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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
DECEMBER 27, 2020

Simeon said,
“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation.”
Luke 2:29-30

  Pastor
- Rev. Marcin S. Wiktor
  Parochial Vicar
- Rev. John Noone
  Retired
- Deacon Brian Klause
- Deacon Doug McNair

Mass Times:
- Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday: 10:40 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Misa en Español
  Spanish Mass in Parish Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass
- Weekday Masses: 8:10 a.m. on
  Mon., Thurs., Fri., and 6:30 pm
  Masses on Mon., Tues., and
  Thurs. evenings.
- Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.
  Divine Mercy Chaplet:
  After weekday Masses
**Mass Intentions**

**December 26th – January 1, 2021**

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**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.
For anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church or anyone who would like to complete their Sacraments of Initiation through RCIA, please contact the parish office. RCIA will be held on Mondays at 6:00PM in the parish hall. For anyone interested in helping with RCIA or would just like to come for continuous religious instruction, please also contact the church office. Due to COVID-19, attendance MAY be limited, so for those wishing to participate in RCIA for any reason, you must first contact the church office and speak with the RCIA coordinator before attending.
FIRST READING
A reading from the Book of Genesis

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: “Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?” Abram continued, “See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir.” Then the word of the LORD came to him: “No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir.” The Lord took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The Lord took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (105)
R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds. Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD! Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac.

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SECOND READING
A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews
Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age —and Sarah herself was sterile for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy.

So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Alleluia
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL OF THE MASS
A reading from the holy Gospel
According to Luke
Luke 2: 22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus, I Love You, and I Trust In You!
A Warm Welcome to all new parishioners. If you would like to register with the parish please come by the office Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to register your family.

High Mass in Extraordinary Form
(Latin Mass)
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Profession Of Faith
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS EACH DAY
December 27th—January 2nd
Sunday— For Our Deceased Bishops
Joseph Howze & Roger Morin
Monday— For Priests & Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary & St. Stanislaus High School
Tuesday— For Retires Extern & Deceased Priests, Brothers, & Deacons.
Wednesday— For Our Deacons & Deacons Candidates.
Thursday— For Frs. Bernie Papania, Marcin Wiktor, and John Noone
Friday— For Pope Francis
Saturday— For Our Seminarians

WE ARE GOD’S HOLY FAMILY
The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God’s holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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CHILDREN OF ETERNITY
You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.
—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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The Rosary

The Rosary is a very popular prayer in the Catholic Church. The word “rosary” comes from the Latin word “rosarium” which is a rose garden. In this case it is a garland or circular arrangement of materials, such as flowers, which are attached to each other. Here, it is the flowers of the Hail Marys which are attached to each other. The rose is one of the flowers which is used to symbolize the Blessed Virgin Mary. Devotion to Our Lady is older than the Church. Elizabeth said to Mary “Blessed are you among women.” (Lk 1:42) Even earlier, the Angel Gabriel said, “Hail, full of grace.” (Lk 1:28) Not until the Middle Ages were these two greetings used as prayers. During the Middle Ages devotion to Mary was strong. People would say “Ave” or “Hail” many times a day. From this repetition, the Rosary developed. During the Middle Ages a great prayer of the Church was the Divine Office, or as we name it today, the Liturgy of the Hours. All over Europe, priests and monks stopped their work seven times a day to chant the psalms and hymns from the Divine Office. The bells called the monks and priests to prayer, the people heard the bells and wanted to join them in prayer, but they were not able to do so, since they could not read or write. In about the year 800 A.D., an Irish monk put forward the idea that the people could pray the Our Father instead of the Psalms. The idea became popular and before long this practice spread throughout Europe. There was, however, a problem. The monks chanted 150 Psalms. The people had trouble keeping track of 150 Our Fathers — how many were said and how many had still to be said. So they began to wear little pouches in their belts. In these pouches they had 150 stones. Some carried ropes with 50 to 150 knots on them. As time went on, the ways of counting were improved, until eventually Catholics carried strings with 50 prayer beads and a cross. Each bead represented a “Paternoster,” a name derived from the Latin words for “Our Father.” There is a prayer on each bead of the Rosary. The word “bead” comes from the Old English “gabled”, which means prayer.

From the book Explain That To Me, by Fr. John Noone

FEAST OF FAITH

Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people.

We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ’s presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

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Alpha & Omega

The Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, and the symbol is taken from the Book of Revelation, 1:8, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God.

If a symbol for Christ is drawn along with the Alpha and the Omega, it symbolizes that Christ is the beginning and the end of all things.

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where the Israelites were herded together by the conquering people because of his connections with the Romans and his Herod “the Great,” king of Judea, was unpopular with his Assyrians for their march into captivity. He was a master politician and a tyrant capable of extreme brutality. He killed his wife, his brother, and wife of Jacob (Israel). She is pictured as weeping at the place of the newborn king of the Jews,” whose star they had seen. They were told that the Jewish Scriptures named Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah would be born. Herod cunningly told them to report back to him so that he could also “do him homage.” They found Jesus, offered him their gifts, and warned by an angel, avoided Herod on their way home. Jesus escaped to Egypt. Herod became furious and “ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under.” The horror of the massacre and the devastation of the mothers and fathers led Matthew to quote Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children…” (Matthew 2:18). Rachel was the wife of Jacob (Israel). She is pictured as weeping at the place where the Israelites were herded together by the conquering Assyrians for their march into captivity.

The Story of the Holy Innocents
December 28

Saint Thomas Becket’s Story
December 29
A strong man who wavered for a moment, but then learned one cannot come to terms with evil, and so became a strong churchman, a martyr, and a saint—that was Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, murdered in his cathedral on December 29, 1170. His career had been a stormy one. While archdeacon of Canterbury, he was made chancellor of England at the age of 36 by his friend King Henry II. When Henry felt it advantageous to make his chancellor the archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas gave him fair warning: he might not accept all of Henry’s intrusions into Church affairs. Nevertheless, in 1162 he was made archbishop, resigned his chancellorship, and reformed his whole way of life! Troubles began. Henry insisted upon usurping Church rights. At one time, supposing some conciliatory action possible, Thomas came close to compromise. He momentarily approved the Constitutions of Clarendon, which would have denied the clergy the right of trial by a Church court and prevented them from making direct appeal to Rome. But Thomas rejected the Constitutions, fled to France for safety, and remained in exile for seven years. When he returned to England he suspected it would mean certain death. Because Thomas refused to remit censures he had placed upon bishops favored by the king, Henry cried out in a rage, “Will no one rid me of this troublesome priest!” Four knights, taking his words as his wish, slew Thomas in the Canterbury cathedral. Thomas Becket remains a hero-saint down to our own times.

Saint Thomas Becket’s Story
December 29

Saint Egwin’s Story
December 30

You say you’re not familiar with today’s saint? Chances are you aren’t—unless you’re especially informed about Benedictine bishops who established monasteries in medieval England. Born in the seventh century of royal blood, Egwin entered a monastery, and was enthusiastically received by royalty, clergy, and the people as the bishop of Worcester, England. As a bishop he was known as a protector of orphans and the widowed and a fair judge. Who could argue with that? His popularity didn’t hold up among members of the clergy, however. They saw him as overly strict, while he felt he was simply trying to correct abuses and impose appropriate disciplines. Bitter resentments arose, and Egwin made his way to Rome to present his case to Pope Constantine. The case against Egwin was examined and annulled. Upon his return to England, Egwin founded Evesham Abbey, which became one of the great Benedictine houses of medieval England. It was dedicated to Mary, who had reportedly made it known to Egwin just where a church should be built in her honor. Egwin died at the abbey on December 30, 717. Following his burial many miracles were attributed to him: The blind could see, the deaf could hear, the sick were healed.

Saint Sylvester I’s Story
December 31

When you think of this pope, you think of the Edict of Milan, the emergence of the Church from the catacombs, the building of the great basilicas—Saint John Lateran, Saint Peter’s, and others—the Council of Nicaea, and other critical events. But for the most part, these events were planned or brought about by Emperor Constantine. A great store of legends has grown up around the man who was pope at this most important time, but very little can be established historically. We know for sure that his papacy lasted from 314 until his death in 335. Reading between the lines of history, we are assured that only a very strong and wise man could have preserved the essential independence of the Church in the face of the overpowersing figure of the Emperor Constantine. In general, the bishops remained loyal to the Holy See, and at times expressed apologies to Sylvester for undertaking important ecclesiastical projects at the urging of Constantine.

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