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

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

  Pastor
• Rev. Marcin S. Wiktor
  Parochial Vicar
• 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”
Mark 1:14-15
### Mass Intentions

**February 20th – February 26th**

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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.

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

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Weddings are to be scheduled 6 months prior to the ceremony.  
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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalm** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**Gospel** — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- **Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- **Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- **Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- **Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- **Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- **Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**Holy Land Gifts**, represented by the Rashmawi family who are volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, will be visiting our Parish the weekend of February 20/21 and sell their olive wood gifts. They will speak to us about the dire Christian situation in the Holy Land. Their religious crafts are made in home workshops by Catholic families who make their day to day living by selling them to pilgrims and tourists that visit the holy sites and shrines. With the hostilities worsening in the Holy Land and a lack of Christian pilgrims, the traditional workshops of Olivewood have sustained severe damage. Therefore, unemployment there is at an all-time high, around 90%. The Christian community relies on services offered to pilgrims as a main source of income for the community. Olive wood items and carvings are the only tangible products they can produce and export. The Catholics of the Holy Land graciously ask your support through prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for 600 Catholic Families in Bethlehem. This lent season, think of your family, friends, and yourself and be as generous as God is to you.
FIRST READING
A reading from the Book of Genesis
Genesis 9: 8-15
God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.”

God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 25
R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.
R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.
R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.
R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING
A reading from the first Letter of St. Peter
1 Peter 3: 18-22
Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL OF THE MASS
A reading from the holy Gospel According to Mark
Mark 1: 12-15
The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

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

Jesus, I Love You, and I Trust In You!

Monday Eucharist Adoration from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the Church. Please call the Church office at (601) 798-4779, if you would like to sign up for an hour of adoration. We do ask for the good of all, that you sign up with the office to best accommodate all at safe distance and disinfected sitting. The Diocese of Biloxi reminds us to not only on arrival and leaving, but even seated to wear a mask. Let us all come before Eucharistic Lord to find His infinite Grace.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.
FEAST OF FAITH
Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. “Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below,” says an eleventh-century hymn. “Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow” (Alleluia dulce carmen, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing “Alleluia” once again when Easter returns.

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BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.

—Jean P. F. Richter

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS EACH DAY
February 21— February 27
Sunday- Frs. Michael Long Vu, S.V.D. & Thomas White
Monday- Frs. Richard Wagner & Marcin Wiktor
Tuesday- For Our Seminarians
Wednesday- For Our Deacons & Deacons Candidates
Thursday- For Priests & Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary & St. Stanislaus High School
Friday- For Our Deceased Bishops Joseph Howze & Roger Morin
Saturday- For Retired, Extern & Deceased Priests, Brothers & Deacons.

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today’s readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. Peter’s letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: “Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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THE QUALITY OF CHANGE

To change and to change for the better are two different things.

—German proverb

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend we are invited to join Bishop Kihneman in supporting the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal. As a Eucharistic community, we recognize the importance of offering ministries and programs that bring Christ’s love to all of those in need. Our participation and commitment to the Appeal helps to ensure the success of advancing the mission of the Church forward in our parishes and throughout our entire diocese.

Every gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal provides essential operating support to vital diocesan programs. These programs include support for Catholic Charities, Seminarian Formation, Care of our Retired Clergy, and Faith Formation that serve adults and youth, as well as those men in the Diaconate discernment and formation process. Through the intercession of our patron, St. Martin de Porres, we have been blessed with such abundant ministries. We need your help to continue the success of our mission.

I ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge, or giving a one time gift to the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Each and every gift has the potential to be a blessing to someone in need of hearing and knowing the Lord Jesus. Please know that no gift is too small and that your gift, combined with others, really can make a difference in someone’s life in our diocese.

You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers in the Masses I offer daily.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman
Bishop of Biloxi
Saint Polycarp’s Story
February 23
Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, disciple of Saint John the Apostle and friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, was a revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century. Saint Ignatius, on his way to Rome to be martyred, visited Polycarp at Smyrna, and later at Troas wrote him a personal letter. The Asia Minor Churches recognized Polycarp’s leadership by choosing him as a representative to discuss with Pope Anicetus the date of the Easter celebration in Rome—a major controversy in the early Church. Only one of the many letters written by Polycarp has been preserved, the one he wrote to the Church of Philippi in Macedonia. At 86, Polycarp was led into the crowded Smyrna stadium to be burned alive. The flames did not harm him and he was finally killed by a dagger. The centurion ordered the saint’s body burned. The “Acts” of Polycarp’s martyrdom are the earliest preserved, fully reliable account of a Christian martyr’s death. He died in 155.

Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin’s Story
February 26
If anyone knew rejection, ridicule and disappointment, it was today’s saint. But such trials only brought Maria Bertilla Boscardin closer to God and more determined to serve him. Born in Italy in 1888, the young girl lived in fear of her father, a violent man prone to jealousy and drunkenness. Her schooling was limited so that she could spend more time helping at home and working in the fields. She showed few talents and was often the butt of jokes. In 1904, she joined the Sisters of Saint Dorothy and was assigned to work in the kitchen, bakery and laundry. After some time Maria received nurses’ training and began working in a hospital with children suffering from diphtheria. There the young nun seemed to find her true vocation: nursing very ill and disturbed children. Later, when the hospital was taken over by the military in World War I, Sister Maria Bertilla fearlessly cared for patients amidst the threat of constant air raids and bombings. She died in 1922 after suffering for many years from a painful tumor. Some of the patients she had nursed many years before were present at her canonization in 1961.

The Story of the Chair of Saint Peter
February 22
This feast commemorates Christ’s choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church. After the “lost weekend” of pain, doubt, and self-torment, Peter hears the Good News. Angels at the tomb say to Magdalene, “The Lord has risen! Go, tell his disciples and Peter.” John relates that when he and Peter ran to the tomb, the younger outraced the older, then waited for him. Peter entered, saw the wrappings on the ground, the headpiece rolled up in a place by itself. John saw and believed. But he adds a reminder: “…[T]hey did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead” (John 20:9). They went home. There the slowly exploding, impossible idea became reality. Jesus appeared to them as they waited fearfully behind locked doors. “Peace be with you,” he said (John 20:21b), and they rejoiced.

The Pentecost event completed Peter’s experience of the risen Christ. “…[T]hey were all filled with the holy Spirit” (Acts 2:4a) and began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them. Only then can Peter fulfill the task Jesus had given him: “…[O]nce you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers” (Luke 22:32). He at once becomes the spokesman for the Twelve about their experience of the Holy Spirit—before the civil authorities who wished to quash their preaching, before the Council of Jerusalem, for the community in the problem of Ananias and Sapphira. He is the first to preach the Good News to the Gentiles. The healing power of Jesus in him is well attested: the raising of Tabitha from the dead, the cure of the crippled beggar. People carry the sick into the streets so that when Peter passed his shadow might fall on them. Even a saint experiences difficulty in Christian living. When Peter stopped eating with Gentile converts because he did not want to wound the sensibilities of Jewish Christians, Paul says, “…[T]he power of Jesus over me was the power of God” (Galatians 2:11b, 14a). He who once defined himself as an apostle of the Gentiles (Galatians 1:15) for the community in the problem of Ananias and Sapphira. He is the first to preach the Good News to the Gentiles. The healing power of Jesus in him is well attested: the raising of Tabitha from the dead, the cure of the crippled beggar. People carry the sick into the streets so that when Peter passed his shadow might fall on them. Even a saint experiences difficulty in Christian living. When Peter stopped eating with Gentile converts because he did not want to wound the sensibilities of Jewish Christians, Paul says, “…I opposed him to his face because he clearly was wrong…. [T]hey were not on the right road in line with the truth of the gospel…” (Galatians 2:11b, 14a).

At the end of John’s Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, “Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go” (John 21:18). What Jesus said indicated the sort of death by which Peter was to glorify God. On Vatican Hill, in Rome, during the reign of Nero, Peter did glorify his Lord with a martyr’s death, probably in the company of many Christians.

Second-century Christians built a small memorial over his burial spot. In the fourth century, the Emperor Constantine built a basilica, which was replaced in the 16th century.
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