

St. Joseph's News

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will **not** meet this Tuesday.

**PRAYER GROUP**

A prayer meeting is held 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.

**HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS**

We are currently in need of additional volunteers for each of the four weekly teams that clean the church each weekend. This would involve about one hour of your time once a month, and you may work at your own schedule. Call the parish office for more information and to have your name added to one of the cleaning teams.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - Thrift Store next scheduled sale will be on Saturday, **August 22**, from 8 a. m. – noon. They are **not** accepting donations at this time.

**HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS** for **August 15 – Team 3**  
Linda Huy and Judie Sellars

**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 at 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.

**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. If COVID-19 prevents traditional in-person weekly sessions, the diocese is prepared to present the four first year classes virtually until groups are again able to come together. Applications are due by **August 21**. Interested individuals may contact the pastor or call the parish office for more information.

**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 beginning in September. For interested men who think you may have a calling, attendance at one of the information sessions is mandatory with your wife.



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**A PRAYER FOR STUDENTS**

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start a new school year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide, and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. We pray they have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love as well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.

**NOTHING TO FEAR**

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us.

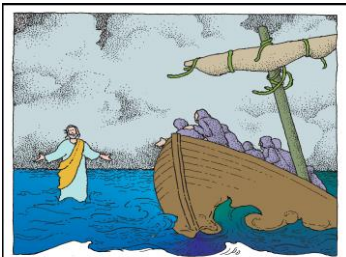
**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Elijah waits on the mountain for the LORD to pass by.

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**Second Reading** — From the Israelites, with their law and the prophets, comes the Christ.

**Gospel** — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified.



It is I; do not be afraid.

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**COLLECTIONS for August 1 - 2**

**ST. JOSEPH**

Regular Collection – \$ 3,227.00

Building Fund – \$ 392.00

Extension Society – \$ 160.00

**ST. ANN**

Regular Collection – \$ 1,197.25

Building Fund – \$ 500.00

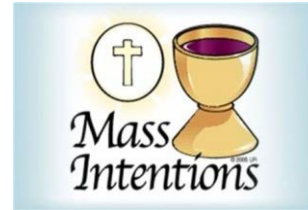
Extension Society – \$ 187.00

Children's Offertory – \$ 1.00

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

September 5 – 6 – Catholic University

September 12 – 13 – The Holy Land



Saturday – 4 p.m. – People of the Parish

6 p.m. – Matthew Goff (RIP)

Sunday – 8 a.m. – David "Bud" Smith (RIP)

George D. Smith (RIP)

10 a.m. – Georgia Mansfield (RIP)

Tuesday 8 a.m. –Voc Maria (RIP)

Wednesday – 8 a.m. – Sang Vincent (RIP)

Thursday – 8 a.m. – Phil Scott (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.*

James 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, all teachers and students as they return to school, and all military personnel stationed in harm's way.



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