

St. Joseph's News

SPECIAL COLLECTION at all Masses this weekend is for **Retired Religious**. Envelopes are available in the pews. Please generously remember those who have served our Catholic parishes so faithfully.

DAILY MASS is celebrated in the church (Tuesday – Friday) at 8 a. m. **Rosary** is prayed at 7:30 a. m. and the ***Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions*** is prayed each Thursday immediately following Mass.

The **Rosary** is prayed before the **Vigil Mass** each Saturday beginning at 3:30 p.m.

OUR DAILY BREAD – St. Joseph Parish will prepare and serve the meal on **Sunday, January 3**. At this time monetary donations are needed. You may place a donation in the regular collection identified as for **“Our Daily Bread”** or place a donation in the box located in the back of the church. Your generous support makes this ministry possible.

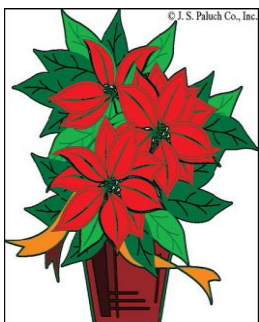
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – We are looking for volunteers to help at the local store where donated items are sold to help needy members of the community. Any amount of time would be appreciated. We observe all COVID protocol while working in the store and during our every other Saturday sales. For more information, contact Paul Thompson, Sr. @ 228-627-6785. The next sale will be next Saturday, **December 19th** from 8 a. m. – noon.

Jerry Lee's Receipts Program and **Waynes Lee's Bucks Back to Schools** – RCS is still collecting receipts from these locally owned grocery stores. Please save and bring in the eligible receipts as you do your holiday shopping then place them in the containers in the back of the church. This is an easy way to support the schools and help them obtain needed materials and supplies throughout the school year.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for **Dec 18 – Team 1** – Cynthia Grierson and Patty Waters

MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH – Mass will continue to be live-streamed at **10 a. m.** each **Sunday** on the parish Facebook page. Go to www.stjosephmosspoint.com for copies of the weekly bulletin.

Envelopes for Christmas Flower donations are available in the church. You may donate “in memory of” or “in honor of” someone. These names will be printed in a special Christmas bulletin. Envelopes may be placed in the regular collection. The final date for submitting names to be included will be next Sunday, **December 20th**.



St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Saturdays – **Vigil Mass – 6 pm** – St. Ann
- Sundays – **Mass – 8 am** – St. Ann (Facebook also)
- Dec. 16 – **Confession** – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. (Wed)
- Dec. 24 – **Christmas Eve Mass** – 6 p.m. (Thurs)
- Dec. 31 – **Feast of Mary Mother of God** – 6 p.m. (Thurs)

Confessions – **December 16th** from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. – in the parking lot of St. Ann's. You may stay in your vehicle if you wish.

All CCD classes will be working from home until after January for the safety of our children and teachers.

Christmas Meal Bags are due today.

Altar Flowers this weekend – Envelopes are available in the vestibule for Flower donation in honor of, in memory of, or in thanksgiving.

Backpack Buddies of East Central are in need of grits more so than oatmeal at this time. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Box located at church entrance.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST AND PARISH

The Eucharist is amazing! At every Mass, ordinary bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. When the priest raises the Host and Chalice at the consecration, the bread and wine don't look outwardly different. But Jesus is really present in them – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. God is really with us in all his glory and majesty – and in his mercy, he has provided us a way to see him, touch him, and even consume him. Praise and worship is the only appropriate response to God. It will surely be our response when we meet him face to face in heaven.

Isn't it awesome that we don't have to wait until we get to heaven? At every Mass we attend, we have the opportunity to give God thanks and praise. We may be sinners, but God is so generous and merciful, that he holds nothing back from us. In his great love, he reveals himself to us and allows us to receive him into our own bodies and souls.

REJOICE! A NIGHT OF WORSHIP – **December 18**, 5:30 p. m. @ St. Thomas Church in Long Beach for **7th – 12th graders**.

GIRLS RETREAT #89 – presented by Sacred Heart Retreats, February 6 & 7. Suggested donation is \$60. Contact Jessica Sekinger 228-216-5537 or Christine Ladner 228-216-0433

SEARCH – **January 9, St. Mary's Gautier**
This is a day-long retreat encounter experience for high school students (grades 11 – 12). Applications are available on the table in the back of church.

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings.

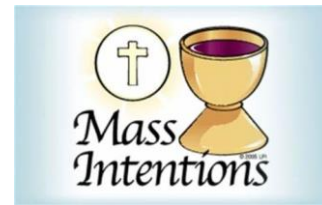
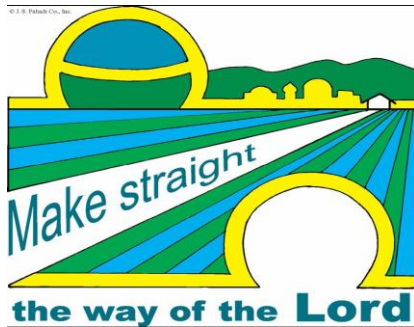
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations.

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good.

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.



- Saturday – 4 p.m. – Robert Smith (RIP)
- 6 p.m. – Greg Ladnier (RIP)
- Sunday – 8 a.m. – Kermit Loupe, Sr. (RIP)
- 10 a.m. – People of the Parish
- Tuesday – 8 a.m. – Joseph Rick (RIP)
- Wednesday – 8 a.m. – Maria Xuon (RIP)
- Thursday – 8 a.m. – Norman Jardine (Healing)
- Friday – 8 a.m. – Maria Voc (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.



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 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, Doris Batte, Lynn Roberts, Roun McNeal, Karen Freeman, Pat McAdams, Lance Paul, Allen Elmore, Mary McMahan, Gwen Blackledge, Earl Laiche, Caroline O'Banner, Darlene Slater, Sharon Martin, Shirley Spiriti, Sallie Wentworth, Mac McDaniel, Bernard Grant, Cooper Peacock, Norman Jardine, Bill and Jo Powers, all affected by the pandemic, all providing essential services, our teachers and students, the unemployed, the unborn, the poor souls in purgatory, those who have no one to pray for them, and all military personnel stationed in harm's way.

COLLECTIONS for DECEMBER 5 - 6

ST. JOSEPH

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,550.00
- Building Fund – \$ 320.00
- St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy– \$ 678.00
- Christmas Flower Donations – \$ 430.00
- Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 1,105.00
- Building – \$ 20.00

ST. ANN

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,559.25
- Children's Offertory – \$ 7.00
- St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy– \$ 464.00
- Christmas Flower Donations – \$ 130.00
- Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 200.00

Remember if you are unable to attend Mass in person, there is a drop box located at the entrance to the parish office for you to leave your church offering or you may 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. Many thanks for all of your continued generous support!

