

### Facing surgery or serious health tests?

Due to COVID regulations at all hospitals, our priests are not allowed to go into the hospitals to anoint a parishioner with the Sacrament of the sick. We encourage all parishioners to make an appointment with one of our priests to receive the Sacrament **BEFORE** an anticipated entrance into the hospital. Call (662) 429-7851 to set up an appointment.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**—is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The masses are scheduled as follows:

**VIGIL: Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm: Good Shepherd

7:00 pm: St. Gregory

7:00 pm: St. Joseph

**FEAST DAY: Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm: Christ the King

**7:00 pm: Holy Spirit**

7:00 pm: Queen of Peace



<https://www.youtube.com/c/NWMississippiParishes>

Sunday homilies are posted now.

**Youtube: new videos are up.**

**See Fr. Louis on Confession and Sr. Emily on the Advent Prophets!**

**Considering being Catholic? RCIA** is open. Contact Sr. Emily at 662-342-1073 or [ctksemily@aol.com](mailto:ctksemily@aol.com)



### Holy Spirit Office Hours

Current Office hours are Monday – Friday  
9:00 am–noon – 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Our Religious Goods store is open also.

## Seriously Sick & Hospitalized

**Please Pray For The Sick**

**Your prayers are requested for the following who are having/recovering from surgery or are seriously ill:**

Erica Orive (George's mom), John Marking (Bill's Bro), Sr. Rose Hacker, John Weishaar (Nix), Sharon Bryson (Greer niece), Gwen Savage, Donna Hill (Dean sis), Joe Greenwell (Dean bro), Chris Carroll (Sr. Rose Nephew), Michael Muse (Jim Buechele), Nancy Potts, Marvin Dixon, Sherri Ligon (Pam Hall sis), Nancy Stapor, Danielle Lorson (Lance Nelson niece), Larry Shelby (Nix), Gene Snoke (Gawel sonnlaw), Pete Rizzo (B. Caruthers sonnlaw), Jan Norris (B. Caruthers cousin), Bill Warner, Emily Bernard, Dorothy Tatum, Judy Ferguson (daughternlaw), Al Gawel, Jo Ann Tominello, Ron Gaunt, Ellie Carr (Fink–Premie), Sarah Galtelli, Allen Sanders (G. Savage bro), Rosangela Tarverna (C. Bonner mom), Sr Mary Myles (Powell sis), Deanne Greer, Pat Mentgen, Rebecca Baker (LaRae), Charles Hill, Donald Grafe (J. Hughes bro), Kathy Eldred, Gene Winters (Nix), Glenn Donnelly, Bobby Nickarz (brother), Joeng Won Cho (Myong's mother), Dorothy Sheffe (C. Massa sis), Jennifer Thompson (L Holland), Melissa McNary (Kistler), Jennifer Donnelly, Ann Landers (Massa sis-n-law), William Selvo (N. French bro), Chris Selvo (N. French), Mary Greenwell (B. Dean's sis), Jared Smith (Liz Brown). Please notify the Pastor when serious illness occurs or when hospitalization is indicated: we would like to strengthen the ill with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).



**Baptism** --Please call Sister Emily for an appointment by **December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Interviews will take place on Saturday, Dec.18<sup>th</sup>. Baptism days will be on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Qualifications for godparents are: practicing Catholics, registered in a parish, attending Mass regularly, baptized, confirmed, Holy Communion and if married, married in the Catholic Church.

Godparents should provide their Catholic Church marriage certificate and confirmation certificate. Godparents who live in another parish require a letter from their pastor recommending them as godparents.

**Advent  
Reconciliation**



Queen of Peace – December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

## ADVENT TOOLS FOR PREPARATION



**Table tent** – Each family will receive a table prayer to keep on the table during the season of Advent.

When you gather as a family for a meal you will pray the prayer for that week of Advent.

**Placemat** – Each child will receive a placemat to keep on the table during Advent. There are wonderful opportunities for you and your child to be enriched and blessed during this time of preparation for Our Lord's coming.

**THE GIVING TREE**—This Advent Season we will fill our Giving tree with gifts that we will give to Jesus as we help prepare the way for Him.

A tag will be available for you to write your gift each week when you come to Mass. Place it on the Giving Tree. Your gift will be something you will do during the week for others.

Each week you will offer a new gift to Jesus.

On Christmas we will place all of our gifts that we have done into a basket and place it in the stable where Baby Jesus rests.

### Would you like to offer a Spiritual Bouquet to Jesus this Christmas?

Have you ever heard of a spiritual bouquet? It is a beautiful Catholic tradition that makes a great gift for hard times or important occasions. What do we have that's better to offer this Christmas to Baby Jesus besides our prayers, good actions or sacrifices?

**What is a Spiritual Bouquet?** A spiritual bouquet is the offering of prayers, good actions and or sacrifices to another as a gift. This can be offered in the form of a card letting the person know what prayers or sacrifices have been offered up for him/her.

**What can be offered in a Spiritual Bouquet?** Any prayers or offerings can be included. Here are some ideas of things you can consider.

- ♥ a certain number of specific prayer (10 Our Fathers, etc),
- ♥ a certain number of good actions or sacrifices,
- ♥ a novena,
- ♥ visiting the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration,
- ♥ offering up a certain number of Holy Communion,
- ♥ a rosary.....

**Are you ready?** Take a paper flower from the gathering area, or you can cut out your own at home, during the week write your offerings, bring it back to offer it to Jesus hanging it on the tree.



**"PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD..." (ISAIAH 40:3).**

### RETREAT FOR ADULTS

**'Great way to prepare ourselves for Christmas'**

**Preacher:** Fr. Louis Fernandes, SCJ.

**Venue:** Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Hernando, MS.

**Date and time:** Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM followed by Vigil Mass at 6:00 PM.

### Christmas Mass Schedule



#### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES - DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

4:00 pm	Christ the King, Southaven Good Shepherd, Robinsonville St. Gregory, Senatobia
6:00 pm	Queen of Peace, Olive Branch <b>Holy Spirit, Hernando</b>
7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Holly Springs
8:30 pm	Christ the King

#### CHRISTMAS DAY - DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 am	Queen of Peace, Olive Branch <b>Holy spirit, Hernando</b>
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**Shepherd Center** will meet December 9<sup>th</sup>, at Hernando United Methodist Church at 10:30 am for a Christmas covered dish meal. Ham and rolls will be provided. Entertainment will be provided by the Wesley Meadow Cheer Leaders. Any questions please contact Barbara Cleveland.







## INTERFAITH CHRISTMAS 2021

Our Interfaith Christmas assistance project this year will provide baskets for 57 families. These baskets have food, household family gifts, children's toys, and gift cards for the teens in the family. Holy Spirit will be responsible for the older children ages 13-18 of our needy families.

The gift cards for the older youths were a big hit the last seven years. We are asking for monetary donations this year to cover the cost of these gift cards. We are asking you to donate about the same amount of money you would spend if you signed up to purchase gifts for a child. Always if you can give more, it is always put to good use, no donation is too small. We have 43 teens this year!

We will be collecting monetary donations this weekend, December 4/5.

If you have questions, call Roxanne McIngvale 901-647-6655 or e-mail roxannebmc@yahoo.com.

The Interfaith group is made up of our church along with sixteen other area churches. Remember 100% of the money given goes to support the poor in our community. Any additional funds over the amount to purchase the gift cards will be used to purchase other household gift items such as blankets, towels, or food needed for the family baskets.

### FOOD NEEDS



If you didn't get an opportunity to bring food at Thanksgiving, please feel free to bring it for the Christmas baskets. In fact we have some specific needs to add to what we have so each family can get these items:

canned fruit, jelly, prepared icing, sugar, cereal, crackers, rice, spaghetti sauce, and pasta  
As always everything is appreciated.

### OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP!!

1. Workers are needed Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> here at Holy Spirit. We expect times to be between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to assemble the baskets.
2. Saturday distribution. If you have made this a part of your Christmas or would like to start a new tradition, come and help from 8:45 am to 11 am Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. This is a wonderful way to feel the real Spirit of Christmas and we will need lots of help.

Thanks as always for your continued help and support of the poor in our community.

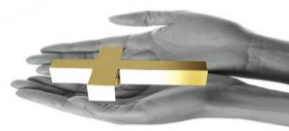
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Christ recognized the gifts within the people around him, and He inspired and empowered them to be lights for God's kingdom. Ministry is using our gifts in service to others. It is a conscious expression of our commitment to the Lord.

One does not become a parishioner simply by attending Sunday Mass. Involvement in parish ministries enriches the lives of parishioners and brings us together as a family. God has given each of us the ability and gifts to do certain things well. We should develop those talents for the good of them.

*Ministry*



**WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP** Come join us each week as we support each other on our weight loss journey. Tuesday morning at 9:00 am for a weigh in and sharing. *Liz Brown is our contact person for this adventure. 901-331-3419. MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US EACH WEEK AS WE STRIVE TO BECOME HEALTHIER, HAPPIER PERSONS!!!*

**Are you registered in the Parish?** Have you moved recently or have a new phone number or email address?



**Parish  
Registration**

Please fill out a registration form located at the bulletin board. Place in the collection basket or bring to the church office. We would like to have current and updated records. Thank you!!



**Pregnancy Care Center-** Holy Spirit is collecting diapers, formula, and gently used baby gear for infants/toddlers for the Care Center in Southaven. Please place items in the crib located in the Narthex. Thank you!!!

### THE BEREAVEMENT

**COMMITTEE** provides a meal for the family and friends after a funeral here at Holy Spirit. Bereavement Committee Members provide the food for the family.

If you would like to be part of this blessed ministry, please call Cheryl Massa 662-449-3798 or 901-626-0927. We thank all those who have provided food.





## MERCY ADVENT CALENDAR

We are soon to embark upon a new liturgical year and enter into the holy season of Advent. The Sisters of Mercy have prepared a digital Advent Calendar for your prayer and reflection.

The calendar offers daily meditations featuring Scripture, art and/or music.

<https://en.calameo.com/read/0003460915f92285cc396>

## C21 BOSTON COLLEGE



Breakfast with God is a 30-minutes children's faith formation program on Zoom that creatively wraps prayer, song, a children's story and

craft, in the themes from the Sunday Gospel message. You're invited to join us at 9:00 a.m. EST on Zoom on the following Sundays:

Sunday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

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## ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER YOU ARE INVITED

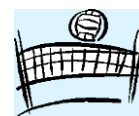
Holy Spirit Parish invites all of our parishioners to a special evening together on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. What a wonderful opportunity to get together for awesome food and good fellowship and *a little entertainment*. Holy Spirit will furnish the turkey and ham and you are invited to bring your favorite Christmas potluck dish.

This weekend we have a sign up list for you to sign and mark what you will be bringing. We ask you to prepare a large dish to share. **WE WILL ALSO HAVE A SURPRISE VISITOR FOR THE CHILDREN.** You will not want to miss this opportunity to gather with your Parish Family. Mark your calendar today!



**LA POSADA** we will celebrate la Posada at Christ the King on Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Everyone is invited to join in the procession with Mary and Joseph in their search for shelter.



## Wednesday Night "OPEN GYM"

When: Wednesday evenings

Who: 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades

Where: Holy Spirit's Family Life Center

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Make plans to come Wednesdays and enjoy the food, fun, and games!!!

## Second Sunday of Advent

### December 5, 2021

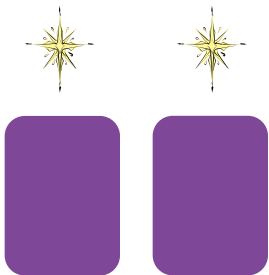


#### JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist was an itinerant preacher and a major religious figure. He is mentioned in all four Gospels. He is also mentioned in the Qur'an. He is described in the Gospel of Luke as a relative of Jesus. John led a movement of Baptism at the River Jordan. John is regarded as a prophet in Christianity and Islam. John anticipated the coming of a Messiah who would be greater than himself. In the New Testament, Jesus is the one whose coming John foretold.

#### BARUCH

The Book of Baruch is called the deuterocanonical book of the Bible. Although it is not in the Hebrew Bible, it is found in the Septuagint and the Vulgate Bible. It is grouped with the prophetic books that also include Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, and the twelve Minor Prophets. Central themes of the book of Baruch: Israel's disobedience to God. God exiles the Jews to Babylon because of their behavior. The just action of God. The need to repent, honor, and obey God's Word. I pray for God's mercy.



## Second Sunday of Advent

**\*light your first and second purple candle**

**All:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Reader:** The **second Sunday candle** symbolizes “**faith**”. It is also called the “Bethlehem Candle”. The Prophet Isaiah says that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem, coinciding with the birthplace of King David. This week invites us to have unwavering faith in God becoming man.

Be sure to use the table tent Advent prayer card provided, as well as, the Bible passage Is. 26: 2-4 for reflection.

**To note:** Advent, also called “little Lent,” is the season where we spiritually wait in our “darkness” with hopeful expectation for our promised redemption. Just as the whole world awaited Christ’s birth, we now eagerly await his promised return.



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