

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** for the weekly bulletins and parish updates.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral continues to live-stream 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**.

Copies of the missalette and weekly bulletin are available in the church. You are also encouraged to take home a copy of the missalette to follow the daily and Sunday readings.

**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.



Heavenly Father, bless Your church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary, we ask this prayer through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Ann's News

Sunday –**NO CCD & RCIA** until further notice

**Father will celebrate Mass each Sunday via Facebook LIVE at St. Ann.** We would love to have participants at each Mass. We are still wanting to adhere to social distances guidelines and not have more than 10 people at one time. We have created a schedule with the following spots available: Commentator, Reader, Lead Singer, Participates 1, 2, 3, and 4. Please contact the office 228-588-0599 or hurleystann@gmail.com if you would like to participate and help celebrate the Mass.

**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 find updates and spiritual messages. God bless us all as we yearn for the Eucharist.

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

Pope Pius XII established the May 1 feast day of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955 to uphold the dignity of human labor and to give all workers a role model as well as a heavenly patron. From the gospels, we know that he was a carpenter by trade who supported his family by the work of his hands. His feast day serves as a reminder to respect and show gratitude to all workers who keep our world going during these difficult times. It is also an opportunity for each of us to grow in our devotion to St. Joseph in whom we have a great protector who protected the Lord Jesus while he was here on earth. We pray for the intercession of St. Joseph for a speedy end to this pandemic which continues to wreak havoc in our world, destroying lives and economies. St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church and of Workers, pray for us.

St. Joseph Church will be open for private prayer from **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon** on Sunday. Mass is live-streamed from St. Joseph at 10 a.m. each Sunday on the St. Joseph Facebook page.

St. Ann Church will be open for private prayer from **9:00 – 10:00 a.m.** on Sunday. Mass is live-streamed from St. Ann at 8 a.m. each Sunday on the St. Ann Facebook page.

**THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Twenty-third Psalm, today’s responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads “Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage” (Psalm 23:4) connects this week’s scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** - All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized.

**Psalm** – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading** – Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian.

**Gospel** – The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

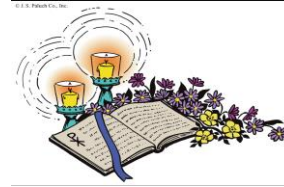
- Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
- Tues: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wed: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thurs: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

**HEAVEN**

The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven—but to get heaven into us. —Anonymous

**COUNTING SHEEP**

Every person can tell how many goats or sheep one possesses, but not how many friends. —Cicero



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

- Saturday – Robert Smith (RIP)
- Sunday – Dixie McCormack (RIP)
- Tuesday – In thanksgiving for favors received
- Wednesday – Peter Phuong Tran (RIP)
- Thursday – Maria Ngat (RIP)
- Friday – Peter Vinh (RIP)

**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.



Prayer Requests

*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, Joan and Kermit Loupe, Norman Jardine, Deborah Green, Kenneth Hoskins, Greg Davidson, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Kay McBroom, 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, the family of Joseph Swint, Gwen Blackledge, vocations, all those affected by the coronavirus, all those providing essential services to the sick and suffering, our faith communities, our seniors, the unborn, all the faithful departed, the poor souls in purgatory, and all military personnel stationed in harm’s way.



**COLLECTIONS for April 26**

**ST. JOSEPH**

Regular Collection– \$ 2,810.00  
Building Fund – \$ 35.00

**ST. ANN**

Regular Collection– \$ 2,371.25  
Building Fund– \$ 25.00

There is a drop box at the entrance to the parish office for you to leave your church offering or you can mail your offering 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.

Please continue to be generous by financially supporting our parish as we keep paying our bills and regular expenses.