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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

Feast of the Epiphany January 7, 2018

Reflection for the Feast of the Epiphany

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, one of the high points of our Christmas season. Our English word "epiphany" comes from the Greek word "epiphaneia", which means "appearing" or "revealing" or "manifesting." Today, on Epiphany, and during the entire Christmas season, we focus on how God manifested himself in Jesus, his divine Son.

We celebrate Epiphany in the visit of the kings or the Magi as they traveled from afar to honor the Christ child and to bring him gifts. I have always loved the story of the three kings. I guess I've always dreamed about going to faraway lands and I had a great sense of adventure as a child, so the story of the three kings really appealed to my imagination and my adventurous spirit. There is that wonderful image of the star of Bethlehem leading the Magi to the place where they can find the baby Jesus. As we think about the star of Bethlehem that guided them to their destination, we realize that we all follow something in life, don't we? We might not even be aware of what is pointing us in the direction we are going.

The other thing that strikes me about today's Gospel is that the chief priests and the scribes close their hearts to the surprising ways God's revelation can show up in our lives. Sometimes we expect to see God in a certain way, sometimes we expect our journey of faith to go down a certain road, but often God leads us down a road less traveled or down a road with struggles and challenges. God can speak to us in the human world and in the non-human world, too. I know a lot of us see God in nature. Remember, God spoke to the Magi through a dream and through a star. There are many ways God is speaking to us today, but sometimes we don't pay attention or listen to him.

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 —Anna "Mae" McGregor (RIP)
Sunday 8:30 am— People of St. Jude
Sunday 11:00 pm— People of St. Jude
Tuesday 6:00 pm— Special Intention
Wednesday 6:00 pm— Special Intention
Thursday 6:00 pm — Special Intention
Friday 10:00 am—Mass of Healing



Classes will resume this Sunday, January 7th promptly at 9:45 am.



The RCIA will resume on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 pm.
The topic will be The Sacraments.



Congratulations to our Newest Catholic

Congratulations to Laurel Goodwin child son of Victor and Laura Goodwin, who was baptized on Saturday, December 30, 2017. We welcome into the our Catholic Church family.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

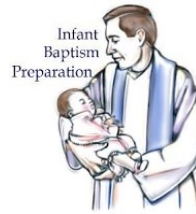
Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week;
Julian Calendar Christmas
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary of the Lord



EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that
the cloud
Of this poor stable can thy Maker
shroud.

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—Sir John Beaumont



Baptismal Prep – A Baptismal Prep class will be held on Wednesday, January 17th, at 6:45pm in the Junior High Classroom. This class is designed for first-time new/expecting parents or parents who are Baptizing a child in the Catholic faith for the first time. Registration is required. Please contact Stacy in the office by Monday, January 15th you wish to attend.



Remember in your prayers the Repose of the Soul of **James Nimmon Rogers** who died recently. We pray God's blessing and comfort will be with their family and friends.



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, Brandon King, Christopher Melancon, Dean Millette, Troy Resurreccion, Emma Reuter, Steven Renslow, Ryan Roy, Trey Strickland, Inissa Zambrano.

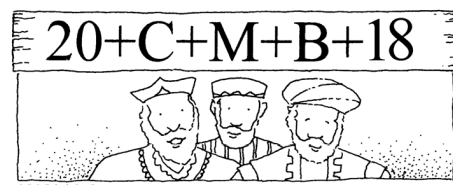


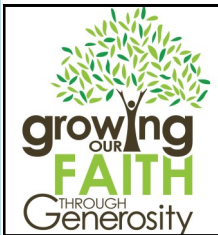
Upcoming Events:

Prolife Event at the Capitol on Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Youth Meeting Wednesday, January 17th beginning with Mass at 6:00 pm.

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.





Weekly Collection:
Sunday, December 24, 2017
\$7,408.00
Christmas Collection:
\$4,923.00
Sunday, December 31, 2017
\$11,999.00

Stewardship Thought

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

St. Jude Parish School of Religion – Adult Education Opportunity

Course Offering: Christology

Instructor: Jill Hisaw

Dates: Sundays from 3-5pm – January 14/28, February 4/18, March 11/25 and April 15/22.

Cost: \$20 plus cost of book

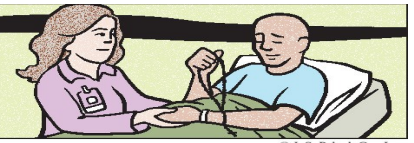
Course Description: This course uses the highly engaging and understandable text *An Introduction to Christology In the Gospels and Early Church* by Gerard H. Luttenger, a religious priest. The author's unique approach reflects his conviction that Christology is not a topic to be studied but rather a process in which to be involved personally. Specifically, he defines Christology as "the process of interpreting one's faith-experience of God, alive for us in and through Jesus, the Christ." This process develops through consideration of two questions: "Who do people say that I am?" and then the ultimate question facing each individual, "Who do you say that I am?"

Course Text: *An Introduction to Christology In the Gospels and Early Church* by Gerard H. Luttenger (can be purchased – new, used, or Kindle edition – from Amazon)

This course can be taken by catechists for credit towards Level II Diocesan Certification or can be taken by persons simply wanting to grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith. All are welcome to join!

Registration is required: Contact Stacy in the office at ccd@stjudepearl.org / 601-939-3181 to request a registration form.

Pray for the Sick



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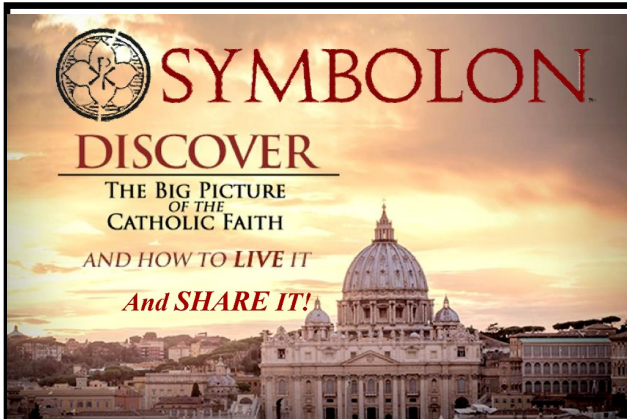
Viola Allen, Brody Bokros, Ed and Cathy Dunn, Charles and Mary Ann Goldsmith, Christine Guillotte, Jane Kaiser, Katie Kirby, Joe Loomis, Lucy Lortich, Chloe Martin, Mike Meadows, Kathy Moody, Ernie Murray, Charles Myers, Patricia Poole, Nell Ramsdell, T. Raymond, Marlene Rhodes, Phyllis Rogers, Mary 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 Sheila Re-sweber), 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), 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), Louis Garriga (brother of Bill Garriga), Jim Boswell, and all those in nursing homes or homebound.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please join us beginning Sunday, January 7th at 9:45 AM as we begin "Symbolon - The Catholic Faith Explained" for our Adult Education program. This journey of faith, discovery, and friendship with Christ will help make a lasting impression on our lives.

World Marriage Day

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The Catholic Diocese of Jackson and the Office of Family Ministry is pleased to announce that the Diocesan World Marriage Day Celebration will be held Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson, Mississippi. There will be Mass with a reception immediately following. The Mass honors all married couples, but invites those celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 60th anniversaries or any significant anniversary. Please contact your parish office for registration details.



CANDLELIGHT PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN

On Saturday, January 20, at 6:00, pro-life groups from around Mississippi will be gathering at the rotunda of the State Capitol building in downtown Jackson for a candlelight prayer vigil for the unborn, which always takes place each year on the Saturday closest to the date of the Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in our country. We encourage all parishioners to attend this event, as we pray together with many people throughout our state. Our youth and their families are especially encouraged to attend, as our youth group will be attending as one of their activities.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

There are two book clubs in our parish reading Matthew Kelly's book Resisting Happiness. These groups will reconvene for the new year on Wednesday, January 10 (after the 6:00 pm mass) and Friday, January 12 (after the 10:00 am mass). Father Lincoln's group will be reading chapters 25 to 30. Call Father Lincoln or Melissa O'Brien if you have any questions.



Mark your calendars for the weekends of January 20-21 and 27-28 for our St. Jude Parish Ministry Fair. Everyone is gifted by God with unique abilities and talents for building up the Kingdom of God. Find out how you can put your gifts to work at St. Jude by coming to the Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall after each Mass on those two weekends.



RETREAT: KNOWING MYSELF IN CHRIST

Using the backdrop of the story of the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well, the retreat will explore the thirst of all of us "to be known without feeling judged." To know ourselves as we really are, gifted by God, yet sinful, calls forth in us courage and trust. Lectio Divina will be employed to enter the biblical stories of people who encountered Christ. Like the people in scripture, we are challenged to be vulnerable before Him. Fr. Henry Shelton will be conducting a Retreat at the Dwelling Place -2851 Dwelling Place Rd. , Brookville, MS beginning on Sunday, January 14 through Tuesday, January 16. For more information contact The Dwelling Place at 662-738-5348 or www.dwellingplace.com

or email at dwellingpl@gmail.com

Register for Catholic Day at the Capitol 2018

Today!

The 2018 Mississippi Legislative Session will get underway on January 2, and Catholic Charities Jackson's Office of Parish Social Ministry's Catholic Faith In Action Team is collaborating with Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Biloxi in preparation for the Annual Catholic Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. The day will begin at the St. Peter Cathedral Center.

This year we will focus on the broken Mental Health Care system in Mississippi and the urgent need to enact legislation that will bring about needed change. Mississippi is currently facing a lawsuit for its lack of compliance with the 2009 Olmstead Supreme Court ruling which required states "to provide community-based treatment for persons with mental disabilities when... such placement is appropriate."



Angela Ladner is the Executive Director of the Mississippi Psychiatric Association, a statewide medical specialty organization whose physician members specialize in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mental illnesses, including substance use disorders. Angela has persistently lobbied Mississippi lawmakers to make the necessary changes that will allow for more community-based treatment options.

Angela will give the keynote address and moderate a panel of speakers on various topics related to mental

health, its diagnosis and treatment, and the current mental health care crisis the State of Mississippi is facing.



Dr. Joy Hogge is the Executive Director of Mississippi Families as Allies, the only statewide organization run by and for families of children with mental health challenges in Mississippi. Along with Angela, Joy has been an energetic advocate of the importance of a responsive and consumer and family driven system of care for mental health. Joy will speak after lunch about practical ways we can advocate with consumers of services and their families to ensure our system is responsive to them and the needs they identify.

After lunch participants will walk to the Mississippi Capitol Building's South

Steps for a press conference by Bishop Louis Kihneman. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to observe the session in the House of Representatives, to tour the Capitol Building, or to meet with individual Legislators. (Individual meetings with legislators should be arranged on your own in advance.)

Below is a detailed itinerary for the entire day.

09:00 AM: Arrival at St. Peter Cathedral Center, name tags, coffee, and refreshments

10:00 AM: Greeting/Welcome – Sue Allen, Catholic Charities Jackson, Office of Parish Social Ministry

10:05 AM: Welcome, Opening Remarks and Prayer – Bishop Joseph Kopacz, Diocese of Jackson

10:20 AM: Keynote Speaker and Panel Moderator - Angela Ladner, Executive Director, Mississippi Psychiatric Association

11:00 AM: Panel Presentation on various aspects of Mental Health Care and the Need for Reform

12:05 PM: Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter

12:45 PM: Box Lunch

Capstone Speaker: Dr. Joy Hogge, Executive Director, Mississippi Families as Allies

01:45 PM: Bishops' Press Conference on Capitol steps – Bishop Louis Kihneman, Diocese of Biloxi

02:00 PM: Observation of the House proceedings, tour of the Capitol, and meetings with Legislators (if you have prearranged them)

03:00 PM: Optional informal coffee and networking at St. Peter's before return home



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