

St. Joseph's News

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of **Antoinette Herman** and in honor of **Eva Hinkel** on the occasion of her birthday and were given by Fran Bacak.

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

**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.

*Can you spend just 30 minutes with me?*

**ADORATION** – A sign-up sheet for Tuesday, **August 25**, is located in the back of the church. Adoration begins in the church following morning Mass and closes with benediction at 3 p.m.

**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 through July 2021.

**HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS**

We are currently in need of additional volunteers for each of the four teams that clean the church each weekend. 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 22 – Team 4** Linda Clark and Donna Dart

**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 to take with you and bring back. 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](http://www.stjosephmosspoint.com) to view 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

The deadline for **New Wine applications** has been extended to **Friday, August 21**.

**Help us honor Molly Danielle the daughter of Gregory and Rachel Moseley** with a drop off baby shower on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. You may drop off gifts at the home of Jenny Moseley, 11100 Kendricks Rd., Lucedale, MS We will also have a drop off location in the Parish Center.

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 (which are due by **August 21**) are available in the church. Interested individuals may contact the pastor or call the parish office for more information.

**DIACONATE FORMATION CLASS**

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 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Clare, Waveland; Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart, Hattiesburg; and Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME**

“Let all the nations praise you!” (Psalm 67:4) today’s psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a “put up or shut up” challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with “Behold!” (Matthew 15:22) “Behold!” is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus’ followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

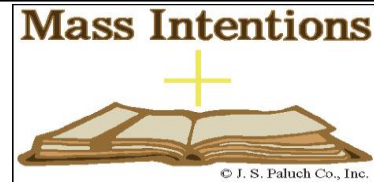
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right”.

**Psalm** — O God, let all the nations praise you!

**Second Reading** — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked.

**Gospel** — Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, “It shall be done as you wish”.



- Saturday – 4 p.m. – Robert Smith (RIP)  
6 p.m. – Kermit Loupe, Sr. (RIP)
- Sunday – 8 a.m. – People of the Parish  
10 a.m. – Antoinette Herman (RIP)  
Eva Hinkel (special intentions)
- Tuesday 8 a.m. – All broken families
- Wednesday – 8 a.m. – The living and deceased members  
of the Cox and Blackledge families
- Thursday – 8 a.m. – Rick Joseph (RIP)
- Friday – 8 a.m. – Father Rick (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, Shirley Spiriti, 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.

**COLLECTIONS for August 8 - 9**

**ST. JOSEPH**

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,808.00
- Building Fund – \$ 125.00
- St. Vincent de Paul – \$ 20.00
- Flower Donation – \$ 50.00

**ST. ANN**

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,047.75
- Building Fund – \$ 298.00
- Children’s Offertory – \$2.00

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**September 5 – 6 – Catholic University**

**September 12 – 13 – The Holy Land**

During these trying times, we may often get busy and forget to say it. But a sincere **thank you** to everyone who has been able to faithfully continue to support the parish. May God continue to keep you safe and bless you and your families until we can once again all gather together as one family in Christ.

