

St. Joseph's News

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** at all Masses **next weekend** will be for **Catholic Relief Services**.

**DAILY MASS** is celebrated in the church (Tuesday – Friday) at 8 a. m. **Rosary** is prayed beginning at 7:30 a. m.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet **Tuesday** at 6 p.m.

**CCD** – Students grades K– 8, please join us next Sunday, **March 14**, from 9 – 9:45 a. m. in the parish hall.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI**

Food drive and collection of new or gently used children's books will continue through **March 21**. They are always in need of rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, and canned meats for the food pantry.

**RCS 2021 FISH FRY**

Pre-Paid to go plates will be available for pick up outside the elementary café and local delivery to the Pascagoula area after 5 pm. Orders must be turned in to the school and paid for by 3 pm on the Wednesday prior to that week's dinner. Please call or text your order to Lauren O'Brien (228-218-0228). The menu includes fish and shrimp plates, shrimp spaghetti, gumbo or a slice of pizza.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Next scheduled sale will be on Saturday, **March 20**, from 8 a. m – 12 p. m.

**HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS** for **March 13 – Team 1**

Cynthia Grierson and Patty Waters

**MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH**

Mass continues to be live-streamed at **10 a. m.** each **Sunday** on the parish Facebook page. Go to [www.stjosephmosspoint.com](http://www.stjosephmosspoint.com) to access copies of the current or past weekly bulletin(s).

The **Krewe of Gilles** is accepting applications for the **Matthew St. Andrie Scholarship** at this time. Applications are welcome from any Catholic senior attending any of our local public high schools, or Resurrection Catholic High School. Please contact the parish office for the application. Applications are **due by the end of April**.

**Knights of Columbus – Lenten Fish Fry**  
Fridays during Lent - \$10 per plate (**TO GO ONLY**)  
Fish with assorted sides - St. Joseph Parish Hall  
5 – 6:45 p.m.  
Purchase tickets from a Knight

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Friday at 7 p.m.**  
**St. Joseph Church**  
**St. Ann Mission**



St. Ann's News

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Saturdays – **Vigil Mass – 6 pm** – St. Ann  
Sundays – **Mass – 8 am** – St. Ann (Facebook also)  
**Mar 14** – SVDP mtg. 9 am  
**Mar 24** – Penance Service 7 pm (Wed)

If you would like to lead a **Station of the Cross** on a Friday during Lent, please contact the church office or use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church.

**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.

**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.

Beginning with the Saturday Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (**March 27**) the **general dispensation** from the obligation of in-person participation in the celebration of the Holy Mass will expire. Please see the insert in today's bulletin or visit the Diocese of Biloxi's website for Bishop Kihneman's letter dated February 18 with the Diocese of Biloxi's official update regarding its response to COVID-19 with details for individuals who may still request a **particular dispensation**.

Your support of this year's **Catholic Sharing Appeal** can help bring many of our brothers and sisters who live and work in South Mississippi the opportunity to encounter Christ. By "**Witnessing the Eucharist within Us**," we become the hands of the Lord to those who need His message of Hope, Forgiveness, and Love. Please consider a generous gift to this year's appeal! 2021 pledge envelopes are available in the back of the church. Thank You!



**Envelopes for Easter Flower donations are available in the church.** You may donate "*in memory of*" or "*in honor of*" someone. Envelopes may be placed in the regular collection. The last day for making donations to have these names included in the Easter bulletin will be Palm Sunday, **March 28**.

**KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH**

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

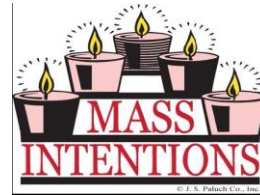
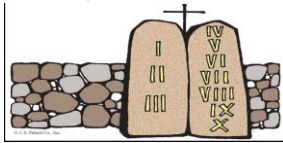
**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God gives the law through Moses.

**Psalm** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified.

**Gospel** — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing.



Saturday – 4 p.m. – All souls who have no one to pray for them

6 p.m. – Kermit Loupe, Sr. (RIP)

Sunday – 8 a.m. – People of the Parish

10 a.m. – Mark Miles (RIP)

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. – In thanksgiving for blessings received

Friday – 8 a.m. – Special intentions and peace

**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, 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, Tim and Annette Spiriti, Ron Hudson, Joan and Kermit Loupe, Deborah Green, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Tony Garriga, Heather Huy, Doris Batte, Roun McNeal, Karen Freeman, Pat McAdams, Lance Paul, Allen Elmore, Mary McMahan, Gwen Blackledge, Earl Laiche, Caroline O'Banner, Darlene Slater, Frank and Sharon Martin, Shirley Spiriti, Sallie Wentworth, Mac McDaniel, Bernard Grant, Cooper Peacock, Norman Jardine, Freddie Walker, John Grunigen, Polly Grubbs, Emery Elder, Betty Bodden, Juanelle Goff, Jo Powers, Margaret Saux, Denny Denmark, Billy Rayner, Charles Pinkney, the success of the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal, 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 stationed in harm's way.

DESTROY  
THIS TEMPLE  
AND  
IN THREE DAYS  
I WILL  
RAISE  
IT UP



**COLLECTIONS – February 27 - 28**

**ST. JOSEPH**

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,967.00
- Building Fund – \$ 146.00
- Easter Flower Donations – \$ 310.00
- Children's Collection – \$ 2.00
- Online Giving – Regular – \$ 1,492.45; Building – \$ 62.00

**ST. ANN**

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,268.25
- Building Fund – \$ 95.75
- Children's Offertory – \$ 2.00
- Easter Flower Donations – \$ 130.00
- Online Giving – Regular – \$ 315.00; Building – \$ 20.00; SVDP – \$ 20.00

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

*March 13 – 14 – Catholic Relief Services*

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

Funds from this annual collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next weekend, please give generously this special collection and help *Jesus in disguise*. Learn more about this work at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)