St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
1000 Goodyear Blvd. Picayune, MS 39466

May 3 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF Easter

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.
Psalm 23:1

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Baptisms
Baptism classes are held quarterly (January, April, July, & October) on the 3rd Monday of the month. All paperwork must be received at the office no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled baptism.

Confessions
Confessions are 30 minutes before Mass on weekends and by appointment.

Funerals
Arrangements may be made by calling the office. Pre-funeral arrangements may also be made.

Weddings
Weddings are to be scheduled 6 months prior to the ceremony. Any information you need regarding any of the sacraments or events listed above, may be obtained by calling the office.

Communion Calls
Please notify the church office of the names of those who desire to receive Holy Communion at home or in the hospital.

Anointing Of The Sick
Communal Anointing periodically or anytime upon request.
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020
He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.— 1 Peter 2:24a

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).
Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD
For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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ConnectNow to make any changes in address, phone number, email address that will allow you to receive important information from the Church. We thank you for your help.
If you are new to the parish, we welcome you to the Parish. Please come by the office, or go online to the Connect Now to register in our Parish. Your participation is greatly appreciated.
The Seven Sacraments
Sixth of Seven
Sacrament of Marriage

Vatican II clarified that marriage is a partnership between a man and a woman ordered toward their mutual good and the procreation and education of children (cf. GS, 48.1). As a partnership, it is a union of equals who come together to form a new family.

Marriage is something no one can enter into lightly because there are people involved. And where there are people, there should be protection of rights so that no one gets hurt. There was a time when a couple could go off by themselves, exchange vows, and this was considered a valid marriage. But being human, people, particularly men, began to abuse this situation. So the Church, in an attempt to protect both the dignity of persons and the good of the sacrament, took steps to make sure that the freedom of both individuals was protected and honored. Thus, there are requirements before getting married.

In addition, for baptized persons, Jesus raised the human institution of marriage to the dignity of a sacrament in which the love of a husband and wife truly make present the love of Jesus for the Church (cf. CCC 1601, 1613). For those who claim marriages and weddings are private affairs, my suggestion is: try it. Any couple who thinks they are unattached quickly learn just how involved and important their lives are if they marry privately. We are social beings. Our lives touch others and are touched by others.

The Church requires that a couple go before their faith community (represented by a priest and at least two witnesses) and exchange their vows publicly because the significance of what they are doing is truly a public matter. This newly formed family is a part of both the civil and the religious community with responsibilities and privileges. The civil society recognizes the new social unit of a family; the Church recognizes both a new social unity within the parish and a new public witness to Jesus’ love for his Church (cf. CCC 1656).

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“Go to the tabernacle in spirit when you are unable to go physically, and there pour out your ardent desires, talk, pray, and embrace the Beloved of our souls, even more than if you have been permitted to receive him sacramentally.”

St. Padre Pio

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS EACH DAY
May 3rd –May 9th

Sunday- Pope Francis
Monday- Fathers Satish Adhav & Godfrey Andoh
Tuesday- Father Anthony Arguelas
Wednesday- Father Philip J. Audet
Thursday- Father Mike Austin
Friday- Father Sergio Balderas
Saturday- Father Joseph Benjamin S.S.J.

Anima Christi
Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds, hide me.
Let me never be separated from you.
From the malignant enemy, defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me, And bid me come to you,
That with your saints I may praise you Forever and ever. Amen.

Advertiser of the Week:
COUNTING SHEEP
When at night you cannot sleep, talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.
—Anonymous

MUCH-NEEDED LOVE
No one needs love more than someone who doesn’t deserve it.
—Anonymous
To the Parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo:

As now we are in this Easter season, our Bishop, Louis Kihneman, of the Diocese of Biloxi, extends greetings of peace and joy. Together, despite difficulties, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of new life. The COVID-19 outbreak continues to be of concern to all of us, especially as it relates to the health of our elderly parishioners that are especially at risk. Therefore, all of us, with health authorities and civil officials are still seeing the need of adequate precautions and various degrees of social distancing. Effective Friday, April 17, 2020, the Diocese of Biloxi will continue to follow the recommendations of civil authorities.

- A dispensation from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays/Saturday Vigils is hereby granted to all in the Diocese of Biloxi.
- We cannot celebrate the Mass in a Public way.
- Gatherings for worship, prayer, devotional services, parish events, or meetings are to be rescheduled; virtual meetings are encouraged.
- Only Priests and Deacons, not Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, may bring the Eucharist to those in need, unless the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is a family member and the circumstances warrant; greatest prudence should be exercised.
- The Anointing of the Sick should be administered only to those most in need; Priests should take every precaution in their contact with the sick.
- The Sacrament of Penance should be provided for individuals in need, with adequate distance and/or use of a fixed grille; penance services should not be scheduled.
- Weddings that cannot be limited to ten or fewer in number will need to be rescheduled.
- Only graveside funerals are permitted at this time; Priests may offer a private Mass for the repose of the soul of the departed person.
- The faithful are encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (see the Breviary app or Laudate app where a Breviary or Christian Prayer book is unavailable), the Marian Rosary, and other worthy devotions in their homes.
- Parish outreach ministries and St. Vincent de Paul conferences are encouraged to continue to offer food assistance, but distribution should be arranged so the distribution team is no larger than ten people, food is picked up or dropped off, and food recipients keep adequate distance from one another and do not congregate in groups larger than ten.
- Parishes may provide take-out or delivery meals, though the number of persons preparing the food, doing cleanup, etc., is not to exceed ten.

The Bishop assures us of his prayers and a remembrance in his daily Masses which are livestreamed. Let us remember in prayer those who have died, those who are sick, medical professionals, those whose work places them in proximity to the virus, and all who are out of work, worried and hurting at this time.

Sincerely In Christ,

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Pastor
The Diocese of Biloxi Catholic Schools

Living and Learning in the Light of Faith

- 10 Elementary Schools and 5 High Schools
- Emphasis on Forming Intentional Disciples of Christ
- Sacramental preparation
- Religion incorporated into all curriculum
- Open prayer throughout the day
- Retreats
- Prayer tables present in classrooms
- Family involvement welcomed and encouraged
- Accredited through the Mississippi Department of Education and AdvancEd Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

- 4,012 Total Students
- 2,414 Elementary PreK-6 Grade
- 1,598 Middle/High School 7-12 Grade
- 520 Faculty and Staff
- 12% Receiving Title Services
- 15% Free or Reduced Lunch
- 71% Catholic Students
- 29% Non-Catholic Students
- Over 100,000 Ministry and Service Hours Annually to Church and Community
- Average of $30,000,000 in Scholarships Offered Annually to Graduating Seniors
- Perform average of three grade levels above nation on nationally normed standardized tests in all grades
- ACT scores consistently at least six points above state average and at least three points above national average
- Over 100 Mississippi High School Activities Association State Championships
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- National Blue Ribbon Schools
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SCHEDULE A VISIT TODAY TO SEE THE EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS.

Registration for 2020-2021 School Year begins January 27, 2020

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Holy Trinity*Nativity BVM*Our Lady of Fatima*Resurrection Elementary*Sacred Heart D*Iberville
Sacred Heart Elementary Hattiesburg*St. Alphonsus*St. Charles Borromeo*St. James
St. Vincent de Paul*Our Lady Academy*Resurrection High*Sacred Heart High Hattiesburg*St. Patrick*St. Stanislaus
Saint John of Avila’s Story
May 9th
Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcalá, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John’s parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The new, youthful bishop undertook the role with confidence. He did manual labor to earn money for the poor. He sold sacred vessels to ransom captives. He became a magnificent orator. He traveled everywhere on foot, always wearing simple clothing.

That was the bright side. Hilary encountered difficulty in his relationships with other bishops over whom he had some jurisdiction. He unilaterally deposed one bishop. He selected another bishop to replace one who was very ill—but, to complicate matters, did not die! Pope Saint Leo the Great kept Hilary a bishop but stripped him of some of his powers.

Hilary died at 49. He was a man of talent and piety who, in due time, had learned how to be a bishop.

Saint Hilary of Arles
May 5th
It’s been said that youth is wasted on the young. In some ways, that was true for today’s saint. Born in France in the early fifth century, Hilary came from an aristocratic family. In the course of his education he encountered his relative, Honoratus, who encouraged the young man to join him in the monastic life. Hilary did so.

He continued to follow in the footsteps of Honoratus as bishop. Hilary was only 29 when he was chosen bishop of Arles. The new, youthful bishop undertook the role with confidence. He did manual labor to earn money for the poor. He sold sacred vessels to ransom captives. He became a magnificent orator. He traveled everywhere on foot, always wearing simple clothing.

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Blessed Michael Giedroyc
May 4th
A life of physical pain and mental torment didn’t prevent Michael Giedroyc from achieving holiness. Born near Vilnius, Lithuania, Michael suffered from physical and permanent handicaps from birth. He was a dwarf who had the use of only one foot. Because of his delicate physical condition, his formal education was frequently interrupted. But over time, Michael showed special skills at metalwork. Working with bronze and silver, he created sacred vessels, including chalices. He traveled to Kraków, Poland, where he joined the Augustinians. He received permission to live the life of a hermit in a cell adjoining the monastery. There Michael spent his days in prayer, fasted and abstained from all meat and lived to an old age. Though he knew the meaning of suffering throughout his years, his rich spiritual life brought him consolation. Michael’s long life ended in 1485 in Kraków.

Five hundred years later, Pope John Paul II visited the city and spoke to the faculty of the Pontifical Academy of Theology. The 15th century in Kraków, the pope said, was “the century of saints.” Among those he cited was Blessed Michael Giedroyc.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
May 3rd
Call Philip the gospel’s “Answer Man.” “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus “the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets” (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: “We would like to see Jesus” (John 12:21). Philip’s answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: “Show us the Father!” (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: “You still don’t know me? How can you ask that? Don’t you believe?” And an answer: “I am in the Father and the Father is in me” (John 14:10). Today’s James is not John’s brother, Zebedee’s son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus’ words: “Forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James’ letter challenges, “doers of the word and not hearers only” (James 1:22).