

St. Joseph's News

**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.

**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. The final date for submitting names to be included is this weekend.

**RCS CARNIVAL BALL FUND RAISER**

Please support **Miller Kay** and **Morgan Sheffield** for RCS 2021 King and Queen. Donna Chandler’s seafood gumbo - \$20 per quart. Taking orders for delivery through Tuesday, **December 22.** Call **Searcy Kay** at 228-218-1562.

**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.

**BACKPACK BUDDIES** – Our parish donations of mac and cheese are still needed weekly to assist this local ministry. You may also make a monetary donation by noting on your check, **Backpack Buddies.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** – We are looking for volunteers to help at the local store. Any amount of time would be appreciated. We observe all COVID protocol while working in the store and during sales. For more information, contact Paul Thompson, Sr. @ 228-627-6785.

**Jerry Lee’s Receipts Program** and **Wayne 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.

**HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS** for **Dec 24 – Team 2** – Cathye Frederic and Jill Sullivan

**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](http://www.stjosephmosspoint.com) for 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)  
Dec. 24 – **Christmas Eve Mass** – 6 p.m. (Thurs)  
Dec. 31 – **Feast of Mary Mother of God** – 6 p.m. (Thurs)

**Confessions** –30 minutes before each Mass

**WELCOME** – **Molly Danielle Moseley** and **Veronica Eleanor Moseley** into the Catholic faith and to St. Ann Church. Molly was baptized on December 9 and Veronica will be baptized at Mass today. Prayers and blessings are with each of you, your parents, and your godparents.

**Contribution Envelopes** and **Calendars** are in the back of church. Please pick them up today!

**Mass Intentions for 2021** are now being reserved. If you would like a Mass offered for your loved one on a certain date, please call or email the office.

Envelopes for Christmas Flower donations are available in the church. You may donate “in memory of” or “in honor of” someone. The final date for submitting names to be included in the Christmas bulletin is this weekend.

Jesus Christ has given himself to us as spiritual nourishment in the Holy Eucharist. His very life is given up for you and shared with you to be consumed and to become one with him, just as he said at the Last Supper. Faith is always an event of communion. No one comes to faith alone and isolated. Faith is a gift that comes from God but is transmitted through a community. The Apostles did not come to knowledge of the resurrection through their own intuition. The women were sent to them, and they shared their new faith. The Apostles then established Churches, communities of faith centered on the Eucharist, throughout the world. To receive faith is to receive the gift of communion with God and with others. It means to entrust oneself to this communion and to give oneself to its growth and mission.

**Christmas Schedule**

*Nativity of the Lord*  
*Thursday, December 24*  
*St. Joseph Church - 4 p.m.*  
*St. Ann Church - 6 p.m.*  
*Friday, December 25*  
*St. Joseph Church - 10 a.m.*

**GOD'S PROMISE**

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

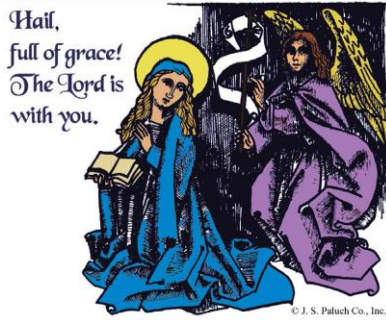
**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance.

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever.

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.



**COLLECTIONS for December 12 - 13**

**ST. JOSEPH**

- Regular Collection – \$ 4,807.00
- Building Fund – \$ 164.00
- Christmas Flower Donations – \$ 385.00
- Retired Religious – \$ 436.00
- Backpack Buddies – \$ 100.00
- Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 185.00

**ST. ANN**

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,428.25
- Building Fund – \$ 75.00
- Christmas Flower Donations – \$ 80.00
- Retired Religious – \$ 216.00
- Children's Offertory – \$ 1.00

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

- January 2 - 3 – Aged and Infirm Priests*
- January 23 – 23 – Church in Latin America and Saltillo Mission*



- Saturday – 4 p.m. – Elarry Brumfield, Sr. (RIP)  
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- 6 p.m. – People of the Parish
- Sunday – 8 a.m. – Robbie Guardia (RIP)
- 10 a.m. – Bill Watkins (RIP)
- Tuesday – 8 a.m. – Vincent Sang (RIP)
- Wednesday – 8 a.m. – All broken families (RIP)
- Thursday – 4 p.m. – Jere' Larsen, Sr. (RIP)
- 6 p.m. – Kermit Loupe, Sr. (RIP)
- Friday – 10 a.m. – The living and deceased members of the Cox and Blackledge families

**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, Freddie Walker, John Grunigen, all affected by the pandemic, all providing essential services, the unemployed, the unborn, the poor souls in purgatory, those who have no one to pray for them, and all military personnel.

