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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil
5:30 pm

Sunday
8:30 am & 11:00 am

Friday
10:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
6:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 5:00 pm

Holy Days of Obligation
Check bulletin for times

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:45 pm
or by appointment

Our prayer chapel is always open

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017

The prophets cry out to us today on this 2nd Sunday of Advent. Yet, we have to make space for the voices of John the Baptist and Isaiah in our lives. Our modern world is full of many voices, many messages, and a lot of noise.

We hear the voice of John the Baptist each year during Advent. Today, his cry comes from the first verses of Mark's Gospel. John foreshadows Jesus' coming into the world, crying out in the desert wilderness as a strange figure wearing clothing made out of camel's hair, eating locusts and honey. He calls the people to repent and to be baptized in acknowledgement of their sins. If we met John the Baptist today in Pearl, what would we make of him?

Advent is a very unique time of the year. The purple color of this season tells us that it is a time of repentance and renewal. While our secular world has already decorated for Christmas, where is the Advent message in our world today? John calls us to an Advent journey through the desert, recalling the real encounter that the Israelites had with God as they journeyed in the desert to the promised land. The dark, forbidding desert recalls the brokenness and the lack of faith that the Israelites had on their journey. However, John isn't wanting to scare us. Rather, we're led into the desert as a place of renewal and hope, where cleansing and reflections can take place. We are to be comforted by this message in the midst of our struggles and brokenness.

Just how are we making a path for the Lord in our own lives in this busy season of preparation? How are we listening to the prophets? How are we being prophetic ourselves? In two weeks, we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord with our Christmas Eve celebrations. May we use these weeks of Advent to prepare our hearts and our minds.

Parish Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Jude, Pearl, Mississippi are a vibrant, Eucharistic community with caring members that are empowered by baptism to serve God through the sacraments. We will proclaim the good news and provide spiritual and moral guidance to parishioners and the community by creating a holy and comforting place that encourages active participation, service to each other, and love.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:30 pm —Joyce Ramos (RIP)
Sunday 8:30 am— People of St. Jude
Sunday 11:00 am— Special Intention
Tuesday 6:00 pm—Special Intention
Wednesday 6:00 pm— Special Intention
Thursday 6:00 pm — Special Intention
Friday 10:00 am—Special Intention

Youth Christmas Choir

Voices are needed to make a joyful noise to the Lord! Youth of all ages are needed to sing in our Christmas Eve Choir. The choir will sing at 5:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

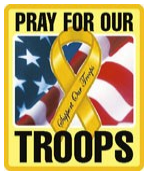
We will have two practices:

Sunday, December 17th - 10:30am - During Sunday School - We will bring those students singing in the choir to the conference room across from the office to practice. Children can be picked up from the conference room at 10:50am.

Wednesday, December 20th - 6:30-7:30pm - Practice will be in the church. Following practice, we will feed the choir a pizza supper.

If your young child likes to sing, please encourage them to participate. We especially need older voices, so if your older youth sings in a choir at school or enjoys singing, please encourage them to participate as well.

Contact Stacy in the office if your youth plans to participate – we need to know who to release from Sunday School on the 17th and how much pizza to provide on the



PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Remember in your prayers all those who serve our nation in the Armed Forces. We especially pray for: Christopher and Lamont Arnold, Meghan Bietzel, Jessup Boatner, Chris Curry, Dean Millette, Troy Resurreccion, Emma Reuter, Steven Renslow, Ryan Roy, Trey Strickland, Inissa Zambrano.

SYMBOLON
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

ADULT FORMATION AND RCIA

The RCIA will meet on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm. This week's topic will be Why Do I Need the Church? All are invite to join us.

Christmas and New Year Masses

This year, Sunday, December 24 is both Christmas Eve and the fourth Sunday of Advent. We want you to know our schedule for Christmas so you can make your holiday plans. We will have our normal Saturday evening Mass on December 23 at 5:30 pm. **Sunday, December 24**, we will have Mass for the fourth Sunday of Advent at 10:00 am and then Christmas Eve Masses at 5:30 pm and midnight (with music starting at 11:30 pm). Christmas morning Mass is at 10:00 am. **Catholics are obliged to participate in the Fourth Sunday Mass as well as a Christmas Mass.** We will have our normal schedule of masses on the weekend of December 30 and 31. The Mass for January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, will be on Monday, January 1 at 10:00 am.

Special Mass for Advent

Spanish Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration

Saturday, 12/16 7:00 pm

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent; International Human Rights Day
Monday: St. Damasus I
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe; Hanukkah begins at sunset
Wednesday: St. Lucy
Thursday: St. John of the Cross
Saturday: Las Posadas begins

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Weekly Collection:
$ 7,287.00
Online Givers:
$ 1,924.00
Children's Collection: $ 17.22
Food Pantry: $ 225.00

Stewardship Thought

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live — the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

Christmas Break – Classes will not meet December 24th and December 31st. Classes will resume January 7th.

REMINDER:
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - $25 WINNER PER GRADE
Sponsored by St. Jude Knights of Columbus
Turn in posters: December 10th or 17th

Entry forms and instructions are located on the table outside the Parish Office

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards, yard signs, car magnets, etc. after all Masses until the week before Christmas. See Nat Zummo for more information.

Parishioners:

Viola Allen, Brody Bokros, Ed and Cathy Dunn, Charles and Mary Ann Goldsmith, Jane Kaiser, Katie Kirby, Joe Loomis, Lucy Lovertich, Chloe Martin, Mike Meadows, Kathy Moody, Ernie Murray, Charles Myers, Nell Ramsdell, T. Raymond, Marlene Rhodes, Phyllis Rogers, Mary Sauls, Florence Scanlon, Mike Siller, Scott Statham, Charlie Thames, Sandra Walker, Mary Jo Zummo.

Family and Friends of Parishioners:

Michelle Sommers, (granddaughter of Pat and Barbara McBride), Mary Frasier Hudson (niece of Serie Barnhill), Louis Collier, Jonathan Boone (friend of Allen Lea), Peter Rippa, (husband of Mary Rippa) Jim Doud (friend of Mike and Diane Meadows), Lloyd Young (father of Cathy Dunn), Ed Peeples (husband of Karen Peeples), Mary Bess Curry (mother of Mike Curry), Flora and Luis Martin (Daughter and Son-in-law of Mary Rippa), Missy Goodman (Daughter of Nick and Maureen Calico), Pearl Turner (mother of Sheilah Resweber), Jeremy McIntyre (son of Brenda and Dorian McIntyre), Flossie Frasier (cousin of Linda Smith), Emily Bennett (daughter-in-law of Carol Denslow), Irene Jones (mother of Gail Dowdle), June Harkins (mother of Beth Bivens), Donna Neese (mother of Nicole Chapman), Marian Lyons (friend of John and Kelly McGregor), Karla Fidler (friend of Monique Augustus), Charles Downey (father of April McDonald), Jeannie Marvelli (Aunt of Anthony Marvelli), Paula Moody Moore (cousin of Sandra Walker), Erin Anderson and Barry Watts (friends of Sandra Walker), Tanya Harris (daughter of Phyllis Rogers.), Martha Young, (mother of Cathy Dunn), Tammy May, (daughter of Carol Bourne), Robert Caskey (Husband of Riza Caskey), Clyde Cox (brother of George Cox), Phyllis Davis and Rosemary West (mother and sister of David Peters), Douglas Montague (nephew of Sandra Walker), Jeff Frazier, (Brother-in-law of Sandra Walker), Louis Garriga (brother of Bill Garriga), Jim Boswell, and all those in nursing homes or homebound.

It's that time again ~~~ come and help decorate the church for the special season of Christmas!

We will decorate the church for the Christmas season on Sunday, December 17th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall. Come join us! All skill levels are needed to lift, tote, drape, hang, arrange, and sweep! And, it's a great opportunity to get to know other parishioners. **Please e-mail or call Rhonda in the church office if you plan to help.**

St. Jude Parish will celebrate

the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

with Spanish Mass on

Saturday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

Everyone is invited to join in this special celebration!

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Little Ones — Jim Burrows

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Mk 1:4

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Family Friendly Events

Save the Date – Family Friendly Events, Fun for the Whole Parish!

Prison Ministry Collection –
Christmas is just around the corner and Central Mississippi Correctional Facility is asking for our help in reaching out to those who are away from their families during the holiday season. They would like to give a bag, with love, from God's people, to each person housed at CMCF.

How We Can Help: We will be collecting toiletries and other items for the prison ministry during the month of December. Collection boxes will be in the vestibule of the church, the Sunday School Hall, and the Parish Hall beginning **Sunday, December 3rd. Items will be collected through Sunday, December 17th.**

Items Needed: **Clear Deodorant for Women** (Arrid Extra Dry, Secret Flawless Clear, Lady Speed Stick Gel, Soft & Dri Drigel, Dry Idea Clear Gel, or Mitchum Powergel)

Clear Deodorant for Men (Arm & Hammer Ultra Max Clear Gel, Old Spice High Endurance Clear Gel, Right Guard Sport Clear Gel, Speed Stick, Right Guard Total Defense 5 Power Gel, or Gillette Clear Gel)

Clear Shampoo (Suave, White Rain, VO5)

White Athletic Socks, Men's and Women's, Crew

Small Non-Metallic Hair Ornaments

Hard Candy

Packing Party: December 17th, following 11am Mass, we will have a Goody Bag Stuffing Party! We will be making the goody bags at the same time the church is being decorated for Christmas. Lunch will be served after 11am Mass. If you or your child plans to attend and eat lunch, please contact Rhonda in the office to RSVP.

Meet Between the Masses

Our Adult Faith Formation program on Praying with the Scripture winds to an end this weekend. Next Sunday, December 17th, we will meet at our usual time and will have a presentation on celebrating the beautiful season of Christmas.

Join us at 9:45 a.m. between the Masses!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

I am the Immaculate Conception.

—Words of Our Lady to St. Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes, 1858

YOUTH MINISTRY

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in What you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity". 1 Timothy 4:12

Upcoming Events:
Youth Night on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 from 6-8:30PM
Prolife Event at the Capitol on Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Youth Christmas Party Lock-in: December 15-16, 9:00 P.M.-7:00 A.M. We will have tons of fun, food and games. Youth are asked to to bring snacks to share and a wrapped $15 gift suitable for male or female. We will have a taco bar and along with some yummy surprises! We will need a few parent volunteers to help with food preparation. Please contact Mrs. Betsy or Mrs. Mara if you would like to help.

Mardi Gras Ball Fundraiser: It's just around the corner. It's scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2018. We will have a planning meeting on December 6, at 6:30 in the parish hall.

SEARCH Retreat: Information has been shared through Facebook and Groupme.

Diocesan Youth Conference: It's February 2-4, 2018 in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Information has been shared through Facebook and Groupme. If you didn't receive the information please contact Mrs. Betsy or Mrs. Mara.

Ring in the New Year - Family Friendly New Year's Eve Party -
December 31st, 6:30pm – 9pm – dancing, karaoke, games, food, and more. Fun for the whole family! Bring a party food to share and invite your friends! **Stay tuned for more info!** SEE MORE INFO BELOW

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Where: Parish Hall
Admission: Bring your favorite party food to share

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Fun for the whole family!
Invite your friends!

Youth in 7th – 12th grades may attend without parents, but must sign in and out at the door.
Contact Stacy in the office for more info!

Sunday, December 10th

at 6:00 pm

Everyone is invited to the annual St. Jude Christmas dinner! Encounter the Spirit of Christmas while enjoying a delicious meal with friends and church family, singing Christmas carols, and visiting with old St. Nick. What a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our gift from Heaven above!

We are asking Parishioners to bring their favorite dessert for the famous Dessert Room or their favorite salad for our Salad Bar.

We will be setting-up decorating following the 11:00 am Mass, if you would like to help just show up. Many hands make light work.

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