Eucharist.

*“Prayer is so much more than just ‘saying your prayers.’ Prayer is a spiritual adventure.”*  
Father John Bartunek, A Quiet Place

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

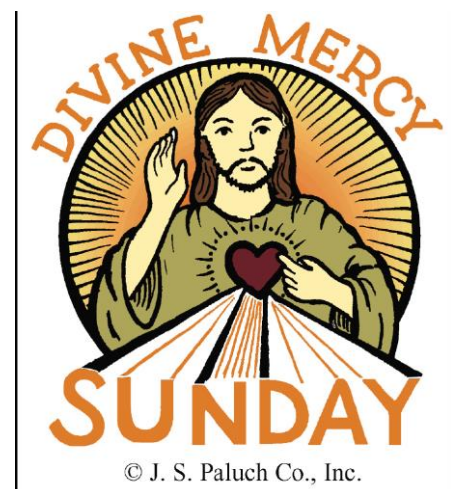
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**DOUBT**

There lives more faith in honest doubt,  
Believe me, than in half the creeds. —Alfred, Lord Tennyson

**SAVE UP**

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts. —Anonymous



**St. Joseph Church will be open for private prayer from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon on Sunday.**

**St. Ann Church will be open for private prayer from 9 – 10 a.m. on Sunday.**

**A SEASON OF JOY**

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This first line of today’s first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

**Psalms** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).



**Public Masses will not be celebrated, but Father Peter will continue to pray for these intentions in his private Masses.**

Saturday – Elarry Brumfield, Sr. (RIP)  
Elarry Brumfield, Jr. (RIP)

Sunday – Patrick Michael Dill (RIP) – St. Ann  
People of the Parish

Tuesday – In thanksgiving for favors received

Wednesday – Peter Phoung Tran (RIP)  
Kermit Loupe, Sr. (RIP) – St. Ann

Thursday – Maria Ngat (RIP)

Friday – Peter Vinh (RIP)



*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*

*Prayer Requests*

*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, Joan 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, Christi Seely, Betty Bodden, Tony Garriga, Heather Huy, Bill Massey, Doris Batte, Terri Byrd, Lynn Roberts, Roun McNeal, Kitty Griffin, Karen Freeman, Allen Elmore, Mary and Ronald McMahan, Lynn Overman, the family of Kris Allen, all those affected by the coronavirus, all those providing essential services to the sick and suffering, our faith community, the unborn, all the faithful departed, the poor souls in purgatory, and all military personnel stationed in harm’s way.

**COLLECTIONS for April 5 and April 12**

**ST. JOSEPH**

Regular Collection (April 5) – \$ 2,485.00  
Building Fund (April 5) – \$ 165.00  
Easter Flower Donations (April 5) – \$ 50.00  
Regular Collection (April 12) – \$ 1,255.00  
Building Fund (April 12) – \$ 75.00

**ST. ANN**

Regular Collection (April 5) – \$ 440.00  
Building Fund (April 5) – \$ 20.00  
Regular Collection (April 12) – \$ 1,413.75  
Building Fund (April 12) – \$ 345.00  
Easter Offering – \$184.00  
Easter Flowers – \$ 25.00

**THANK YOU** to those generous parishioners who are still able to make their regular contributions to the church during these challenging times. All prayers and sacrifices are deeply appreciated as we continue to move forward and prepare for an end to this difficult situation.

You may drop your donations off at the church office during regular business hours (or use the drop box located to the left of the door) or mail to St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, P.O. Box 8549, Moss Point, MS 39562 or to St. Ann Mission, P.O. Box 244, Hurley, MS 39555.

