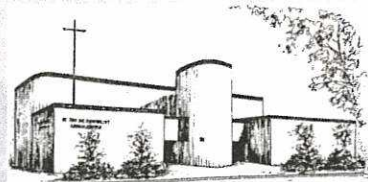


Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here! To learn more about St. John, please visit stjohngulfport.org.



If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

Parish Office Hours

Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. In the event of an emergency or if you need to reach Fr. Satish, you may call or text him at 228-297-7774.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25 Knights of Columbus 7:30 pm

May 26 Legion of Mary 10:30 am

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Notre Dame Hospice is looking for Volunteers to serve in their Mississippi Church Parishes. Volunteers can provide caregiver relief, provide companionship for patients, run errands, or occasionally help with projects in the office. If you are interested or would like more information please contact: Janine Bonner, Volunteer Coordinator at 504-418-1049. Our Mississippi office is in Diamondhead, MS. *We need volunteers in all Mississippi Church Parishes to serve those in your community.* Thank you.

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

*Danny Hathorn May 21
Jonelle Meadows, May 26*

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm : O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67)

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or *Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.*

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) or *John 17:20-26.*

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;

Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
The Ascension of the Lord
(unless transferred to Sunday); St. Philip Neri

Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury



Welcome Camille Marie Ward, she was baptized into the Catholic faith on May 15th by Deacon David Allen!

Pray for a Priest Calendar

The Pray for a Priest Calendar can be found on our website. If you'd like a copy mailed or emailed to you, please contact the Parish Office.

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Nga Nguyen	Regina Meadows	Gloria Newman
Kory Hudson	Loyce Hire	Werner Huber
Beverly Crawford	Rhonda Mires	Betty Martin
Paula Pickens	Frank Fink	Suzanne King
Mac Rouse	Karen Fink	
Carolyn Fayard	Becky Thompson	Parishioners of
Ed Martin	Kendall Dedeaux	St. John the
Telina Birch	Amy Elizabeth	Evangelist
Jordan Hoang	Wheeler	
Kim Hoang	Ronnie Wade	
Joy Holley	Beverly Crawford	
Sharon Dedeaux	Peggy Ryland	
Joe Oustelet	Craig Bounds	
Charlie Underwood	Michael Eckles	
	Mary Ann Bishop	

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	4:00 PM	✠Parker Hewes
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠Anthony Verin Davis ✠Irene Enger ✠Barbara Walker ✠Mary Borzik (special intention Gloria Newman)
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish Anyone with birthdays, & anniversaries
	5:00 PM	✠Gary Cooper (special intention Bobby Gill)
Monday:	7:00 AM	✠Kris Allen
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠Kaleel Salloum
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠Irene Enger
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠Mackie Fayard
Friday:	7:00 AM	

The second collection next week will be for Catholic Communications.



Congratulations

to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Derrick & Melody Hughes 27 yrs, May 22

May God bless them with many more

happy years together!



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Envelopes checks: \$3015.00

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Loose checks: \$2275.00

Unidentified Cash: \$1199.00

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Egiving: \$672.85

Spanish Collection: \$675.00

TOTAL: \$9482.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Ways to Contribute

Many parishioners like to give their church contribution at mass. Others like the convenience of sending it by mail, or dropping it off at the church office Monday through Friday (9am-3pm); or by utilizing automatic drafts (contact the Parish Office if you'd like to sign up); or by giving electronically at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohngulfport>.

RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."

Reflection question:

How can I participate more fully at Mass?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Healing service

Dear Parishioners/Non-Parishioners,
On behalf of SVD Laity Missionary of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, I'm writing this invitation letter of "HEALING SERVICE". It will be held on **Friday, May 27, 2022 at 6:00 PM.** We look forward to see you. Please bring your friends and those who need special prayers in this powerful "Healing Service. Thank you.
Address: Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, 216 Saucier Ave. Pass Christian, MS. 39571

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
(for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9;
Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11;
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Article 3

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Inspiration and Truth of Sacred Scripture

Still, the Christian faith is not a "religion of the book." Christianity is the religion of the "Word" of God, a word which is "not a written and mute word, but the Word which is incarnate and living." If the Scriptures are not to remain a dead letter, Christ, the eternal Word of the living God, must, through the Holy Spirit, "open [our] minds to understand the Scriptures." #108

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Please Pray With Us

The rosary will be prayed 30 minutes prior to each mass during the month of May. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church for those who wish to lead the rosary.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

May the peoples praise you, O God;

may all the peoples praise you!

— Psalm 67:6

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to pray these two prayers during the month of May:

PRAYER 1

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

PRAYER 2

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".
In the present tragic situation, when the whole world
is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother
of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under
your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us
amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who
are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have
died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves
them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned
for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order
to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close
to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the
uncertainty of the future and the consequences for
the economy and employment.

Saint Augustine of Canterbury's Story



In the year 596, some 40 monks set out from Rome to evangelize the Anglo-Saxons in England. Leading the group was Augustine, the prior of their monastery. Hardly had he and his men reached Gaul when they heard stories of the ferocity of the Anglo-Saxons and of the treacherous waters of the English Channel. Augustine returned to Rome and to Gregory the Great—the pope who had sent them—only to be assured by him that their fears were groundless.

Augustine set out again. This time the group crossed the English Channel and landed in the territory of Kent, ruled by King Ethelbert, a pagan married to a Christian, Bertha. Ethelbert received them kindly, set up a residence for them in Canterbury and within the year, on Pentecost Sunday 597, was himself baptized. After being consecrated a bishop in France, Augustine returned to Canterbury, where he founded his see. He constructed a church and monastery near where the present cathedral, begun in 1070, now stands. As the faith spread, additional sees were established at London and Rochester.

Work was sometimes slow and Augustine did not always meet with success. Attempts to reconcile the Anglo-Saxon Christians with the original Briton Christians—who had been driven into western England by Anglo-Saxon invaders—ended in dismal failure. Augustine failed to convince the Britons to give up certain Celtic customs at variance with Rome and to forget their bitterness, helping him evangelize their Anglo-Saxon conquerors.

Laboring patiently, Augustine wisely heeded the missionary principles—quite enlightened for the times—suggested by Pope Gregory: purify rather than destroy pagan temples and customs; let pagan rites and festivals be transformed into Christian feasts; retain local customs as far as possible. The limited success Augustine achieved in England before his death in 605, a short eight years after his arrival, would eventually bear fruit long after in the conversion of England. Augustine of Canterbury can truly be called the "Apostle of England." franciscanmedia