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FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
Easter

I, John,
saw a new
heaven and
a new earth.

Revelation 21:1

Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses:
8:00am, 10:30am and 5:00pm

Spanish Mass: 2:00pm

Weekday Masses:
Mon, Wed, Thu and Fri: 7:00am
Tuesday: 6:00pm

Holy Days:
Vigil Mass: 6:00pm
Holy Day: 7:00am and 12:00pm

Confession:
Before and after each Mass
and by appointment

XLT Adoration:
Tuesday: 7:00 - 8:00pm
Confession is available

First Friday Adoration:
7:00am - 5:00pm
Mass, Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion:
8:30am - 10:30am
Confession, Mass, Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,
Meditation, and Benediction

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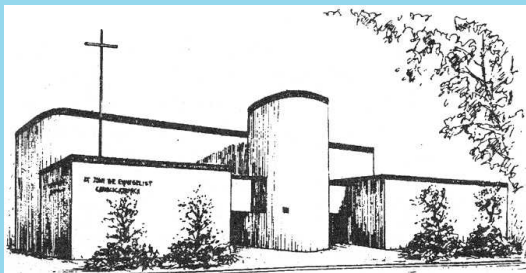
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If you are new to the parish, please complete a registration form on the back table or go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

Upcoming Events

Please Note

Fr. Ryan will be away on retreat from May 20th to May 31st; and during this time, Fr. George Murphy will be celebrating Masses. Please pray for our Pastor as he spends time in Prayer Town, TX with the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, a religious order of Charismatic Franciscan Sisters. May Fr. Ryan have a relaxing time to unwind in the wilderness of Texas and be renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Ultreya

The next West Harrison County Ultreya is Monday, May 20, at St. James on Cowan Road at 7:00 PM in the parish center. Scheduled speakers are Ralph Shankweiler and Deacon Dick Henderson. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend! Contact Roberta Hosler, 228-383-3646 if you need more information.

Couples Date Night

Wednesday / May 22 / 6:30 PM
Presentation Hall

All married and engaged couples are welcome to come and join in fellowship and learning. A meal and baby sitting will be provided. There is no charge; but to plan properly, **please reserve your spot 48 hours in advance** by contacting Mara Russo at (228) 265-7156 or mrusso@stjohngulfport.org or on GroupMe on the *Couples Date Night* Group.



Anointing of the Sick

Thursday / May 23
11:00 AM Mass

Young at Heart

Thursday / May 23/ 12:00 PM
Presentation Hall

Come for lunch and fellowship. The main dish will be provided; so please bring your favorite vegetable, salad or dessert to compliment the meal. Enjoy delicious food, good company, and fun games of bingo!



The 2019 Diocesan Confirmation Ceremony will be held at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 11:00 am Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. The ceremony is intended for baptized adult Catholics who have not been confirmed and for high schoolers who have been prepped for the Sacrament, but who were unable to attend ceremonies in their individual parishes. If you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to do so, please call the Parish Office and sign up for the preparatory classes that are being offered.

We are an EASTER people,
and ALLELUIA is our song!



-St. Pope John Paul II

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kris Allen	Mary Ann Galle	Siobhan O'Neill
Chris Arleth	Warren Galle	Gina Papania
Eleanor Batey	Jennifer Garriga	Willie Payne
David Belew	Mary Gibbs	Josh Parker
Regina Papania Bell	Dan Goad	Teri Patton
Mary Ann Bishop	Ronnie Guidry	David Pitre
Dean Bowles	Louis Helwick	Jeannie Beattie Plant
Suzanne Bowles	Alibe Hinton	James Platt
Jenny Bush	Jordan Hoang	Colette Marissa
Cono Caranna	Joann Hoda	Quigley
Gail Charlot	Mike Hoda	Barbie Register
Nicklas Chaffee	Etoile Jenkins	Nena Revon
Garry Cooper	Kathy Joyce	Diane Riel
Sandra Cooper	Mary Kealy	Tracie Ryan
Anna Cospelich	Suzanne King	Skip Ryland
Buddy Cospelich	Sonny Kirschenheuter	Peggy Ryland
Christopher Cospelich	Henry Kremer	Ken Saxon
Bev Crawford	Don LaFlamme	Kim "Hye" Smith
Opal Jerri Crawford	Jean Ladner	Mary Ann Smith
Chuck Cruthirds	Milton LeBlanc	Patton Tillman
Aaliyah Daughtery	Joan Liner	Adolph Tolentino
Mimi Davis	Betty Martin	Bernadette Levens
Penny Dedeaux	Kathy McKeague	Tolson
Cindy Dickinson	Sylvia McNeill	Mrs. Benny Turner
Alden Dunn	William McNeill	Charlie Underwood
Jason Eastham	Pam Miller	Theresa Whiteside
Shellie Ely	Baby Landry Mire	Alexa Zupko Wier
Cindy Fore	Eleanor Mize	Winkey Williams
Ashley French	Kevin Murray	Richard Wilson
	Sophia Nuchereneno	Hamilton Woodard

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday:	5:00 PM	+Lorraine Goad
Sunday:	8:00 AM	+Estelle Papania
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	+Stella Croal
Monday:	7:00 AM	Special Intention of the Donor
Tuesday:	6:00 PM	+Earl & Francis Menasco
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	+Mackie Fayard
Thursday:	7:00 AM	+John McWaters
Friday:	7:00 AM	+Shawn Dubuisson

Last Week's Collections

1st Collection: \$ 3712
2nd Collection: \$ 538 for Property Insurance
Children's Collection: \$ 21

Thank you for your generosity!

This week's second collection is for the Bereavement Committee. Next week's second collection will be for the Altar Society.

Woohoo!

The St John High Reunion for Classes 1960-67 was a grand success. After all expenses were paid, there was an excess of \$488.45; so the reunion attendees agreed to donate those funds to a local charity. This week, Feed My Sheep was gifted the extra monies.

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St. James Elementary
603 West Av. Gulfport, MS 39507
Principal: Jennifer Broadus
Tel #: 228 896-6631

St. Vincent De Paul Elementary
4321 Espy Avenue, Long Beach MS 39560
Principal: Carol Church
Tel #: 228 222-6000

St. Patrick High School
18300 St. Patrick Road, Biloxi, MS 39532
Principal: Matt Buckley
Tel #: 228 702-0500

Parish Ministry Meetings

Knights of Columbus: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM

K C Ladies Auxiliary: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 PM

Young At Heart: 4th Thursday, 12 Noon

Prayer group: Every Thursday, 5:15 PM
For information, call the Parish Office.

Legion of Mary: Every Thursday, 10:00 AM
For information, call Annette Seymour 326-0851.

Catholic School Tuition Assistance 2019-2020

Catholic school registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun. If you have a child attending Catholic School and will need tuition assistance for the upcoming school year, please contact Fr. Ryan. In order to receive tuition assistance, you must be a registered member of the parish, attend church regularly, contribute to the upkeep of the Church and participate in the ministries of the parish.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Upcoming Events Continued

Fr. Ryan's Birthday and Ordination Celebration

Sunday / June 16
Presentation Hall

Please plan to join us for lunch and fellowship in Presentation Hall following the 10:30 Mass as we celebrate Father Ryan's birthday and the anniversary of his ordination. Meat loaf will be provided as a main dish; so please bring your favorite vegetable, salad, dessert or another main dish to compliment the meal. A sign up sheet can be found on the round table in the back of the Church.

Medugorje Pilgrimage with Fr. Ryan September 25 - October 4, 2019



For Reservations or for More Information Contact:

Gary at Magnificat Tours (877) 333- 9290, or
Debbie Beach (228) 313-7899



We congratulate the following graduates from our parish:

Theresa Ames from West Harrison High School; Payton Dedeaux from St. Patrick Catholic High School; Sophie Frommeyer from St. Patrick Catholic High School; Nicholas Frontz from Gulfport High School; and Nicholas Papania from William Carey University.

We wish them much success and ask God's blessings upon their future endeavors!

First United Methodist Church

2301 Fifteenth St., Gulfport, MS 39501

www.fumc-gulfport.org

The first three outreach programs listed below will begin new sessions on Thursday, **May 23**. They have been running these programs for nearly 30 years and have a long history of helping individuals move through their loss and reclaim their lives.

The **Divorce Recovery Workshop** meets for 10 weeks and helps people deal with divorce issues. For information call 228-229-6851.

The **Grief Recovery Workshop** is a 10-week program dealing with the emotional pain that follows the death of a loved one. For information call 228-341-0889.

Broken Rainbow is a program for children 6-11 who are having difficulty coping with a divorce or death in their family. For information call 228-669-9868.

Beginning Thursday, August 8: **Grief Recovery Method Workshop** is an intense 8-week action-based program helping people to deal with unresolved grief that is negatively affecting their life. For information call 228-324-2902.

All workshops meet at 7:00 PM on Thursday nights in the Education Building of First United Methodist Church. The workshop fee is \$30. Children of group participants may attend Broken Rainbow at no cost.

OUR CALL TO MAKE DISCIPLES

2019 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Parish Update

Our parish goal for this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal is \$27,610. Thus far, 115 families have responded and we have raised \$34,586.60. Thank you for your response!

If you have not made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, pledge envelopes can be found in the back of the church, or you can give online at www.biloxidiocese.org.

Happy birthday wishes are extended to:

Gus Alfonso, Richard McDaniel & Leonard Papania on May 20; Danny Hathorn on May 21; Tyler Johnson on May 22; and Marilyn Crosby on May 23.

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!



Feasts and Devotions to Mary

There are sixteen feasts of the Blessed Virgin throughout the liturgical year. In addition to these feast days, the months of May and October are dedicated to Mary and are the focus of many devotions. Here are five of her major feasts:

Immaculate Conception of Mary: December 8, and Mary's Birthday: September 8

Many people mistakenly believe the term *Immaculate Conception* refers to Mary's sinless conception of Jesus, but it actually honors Mary's unique position of being conceived without original sin. It shows that she existed from her conception as prominent in God's redemption plan. God arranged sinlessness as a tribute to her and to prepare for the arrival of the savior through her. The feast of the Immaculate Conception became a holy day of obligation in 1854. Catholics in Spain celebrate this day by decorating houses with flowers and flags and burning candles in the windows the night before the feast.

Mary's birthday falls nine months later. This day honors Mary as God's gift to the people. Traditional feasts, which existed previous to this date and are now associated with the nativity of Mary, include thanksgiving celebrations, the beginning of Indian summer, and fall planting season. Harvest blessings are given in many Catholic Churches.

The Annunciation: March 25, and the Visitation: May 31

Near the vernal equinox, the Annunciation marks the celebration of the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb. It occurs nine months before the feast of Christmas, the birth of Christ.

In medieval Europe, pageants and processions marked the celebration of the Annunciation. A child, dressed as an angel and representing Mary, was suspended on a rope in midair. As the angel descended, mothers dropped candy in the pews for children. The children believed that Gabriel had brought these goodies from heaven. In Russia, large wheaten wafers were blessed and distributed after the Mass. The people saved pieces of these wafers to be buried in the fields to assure a good crop, signifying the connection between Mary's fertility and the fertility of the earth.

The feast of the Visitation celebrates Mary's visit to Elizabeth immediately after the Annunciation where the baby in Elizabeth's womb, John the Baptist, stirred in recognition of the messiah in Mary's womb.

Mary, Mother of God: January 1

"Mary, Mother of God" is a feast first instituted in Jerusalem as early as the middle of the fourth century. It was called the Presentation of the Jesus Christ in the Temple and was celebrated on January 1, which followed the custom in Jewish law of presenting the baby in the temple on the eighth day following birth. The feast focused on the obedience of Mary and Jesus to Mosaic law. At one time, this feast was moved to February 2 and coincided with the pagan feast of lights. This feast day is also called the Solemnity of Mary.

Source: [The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Catholicism](#)

DURING MAY, WE WILL RECITE THE ROSARY THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS AND NEED VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD THE ROSARY. THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE ROUND TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.