

40 days with our Lord (beginning May 1, 2020)

The precious gift of God that God has given to us is nothing other than our Life itself. The God who gave this life has given us a freedom and an opportunity to know Him, to love Him, to reach Him, and to glorify Him through our very life leading a life that pleases Him.

In every person there is a longingness for God to experience His presence and compassion and Love of God, but at times as we fail to recognize His presence in our lives because our lives are focused on this earthly things for example like our life style, passive in our prayer life, family problems, personal problems especially during this uncertainty life that we are facing due to covid-19.

Dear friends let us not look at our imperfections instead let our focus be on God who is merciful and a loving God. Let our hearts turn to God in prayer and Worship. Through the prayer we really experience God's intervention in our lives.

40 days with the Lord is an opportunity given to us experience His Love and to invite Him into our life, to our families and to our community.

Q: What is the purpose of 40 days with the Lord? Answer: To grow in our spiritual life.

Q: Why only 40 days? Answer: I have taken this from the bible. There are several references in the bible which speak about the number 40. The 40 days helped the people to grow in God.

Q: What shall we do? Answer: 1) Spend some time with the Lord every day in the form of daily mass, prayer, meditation, listening to the spiritual talks, saying the rosary, divine mercy prayer...etc. and listen to the Lord.

2) Read the word of God (Bible). 1-7 days = 30 minutes, 8-14 days = 45 minutes, 15-21 days = 60 minutes, 22-28 days = 75 minutes, 29- 35 days = 90 minutes, 35-40 days = 120 minutes. (This is only suggestion. You can choose your own time.)

Suggestions for reading the books of Bible. A). Gospels, Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. B). Wisdom books, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs (Song of Solomon), the Book of Wisdom and Sirach (Ecclesiasticus).

3) Try to say at least 3 minutes of prayer together with your family at your convenient time.

4) On every Sunday after the mass there will be a spiritual talk for twenty minutes.

Conclusion: The gospel of St. Matthew 14:22-33 presents about "Jesus Walks on the Water." The disciples have seen Jesus walking on the lake and were terrified. When Jesus says I am the Lord, peter asked Jesus to make him to walk. Peter began to walk but when he looked at the wind and waves, he began to doubt. Do you know what the Bible says about doubt? "People who doubt are like waves of the sea. The wind blows and tosses them around." (James 1:6b) Peter's doubt literally caused him to be tossed around in the wind and waves. He began to sink. At first, Peter's eyes were fixed on Jesus. Peter didn't have to worry about the wind or waves because he had faith that Jesus would not let him sink. While Peter was focused on Jesus, his faith was strong. He could see the power that Jesus held over all things. He knew how much Jesus loved him, and that Jesus would never let him down. Dear friends, Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the author of faith. He also makes it perfect. - Hebrews 12:2a.

This is a request from our pastor Fr. Raju Macherla. He is requesting all the people belonging to St. Elizabeth, Immaculate Conception, and St. Mary's Shelby parishes to participate in this spiritual journey.

Note: If you are interested in this spiritual journey please give your names to the office through e-mail or mail or by post or call any of the staff members.

Thank you,

The Catholic Community of St. Elizabeth

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April 26, 2020

Parish and Diocese Updates
can be found on our Church website
www.stelizabethclarksdale.org

3rd Novena (9 Days) to Divine Mercy
April 22nd – May 30th

Join us for "40 Days with the Lord"
Beginning May 1st
Our parish will be offering a spiritual growth program for 40 days.

The Month of May is dedicated to honor "Mother Mary".
with special devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary. Let us say the Rosary
throughout the month.

MASSES: April. 27—May 3

INTENTIONS

DONORS

Monday 12:10pm
 Tuesday 12:10pm
 Wednesday 5:00pm Adoration
 5:15pm Divine Mercy
 5:35pm Rosary
 5:50pm Benediction
 6:00pm Mass
 Thursday 12:10pm
 Friday 12:10am
 Saturday 12:10pm
 Sunday 10:30am

Martha Farris✙
 Judy Agostinelli ✙
 Sharon Bishop✙
 Patsy Walton✙
 Maggie Monty✙
 Gloria Ryals✙
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Jude and Becky Watts
 Paul and Heather Watts
 Jimmy and Kathy Long
 The Family
 Freddie and Valerie Britt
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

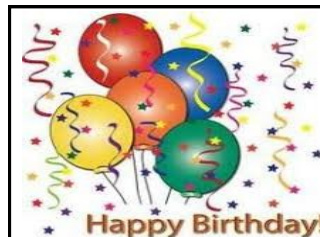
Weekend of April 5, 2020 IC Offertory: \$1,250.00

Weekend of April 12, 2020 St Elizabeth Offertory: \$5,738.00

St. Elizabeth's Weekly Budget is \$7,775.00. Thank you for your generosity!

NEWS AND UPDATES

- 1) The church is still closed; The church office is open Tuesday and Thursday.
- 2) If you would like to turn in your Rice Bowls, you can drop them off at the Church office on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am until 5:00pm.
- 3) If you have an emergency, please call the office at 662-624-4301 or one of the office staff members.
- 4) Please join in on the church Facebook page as Father Raju streams daily Mass. If you do not have access to Facebook, please see the Mass schedule above and make that your prayer time. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for birthdays, intentions or any other reason, please let us know.
- 5) We would like to thank all of you who have continued to tithe. Although the Church remains closed our expenses remain the same. Our finances depend upon our generous giving. You can mail it to 130 Florence Ave., Clarksdale, MS 38614, or go to the Church website www.stelizabethclarksdale.org and look for the red "online giving" block and click it to fill out the online giving we have conveniently set up. If you do not have access to internet, the office will be happy to help you set it up.



Wednesday, April 29

Walter Gulley
 Wes Lawrence
 Justin Smith
 Harris Stonestreet

Thursday April 30

Gerald Antici

Saturday, May 2

John Lavender
 Camille Brown

Sunday, April 26

Jessica Smith

Monday, April 27

Patricia Sanders

How are you doing? We are trying to keep parish life as normal as possible and we want to make sure that everyone still feels connected to our parish family. What do you need? What do you miss? What do you want while we can't gather in church? Masses are streamed daily through the church Facebook page, see the Mass schedule for times and intentions. Sunday school, First Communion, Confirmation prep will continue in an online format. Please call us with your suggestions or if you need anything.

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 Pennie 645-5001
 Nancy 902-9991
 Derrick 225-206-2430

Youth News

Faith Formation is currently meeting through an online format. All youth are invited to participate in Project YM Live which is a virtual youth night. Catholic youth from around the country have been attending this event on Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

On Monday Nights at 6:00 p.m. Derrick and his wife Mary have an online meeting with the 7th-9th grade through the zoom app.

Derrick and Coach V have been coordinating an online confirmation program for the 10th and 11th graders so they can continue preparation. If any youth who are in confirmation have not signed up yet, please do so.

If you have not yet signed up your youth for any of these events please contact Derrick at derrick.faucheux212@gmail.com

Please Pray for all who are sick.

Carrie Belvedresi	Mary P. Cirilli
Rosalyn Hull	Geneva Corroero
Frances Hanks	Wayne Morris
Stacy Groves	Janette Morris
Kevin Elias	Toni Morris Halle
Fred M. Nosef	Davey Lee Farris, Jr.
Robin Morris	Teresa Joseph
Linda Edgerley	Kalie Mansour
Hayley Hardy	Tony Balducci
Jack Campbell	Kim Westerfield
Fred Scruggs	Regina Swentkowski
Karen Peay	Ben Olivi
Diane Reed	Becky Smith
Mary Mitchell	Bailey Anne Cole
Betty Sue Flowers	Carolyn Reese
Penny Frazer	Betty Ann Cotton
Kathryn Tate	Harold Aldridge
Ann Meyers	Theodore Cosey
Alton Hitchcock	Porter Antici
Mimi Strohm	Lena Cash
Gene Arthur Hopkins	Gussie Farris
Kim Jones	Malcolm Mabry
Ginny Walker	Trip Malouf
Charlie Fowler	Cindy B. Cocilova
Michael Young	Donna Daves
Toni Nassar	Debra Ware
Susie Carr	Andy Carr
Twyla Gist	Diane Matthews
Evelyn Demilio	Doris Ceranti
Paul Fratesi	Clifton Dotson
Tommy Belvedresi	Dolores Morganti
Billy Palmer	Henry Espy
Joan Hamilton	Sybil Lucie
Charles Johnson, Jr.	Christine Wolfe
Vicki Hawes Jones	Tommy Agostinelli
Jill Balducci Pernell	Billy Lutts
Betty Olveria	Patricia Douglas
Rebekah Camponovo Jenkins	
Robert Fava	Joey Baghdady

All those who have the Corona Virus and their families and all those who are