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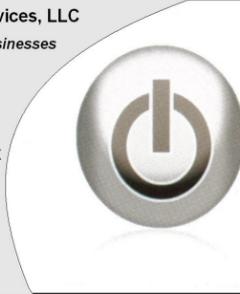
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Mass Times

Weekend:
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm—Drive-In
Sunday, 8:00 am—Drive-In
Sunday, 11:00 am—Drive-In Church
Sunday, 1:00 pm—Spanish Mass, Drive-In
Tuesday, *The Church will be opened for quiet prayer until Mass time.*
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6:00 pm
Thursday, Adoration 5:00 pm
Friday, 10:00 am
Holy Days of Obligation: Check bulletin for times
Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment with Fr. Lincoln Dall

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Weekly Collection:
\$9,117.60
Stewardship Thought
In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards! See 1 Corinthians 10:31

During these times of uncertainty the mission of St. Jude must continue. You can mail in your weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly tithe to PO Box 5526, Pearl, MS 39288-5526; sign-up for online Giving <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1649> or dropping your tithe office at the office using the Drop Box located near the door of the Office building. We ask your continued prayers as we adjust to this new hopefully temporary way of life.

Thank you to all who mailed, dropped by with their offering or signed up for online donations.

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.

Reservations for weekend Masses are strongly recommended due to limited parking and seating. Please go to <https://signup.com/go/vyZbHGK> to reserve your spot at Mass.

The parish office is open Monday through Friday. Please call to make an appointment before coming to the office.

Bishop Kopacz's dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass remains in place. Folks that are not feeling well (fever, cough, body aches, upset stomach), as well as those that have been exposed to someone with Covid-19 or are awaiting tests results, should not attend Mass.

Face masks that cover the nose and mouth are required for all activities at the parish.

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The sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - the healing of the leper

February 14, 2021

As we hear about Jesus healing the leper in today's Gospel from the first chapter of Mark, we might think about how lepers were some of the most feared people in the ancient world. Leprosy was a very contagious disease, so it was greatly feared. In most ancient societies, the solution was to isolate the leper and to not allow him to approach others. This disease was very painful and debilitating, with the physical disintegration of the body and its limbs. But the ostracism and contempt that the leper endured was probably more painful than the physical effects of the disease.

I think of leprosy as a disease I associate with biblical times and the ancient world, not something that we face today. In addition, we probably associate leprosy with Father Damien of Molokai, a Belgian missionary priest and a member of our community of saints. Father Damien died of leprosy in 1889 after have served as the priest to the residents of the leper colony on the island of Molokai in Hawaii for 16 years. Nevertheless, recently I read an article that stated that although the number of individuals with leprosy in the world has decreased greatly in recent years, there are more than 200,000 new cases of leprosy each year throughout the world, with about half of those cases in India. Yet, when caught early, leprosy can be treated and cured.

In our Gospel today, a leper, full of desperation, gets down on his knees before Jesus and asks him in an act of great faith: "If you want to, you can cure me." Already, in this same narrative from the first chapter of Mark, we have seen Jesus heal Simon's mother-in-law, the man possessed by an unclean spirit, and many others who approached him for healing. His faith is sufficient in order for him to be healed and to be made whole.

Even though leprosy still exists in the world, most of us here in the United States probably have not met a leper before. Yet, I wonder: Who are the lepers in our society, those who are outcasts and who are ostracized by mainstream society? These types of lepers certainly exist in our world. How can we help them find acceptance and healing?

<p>Mass Intentions Saturday, 4:00 pm—Jason Allen Sturidivant (RIP) Sunday, 8:00 am— People of St. Jude Sunday, 11:00 am— Ricky Mills (RIP) Sunday 1:00 pm — Spanish Community Tuesday, 6:00 pm— Wednesday, 6:00 pm— William S. Thomas (RIP) Thursday, 6:00 pm— Friday, 10:00 am—</p>	<p>SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day Monday: Presidents' Day Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving Friday: Abstinence</p>	<p>READINGS FOR THE WEEK Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21 Wednesday: J1 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15</p>
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Prayer List—Remember in your prayers all those who are chronically ill and are homebound. Names added to the prayer list will be included for one month, unless otherwise requested.

Larry Neese	Waylon Neese	George Cox	Barbara Rivere	Missy Goodman	Kathy Moody
Joe McCormack	Jack McCormack	Larry Watkins	Mary Jo Zummo	Katie Kirby	Paul Case
Nick Calico	Margaret Kaldon				

SURRENDERING CONTROL

The Gospel today concludes the first chapter of Mark, which traces the rapid expansion of Jesus' ministry. Excitement about Jesus grows so much that he can't enter a town without being besieged. His healing of a leper results in a reversal: the leper, who had been isolated from the community, is now free to speak with everyone. Jesus, who before could speak freely, now must isolate himself from the crowds. By serving others, Jesus lost some control over his ministry. This is the first hint of what happens later in Mark. Jesus' displays of power—over illness, over evil spirits, over nature—eventually lead him to the "powerlessness" of the cross.

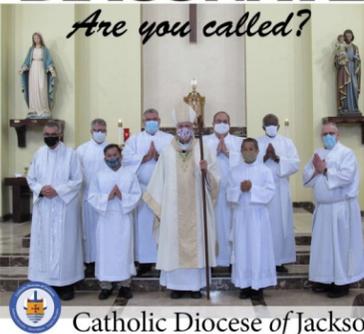
The experience of Jesus guides us in our own efforts to be of service. Surrendering control is often very difficult. To be a servant is to engage with others, where frequently we lose some control over our freedoms, time, and energies. Often there is a cross or two to bear. As Jesus let go of control in his life, he also placed his trust in his Father. He invites us to do the same.

In today's passage from First Corinthians, Paul concludes his extensive reflections on a variety of issues in Christian life, summarizing with "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Beyond the specific problems he addresses, Paul invites his listeners deeper, to consider the primary orientation of life in Christ. We live "for the glory of God" when we organize our lives around God's values and purposes. We find our identity within God's story as described in the scriptures. We are called to join God's work in care for others. Just like Paul, we wrestle with many difficult problems emerging from the messiness of daily living. As Lent approaches, we might claim some time to reflect upon how life's messiness connects with our identity and calling.

Today's Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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DIACONATE



Are you interested in the permanent diaconate? Have you ever felt that you were called by God to greater service in the Church? If you are a practicing Catholic man, 30 years or older, you are invited to participate in a series of Zoom Deacon Inquiry meetings. If you are interested, please contact Dn. John McGregor at john.mcgregor@jacksondiocese.org. The first meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2021 at 10:00 am, so don't delay.



Digital Edition - Email List

We are working to build our email list to begin sending out a digital edition and digital "flip" edition of Mississippi Catholic. Please share with your parishioners - Text MSCATHOLIC to 84576 to join!

FEAST OF FAITH

The Gloria (2)

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving.

We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself. At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ.

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Baptismal Prep: For first-time new/expecting parents or parents of children under the age of 7 who are Baptizing a child in the Catholic faith for the first time. Must be a registered member of the parish. Preparation will be done via Zoom and independent study. Please contact Stacy in the office (ccd@stjudepearl.org or 601-939-3181) for more information.



The theme for our Catholic Service Appeal is "Embrace –Serve –Inspire". The CSA gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family by supporting programs and services no parish alone can offer. Every gift, regardless of the size, is important to the success of the appeal. To reach our parish goal we are asking each of you to support the Catholic Service Appeal for the many gifts God has given to you.

Your pledge will help our parish meet our goal. If you brought your pledge to Mass, you can put it in the offertory basket. If you did not receive a pledge card please call the Chancery Office at 601-960-8477 and they will send one to you, or you can go online to the diocese website to make your pledge.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, changes have been made in the way we celebrate Mass.

- *Face coverings or masks that shield the nose and mouth are to be worn at all times during Mass.*
- *We will not have congregational singing and the Mass parts will be recited.*
- *The offertory basket will not be passed. There is a basket on the back table where you may place your offering at the end of Mass.*
- *At the Sign of Peace please refrain from shaking hands. A wave or nod of the head is appropriate.*
- *At Communion time, please use hand sanitizer before you exit your pew.*
- *Remain seated until directed by the usher to move up the side aisle to receive communion maintaining appropriate social distance.*
- *Please have your mask on when approaching the minister of Communion. Do not lift it to consume the Precious Body of Christ until you have moved to the blue X on the floor toward the center aisle.*
- *Communion will be distributed in the form of the Precious Body of Christ only and in the hand per Bishop Kopacz's directive.*
- *Thank you for your cooperation.*

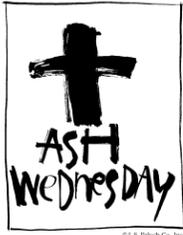
The link for weekend Mass registration is -- <https://signup.com/go/vyZbHGK>.

The link is can be found on the St. Jude website and Facebook page. If you have difficulty registering, call Rhonda in the office.

Youth Group Director - Position Open

We are looking for an adult who is interested in being the director of our youth group here at St Jude. The position would entail leading the youth in weekly meetings and collaborating with St Jude parish staff. It would entail 7 - 10 hours per week, in addition to certain conferences and trips throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Father Lincoln.

RCIA—Rite of Christian of Adults— St. Jude would like to be able to welcome non-Catholics to join us in the RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know of some one who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Please send their contact information to Dcn. John at jmcgregor@stjudepearl.org. Include their name, email and phone number.



Ash Wednesday in February 17th. Mass and Distribution of Ashes will be held at 12:00 and 6:00 pm —drive-in style and 7:30 pm in Spanish. Fr. Lincoln will be distributing Ashes outside of Mass from 6:30am-8:30am and from 4:00 pm —5:00 pm. Distribution of Ashes will be different this year, ashes will be sprinkled on the top of the head to avoid unnecessary contact.

Our new outdoor Stations of the cross will be installed by the beginning of Lent. We will have Outdoor stations of the Cross on Friday, February 19th at 6:00 pm weather permitting.

Bishop Kopacz will be celebrating the 4:00 pm Drive-in Mass on Saturday, February 27 and will bless our Outdoor Stations of the Cross following the Mass.



The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are: **FASTING:** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 59 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

THERE IS NO DISPENSATION FOR THE ASH WEDNESDAY FAST AND ABSTINENCE.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT: Those 14 years of age and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.



During this pandemic, St. Jude will begin a Lenten Parish-wide Study from Formed.org called “Forgiven.” This study will begin the Week of February 21 and continue for the next four weeks. There are groups that meet via Zoom on Monday mornings at 10:30; Monday Evening at 6:30 and Thursday evenings at 7:00. If you would like to join one of these groups, please contact the office and we can pass your information to the leaders of these groups. You may also form a group of your own. This is a great way to reconnect with your friends from the parish.

In Deacon John’s Friday reflection beginning February 19 a link to the videos will be included to make access

Sunday School—January Schedule:

February Schedule:

February 14, 21, 28 – Zoom Meetings

Our monthly Drive-In/Outdoor Gathering will resume March 7th, 5:00-5:45pm.

*CGS Families – Outdoor Family Stations of the Cross

*Junior and Senior High – Outdoor Gathering – Praying Lent: Sacrifice Stones

To register for Sunday School visit www.stjudepearl.org and click on the tabs under Sunday School Registration (Registration Form and Instructions and CONSENT FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER PARISHES - COVID-19).

St Jude Young Apostles

February Schedule:

Wednesday, February 24th, 6:30-7:30pm – LENT! – Outdoor Stations and Lent in a Bag – IN PERSON!

Stay tuned for more info!

Zoom links will be sent through our Youth Flocknote. For more information contact Stacy in the office.



To honor couples in 2021, the Office of Family Ministry is collecting names of couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th anniversaries, or any significant anniversary. The collected information will be mentioned in the February 26, 2021 edition of the Mississippi Catholic Newspaper.

If you will be celebrating one of these anniversaries in 2021, please email Kelly in the office at kmcgregor@stjudepearl.org.

Please include your name, address and wedding day.