

St. Joseph's News

Special Collection at all Masses this weekend for the **Extension Society**. Please be generous.

DAILY MASS will be celebrated in the church (Tuesday – Friday) at 8 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP

There is a prayer meeting in the parish hall every Tuesday starting at 5:15 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayer group begins at 5:30 p.m.

RCIA

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process allows interested candidates to be introduced to the Roman Catholic beliefs and practices over a several month process. These weekly classes are also open to those who were baptized Catholic and have not been practicing the faith and any Catholic adults who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation or simply want to learn more about their faith. The classes at St. Joseph will meet each Thursday beginning on **August 20** at 6 p.m. Please call the parish office for more information.

FLOWER REQUESTS

Anyone wishing to place flowers on the altar for a weekend may use the sign-up sheets in the back of church to schedule a date. The new sign up sheets begin this month and go through July 2021 so you may reserve your requested date(s) well in advance.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Our parish donations of mac and cheese will be collected throughout the school year for weekly distribution. Monetary donations are also being accepted. You may place a donation in the regular collection identified as being for **Backpack Buddies**.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Thrift Store next scheduled sale will be on Saturday, August 8, from 8 a. m. – noon. They are **not** accepting donations at this time.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for **August 8 – Team #2**
Cathye Frederic and Jill Sullivan

MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH

Please remember to observe social distancing and sit together with your family group. Allow 6 feet of distance between your family and others. Wearing a face mask is required. Ushers will not take up collection. Baskets will be set up at the entrance. Please practice social distancing in the communion line and exiting the church at the end of Mass. Copies of the missalette are available at the entrance of church. This will be your personal copy. The faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to participate in Mass. If you are vulnerable, continue to remain at home. If you are sick, please stay home. **Mass** will continue to be live-streamed from St. Joseph at **10 a. m.** each **Sunday** on the St. Joseph Facebook page. You may go to **www.stjosephmosspoint.com** to view copies of the weekly bulletin.

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays – **Vigil Mass – 6 pm** – St. Ann
Sundays – **Mass – 8 am** – St. Ann (Facebook also)

CONFESSIONS – 30 minutes before each Mass

All attending Mass are required to wear face masks. We will use every other pew with 6 feet of distance between people. Families may sit together.

As it has always been, if you are ill, you are not required to come to Mass and during this time should remain home.

The dispensation of attending Mass is still in place.

If you would like to receive communion after Mass on Sunday, but not attend, please sit in your car and Deacon will bring you The Holy Eucharist. Please let him know ahead of time.

Men, could God be calling you to the diaconate?

If so, the Biloxi Diocese plans to begin a new Formation Class for the diaconate in 2021. Pre-selection information sessions will be conducted from 8:30 - noon on the following days: Sept 19th at St. Clare, Waveland; Sept 26th at Sacred Heart, Hattiesburg; and Oct 3rd at St. Mary, Gautier. For interested men who think you may have a calling, attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory with your wife. Please see your pastor, or call Deacon Mike Saxer, (228) 216-8060 or Deacon Mike Harris, (228) 342-1536.

NEW WINE

The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi will again offer this 3-year program which provides education and formation for adults interested in being involved in lay ministry. Classes will begin this month. If COVID-19 prevents traditional in-person sessions, the diocese is prepared to present the four first year classes virtually until groups are again able to come together. Applications are available in the church. Interested individuals may contact the pastor or a New Wine graduate for more information.

A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

Thank you for the amazing teachers who have dedicated their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year, fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide, and hope to thrive in their classrooms. Bless them beyond all measure for their willingness to build up the next generation through education.

GIVE THEM SOME FOOD YOURSELVES

This gospel message helps us move all the talk about God’s kingdom out of the scripture and into our daily lives. We can’t make the kingdom present by ourselves. At first, Jesus tells the disciples to “give them some food yourselves.” They can’t; human resources are not sufficient to make present what God’s kingdom promises. Jesus then takes the meager human resources- “five loaves and two fish”- and blesses them and gives them to disciples to distribute to the crowds. What the disciples cannot do alone, they can do with Jesus’ blessing. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All you who are thirsty, come to the water.

Psalms — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading — What will separate us from the love of God?

Gospel — They all ate and were satisfied.



- Saturday – 4 p.m. – Robbie Guardia (RIP)
6 p.m. – People of the Parish
- Sunday – 8 a.m. – Matthew St. Andrie (RIP)
10 a.m. – Bill Watkins (RIP)
- Tuesday – 8 a.m. – Voc Maria (RIP)
- Wednesday – 8 a.m. – Sang Vincent (RIP)
- Thursday – 8 a.m. – Kanh Maria (RIP)
- Friday – 8 a.m. – Le Peter (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.

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.



Prayer Requests

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 and Marilyn 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, Deborah Green, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Betty Bodden, Tony Garriga, Heather Huy, Bill Massey, Doris Batte, Terri Byrd, Lynn Roberts, Roun McNeal, Karen Freeman, Pat McAdams, Norman Jardine, Lance Paul, Allen Elmore, Mary McMahan, Gwen Blackledge, Bill and Jo Powers, Earl Laiche, Caroline O’Banner, Darlene Slater, Sharon Martin, all those affected by the pandemic, all those providing essential services, the unemployed, the unborn, healing for our country, all the faithful departed, the poor souls in purgatory, and all military personnel stationed in harm’s way.



COLLECTIONS for July 25 - 26

ST. JOSEPH

Regular Collection – \$ 1,654.00
Building Fund – \$ 80.00

ST. ANN

Regular Collection – \$ 1,615.25
Building Fund – \$ 376.00
Children’s Offertory – \$ 1.00

Thank you for your generous support!

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

September 5 – 6 – Catholic University

September 12 – 13 – The Holy Land