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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

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." We prayed this refrain in our psalm this morning just a little while ago, but what meaning does this have for us? We can open our hearts to God's voice and allow it to lead us and guide us in life. Or, to the contrary, we can close our hearts to God's voice and not listen to what it is saying. Indeed, it may be a challenge for us to distinguish God's voice from all the noise and busyness and other distractions that are calling out to us and filling up our days.

So, who do we see as the authority in our lives? That is a good question today, since today's readings all deal with the theme of authority. When the crowds heard Jesus teaching in the synagogue, when they saw him draw a demon out of a man at his command, they recognized that Jesus was not just one of the common scribes in ancient Israel, but that he was a man that had an authority they had never seen before. And if we are like these crowds, if we do indeed recognize that Jesus has authority - a very special, unique authority - how do we allow that authority to interact in our lives? This authority has to be more than a whim, more than a craving or an impetuous impulse. That authority has to be foundational as to how we truly live. It is good for us to have a passion in life, something we enjoy doing that brings us joy. A lot of us here really love to do things such as hunting, reading or gardening, exercising or following our favorite sports team. Those things may be indeed very important parts of our lives and our identities, but we can't give those activities priority in our lives over God, we can't make them our idols.

Allowing our faith to have authority in our lives is sometimes easier said than done. Unfortunately, I think many Americans take a negative view of authority of any kind, but nevertheless, authority is an important part of all of our lives. If we are faithful to our Catholic faith, we recognize the authority of the Church in our lives. Within the Church, there are several sources of this authority. We not only have the authority of Sacred Scripture and Tradition, but also the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church, comprised of the pope and the college of bishops. And as I priest, I take this authority seriously, just as all of us as Catholics should. When I meeting with someone as a priest, when I up here preaching or celebrating mass, I am not just Lincoln, but rather a priest who is representing the Church, who is teaching and preaching and standing up for what our faith believes.

As modern Americans, most of us believe we have much greater power over our lives in comparison to those in the ancient world who believed in spirits. Yet, are we really giving God, the Church, and our faith authority in our lives? Or, are we letting an improperly formed conscience and the voices of the false prophets in our secular society control what we believe as a part of our Catholic faith?

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 —People of St. Jude
 Sunday 8:30 am— Special Intention
 Sunday 11:00 pm— People of St. Jude
 Tuesday 6:00 pm— Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas (RIP)
 Wednesday 6:00 pm— Special Intention
 Thursday 6:00 pm — Special Intention
 Friday 10:00 am—Healing Mass



Classes meet each Sunday promptly at 9:45 am.



The RCIA will meet on Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30 pm.
 The topic will be Penance and Anointing of the Sick.



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, David Clay, Chris Curry, Zach Farrer, Brandon King, Christopher Melancon, Dean Millette, Troy Resurreccion, Emma Reuter, Steven Renslow, Ryan Roy, Trey Strickland, Inissa Zambrano.



Upcoming Events:

February 7-Youth night beginning with Mass at 6:00 pm

February 10-Youth retreat at St. Francis in Madison. We will be

leaving the church parking by 8:30 am. If you do not wish to ride with the youth, you may have your parent drop you off directly to St. Francis in Madison. We should return to St. Jude no later than 7:30 pm.

February 14-Ash Wednesday—See bulletin for Mass times

February 21-Youth night beginning with Mass at 6:00 pm

February 26— Penance Service and Spaghetti Supper. St. Jude youth will be cooking and serving spaghetti to parishioners as a fund raiser for Abbey Fest. We will begin selling tickets for this very soon. If you plan to attend Abbey Fest and you have regular attendance at Sunday school and other youth events, you are eligible to attend Abbey Fest. Please make



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please join us each Sunday, at 9:45 AM for "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



First Friday Healing Mass

Our next First Friday Healing Mass will be February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in the church with lunch in the Parish Hall to follow for our 55+ Bunch. Join us for our last fling before Lent starts. We will enjoy some Louisiana red beans and rice, and of course we'll have king cake for dessert. If you plan to come for lunch, please call or email Rhonda in the office.



The St. Jude Leadership committee will meet on Thursday, February 1st at 6:30 pm in the Office Conference Room. Representatives from the Knights of Columbus, Women of Faith, Young Apostle (leaders and Youth), Food Pantry, Office Staff, Choir, Hispanic Community, Filipino etc.



Saturday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. St. Blaise is traditionally known for saving a child from choking. Fr. Lincoln and Deacon John will be blessing throats following All the Masses next weekend.

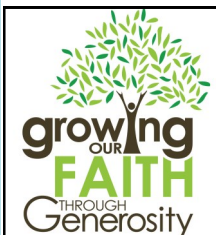


WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We welcome to our Church family:

- ♦ Heather Clermont and children Jeremiah and Kinzie
- ♦ David Hall and children Caleb and Kaleigh

We are excited that you have made our family your family.



Sunday, January 21, 2018

Weekly Collection:

\$4,934.00

Online Collection

\$ 980.00

Children's Collection

\$ 53.75

Spanish Collection

\$ 225.00

Food Pantry

\$ 255.00

Stewardship Thought

Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

See Deuteronomy 18:15



The annual **Catholic Service Appeal** collection will be next weekend. We must remember that we are one with other parishes in our diocese. Once a year, our Bishop asks us to respond in gratitude by making a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. Through the CSA we all work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work. To learn more about the appeal visit www.jacksondiocese.org.



Marriage Preparation

If you are looking to be married in the Catholic Church, already married and would like to have your marriage blessed in the Catholic Church, we will be beginning a Marriage Prep program in the near future.

Please call the office to Register for this program and let us know what evening works best for you.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday: St. John Bosco
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day; First Friday
Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday;
Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary



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Pray for the Sick



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Parishioners:

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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), 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, Ralph Daigle (father of Andy Millette), , Bob and Pat Clifford (parents of Christina Bondi), and all those in nursing homes or homebound.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;
Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;
Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;
Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6;
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

MINISTRY FAIR

H E R E T O S E R V E

Are you looking for ways to serve God and the people of our parish?

Do you feel that God is calling you to share your gifts and talents to serve others?

Are you being challenged to step out of your comfort zone and try something new?

Come and find out about the ministries and the needs in our parish and how you can use the gifts the Lord has given you to help at our --

Annual Ministry Fair
January 20 – 21 and 27 – 28
in the parish hall after each of the Masses

Representatives from the following St. Jude Ministries will be on hand to answer your questions and help you find ways to serve.

Ushers

St. Dominic Ministry

Women of Faith

Altar Servers

VBS Volunteers

Art & Environment

Bereavement Meals

Community Leaders

Flower Guild

Knights of Columbus

Music

Presenters of the Gifts

RCIA

Altar Linens

Food Pantry

Readers

Sacristans

Office Volunteers

Homebound Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Prison Ministry

Ministry to State Hospital

Liturgical Ministry Training

Called to *Serve*

Thanks to all that said "yes" to serving as a Liturgical Minister for 2018! Training has been scheduled for the following ministries:

All Sacristans (new and old) – Monday, February 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall

All Ushers (new and old) – Thursday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the church

New Lectors and Community Leaders – Monday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the church

New Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist – Monday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall

Please watch the bulletin for other training sessions to be announced. If you are unable to attend a training session, please contact Rhonda in the office to make other arrangements.

Fatima—The Five First Saturdays Devotions

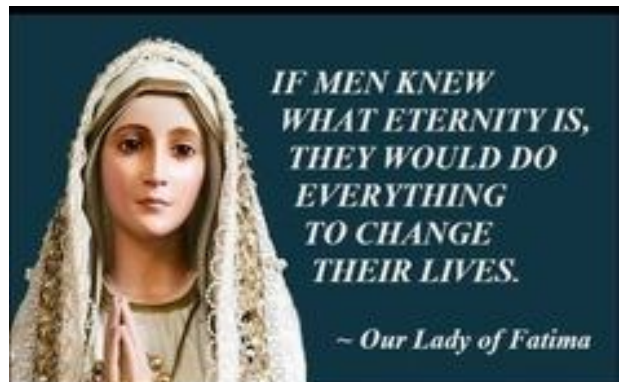
St. Joseph Catholic Church in Gluckstadt would like to invite you to become part of the Fatima message by fulfilling the request of Our Lady of Fatima to complete the Five First Saturday Devotions.

First Saturday Dates for 2018

February 3-March 3-April 7-May 5

To complete the Five First Saturdays Devotion

- ♦ Confession with 8 days of each Saturday Devotion
- ♦ Receive the Eucharist at each Saturday Devotion
- ♦ Recite Five Decades of the Rosary at each First Saturday Devotion
- ♦ Mediate for "at least" 15 minutes on the fifteen mysteries at each Saturday Devotion



Saturday Schedule

- ♦ All Five First Saturday Devotions will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Gluckstadt—127 Church Rd.



The Holy Season of Lent is fast approaching. We are planning to have an exciting Lenten Season beginning with Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday, February 14th—Mass and Distribution of Ashes at 6:30 am., 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm.

Thursday, February 15th— Adoration at 5:00 pm followed by Mass at 6:00 pm

Each Friday, February 16th and ending March 23rd—Mass at 10:00 am followed by Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm followed by Catfish Fry

Each Wednesday beginning February 21st and ending March 21st we will have Mass at 6:30 am followed by a Prayer-Breakfast ending by 7:30 am so you will be able to make it to work by 8:00 am. We will continue to have our 6:00



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