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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Spanish Mass: 2:00 PM

Weekday Masses:

Monday—Friday 7:00 AM

Weekday Adoration:

Every Friday following Mass

7:30 AM-8:30 AM

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Confession:

30 minutes before Vigil Mass

And anytime by request

all the other Masses

First Friday Adoration

7 AM - 5 PM

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion:

8:00 AM—9:30 AM

Confession, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction

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AS HE BLESSED THEM
HE PARTED FROM THEM
AND WAS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN.

LUKE 24:51

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 29, 2022

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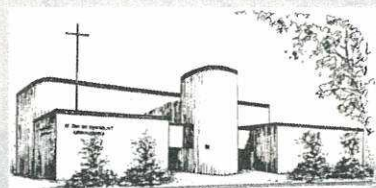
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If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

Parish Office Hours

Parish office will be closed Monday May 28th for Memorial Day

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.

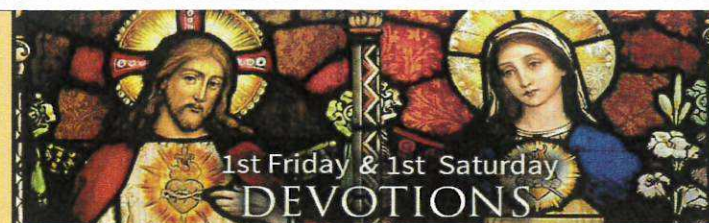
UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1 Knights of Columbus 7:30 pm

June 2 Legion of Mary 10:30 am

June 7 Grief and loss support group 4:00pm in the church office

June 16 Young at Heart 12 noon



First Friday / June 3

First Saturday / June 4

First Friday Adoration is from 7:30am til 5:00pm

First Saturday Devotion will be held on June 4 from 8:00am—9:30am. Confession, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Because Stephen professes his faith in the Son of Man, he is stoned to death (Acts 7:55-60).

Psalm — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

Second Reading — I, the Alpha and the Omega, am coming soon (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

Gospel — Father, I pray that they may all be one, as you and I are one, that they may be brought to perfection (John 17:20-26).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day

Monday: Memorial Day

Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Justin

Thursday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions;
First Friday

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Colette Quigley, Chris Vollmuth, May 29

Timothy Goad, June 1

Catherine Bryan, George Szolomayer, June 2

William Simpson, June 3

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

Congratulations

to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Richard & Jane McDaniel, 50 yrs on May 28

Donald & Margie Dedeaux 59 yrs on June 1

May God bless them with many more

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Nga Nguyen	Tony King	Gloria Newman
Kory Hudson	Regina Meadows	Werner Huber
Beverly Crawford	Loyce Hire	Betty Martin
Paula Pickens	Rhonda Mires	Suzanne King
Mac Rouse	Frank Fink	
Carolyn Fayard	Karen Fink	Parishioners of
Ed Martin	Becky Thompson	St. John the
Telina Birch	Kendall Dedeaux	Evangelist
Jordan Hoang	Amy Elizabeth	
Kim Hoang	Wheeler	
Joy Holley	Ronnie Wade	
Gayle Frings	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 renewable.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	4:00 PM	✠Alex North
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠Kris Allen
		✠Cecil & Margaret Dubuisson
		✠Corky Hire
		✠Barbara Walker
		✠Mary Borzik
		(special intention Gloria Newman)
		✠Kaleel Salloum
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
		Anyone with birthdays, & anniversaries
Monday:	5:00 PM	✠Mathias Zalenka
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠Theresa Simon
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠Mackie Fayard
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠Cecil & Margaret Dubuisson
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠Ed Croal
	7:00 AM	✠Kris Allen



First Friday Adoration is from 7:30 am to 5 pm.

A sign up sheet is in the back of the church outside of the Memorial Room. Please sign up to spend an hour with Jesus!

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Spanish Collection: \$1215.00

TOTAL: \$7292.50

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2nd Collection for Little Sisters of the Poor: \$2443

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>.

.SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus’ return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus’ disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterword to Jerusalem, where “they were continually in the temple praising God.” Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God’s plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to “bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.” This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord’s work. Today’s readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

Reflection question:

Why is the Ascension a cause for joy?

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Ascension of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.
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.

Article 3

SACRED SCRIPTURE

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT, INTERPRETER OF SCRIPTURE

The Sacred Scripture, God speaks to man in a human way. To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words. #109

Catechism of the Catholic Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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 appreciate those who donate altar flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed in the church for a week in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other celebration, or in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact the Parish Office.



The Ascension of the Lord
May 29, 2022
God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
— Psalm 47:6

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

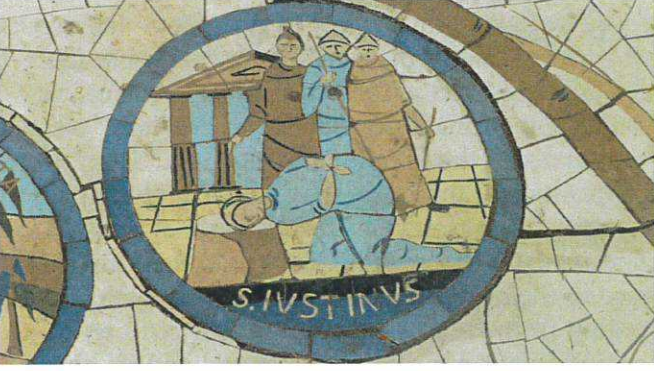
PRAYER 1

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 Justin Martyr’s Story



Justin never ended his quest for religious truth even when he converted to Christianity after years of studying various pagan philosophies.

As a young man, he was principally attracted to the school of Plato. However, he found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers.

Upon his conversion he continued to wear the philosopher’s mantle, and became the first Christian philosopher. He combined the Christian religion with the best elements in Greek philosophy. In his view, philosophy was a pedagogue of Christ, an educator that was to lead one to Christ.

Justin is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and misunderstandings of the pagans. Two of his so-called apologies have come down to us; they are addressed to the Roman emperor and to the Senate.

For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165.

Reflection

As patron of philosophers, Justin may inspire us to use our natural powers—especially our power to know and understand—in the service of Christ, and to build up the Christian life within us. Since we are prone to error, especially in reference to the deep questions concerning life and existence, we should also be willing to correct and check our natural thinking in light of religious truth. Thus we will be able to say with the learned saints of the Church: I believe in order to understand, and I understand in order to believe. FRANCISCANMEDIA.COM