



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 27, 2015

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be
has not yet been revealed.
- 1 John 3:2a

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading - 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Psalm - Psalm 84

Second Reading - 1 John 3:1-2, 21-14

Gospel - Luke 2:41-52



Amanda Greco, Rosa Jones, 12/27; Cary and Mariel Forrester, Irma Thoma, Jeanette Thurmond, James Wink 12/20; Sondra Clark, Peggy Huffman, Ronnie Shuler, Louis and Tony Smith 12/6; Frank/Linda Develle, Michael Durst, Sandra Elliott, Ann/Sam Greco, Abron Haymond, Marjorie Jaap, Reba Jennings, Helen Machost, Margaret Major, Lura Matthews, Rita Reed, Teresa Reider, Hazel Sanders Sue Trebotich, Sonny/Veronica Womack, Bro. Bob McGovern, Fr. Xavier Colavechio, Fr. Richard Somers, Fr. Lenin Vargas, Retired Bishops: William Houck and Joseph Latino 11/29; Amanda Warren, Stephen/Crystal/Emma Lynn Warren 11/22; Larmay Acy, John Hardy, Carson/Katherine/Jamie Beck, Valerie Bernard, John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, Theresa Cannon, James Colon, Cathy/Mike Eaves, Michael Eaves, Faye Gibson, Grace Jeadron, Ernestine Lindsey, Lorraine Lorio, Frank Machost, Ursin Oubre, Jr., Shirley Redmond, Doris Rush, Richard Sellers, John Thomas, Doug/Bessie Trovato, Johnathan Warren, Frances White, David Winters, Wayne/Zach Wyldmon 11/15; **Persons wanting to be added to the Prayer List need to contact the parish office - Names will stay on for one month.**



Prayers for Safety for all service men and women at home and abroad, who give of their lives daily in order that we may enjoy our freedom: Preston Blocker, David Brooks, William Aaron Burks, Michael P Collins, Nathan Darnell, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Joe Hayes, Derek Lieding, Michael Machost, Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, James (Alec) Ponder and Nathan Waltman. You may place a picture of the individual on the military bulletin board located in the parish hall.

Tithing
A Way of Life

Sacrificial Giving Last Week:

Regular Tithe	\$3626.74
"Take a Step"	\$60.00
Coffee and Doughnuts (\$22 needed)	\$n/a
Food Pantry	\$60.00
Youth	\$60.00
National Religious Retirement	\$55.00
Lector Books	\$13.00
Christmas Flowers	\$150.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Second Collections

Jan 10 - Saltillo Mission

February 14 - Black and Indian Missions

December Month of: Immaculate Heart of Mary



Monday - Friday
7:30am Mass Carmelite Monastery

WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS:

*** Changes or Additions ***

STT - St. Therese
OLOG - Our Lady of Guadalupe
MFCC - Christian Catholic Family Movement
MSJLOG - Marian Servants of Jesus the Lamb of God

Saturday, December 26 - Vigil of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

3:00pm Confession
4:00pm Mass - Marie Urso and Stanley Kruseski

Sunday December 27 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:30am Mass - People of the Parish; Salwa Cox
12:30pm Spanish Mass

Monday, December 28 - NO MASS - *Feast of the Holy Innocents*

Tuesday, December 29 - *St. Thomas Becket*

5:00pm Cursillo Prayer Group - prayer room
5:30pm Mass - John Medric Warren

***NO Rosary

***NO Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, December 30

***No Adoration

Chancery, Charities and Parish Offices Closed Dec. 31-Jan. 1

Thursday, December 31 - *St. Sylester I, New Year's Eve*
6:00pm Vigil Mass - Salwa Cox

Friday, January 1, 2016 - *New Year's Day; First Friday; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace*

Saturday, January 2 - Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

12Noon Adoration
3:00pm Confession
4:00pm Mass - Special Intention

Sunday January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord

10:30am Mass - People of the Parish
12:30pm Spanish Mass



Please pray for the repose of soul:

† **Teresa Rieder** - Hannah Turney's mother, Hazel Sanders' daughter, Michael Rieders' sister
May she rest in peace, and may her family find comfort and consolation in the Lord.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2016

World Marriage Day 2016, Sunday, February 7, will be celebrated at 3pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle. There will be Mass followed by a reception. The Mass honors all married couples, but invites those celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th anniversaries or any significant anniversary. Please submit your name, address and wedding date to **Teresa Kemp at the parish office by Dec. 30th, 601-372-4481 or stheresecc@yahoo.com.**

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Diocese of Jackson is committed to ensuring that no one being served by the church be (is) at risk of sexual abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel. The spiritual well-being of all the victims, their families and others in the community is of particular concern to the church. In accordance with our policy, all victims are offered counseling and pastoral care.

Anyone who has been a victim of abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel and has not yet reported it is encouraged to do so. Our victim assistance coordinator, Valerie McClellan, a licensed social worker, is available to assist in making a report. Please contact her at 601-326-3728.

For more information about diocesan policies and procedures and to learn what the diocese is doing to create a safe environment for everyone, please visit the diocesan website at www.jacksondiocese.org and click on "Protection of Children."

Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz, D.D., Ph.D. 12/2015



DECEMBER – ALERT

Ending slavery is everyone's work. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) is a collaborative, faith-based network that offers educational resources, information about access to survivors' services, and engages in advocacy in an effort to eradicate modern-day slavery. Visit the web site: sistersagainstrafficking.org

Month of December

Prayer Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis
Universal: *Experiencing God's mercy*

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: *Families*



That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:
All Families and Peace in the World!

**Married Couple's Retreat,
February 5-7, 2016**

St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center

in Chatawa, MS. Experience the peace and beauty of the pine woods in a weekend of learning to know God, self and each other better. The theme is, "***Finding God in All things—Encountering the Living God in Marriage.***" Robin and Easton Hebert, spiritual directors and retreat leaders from Lafayette, LA, will be your guides as you grow in your spirituality as a couple. For more information and reservations, contact Sister Helen Roper at 601-341-9447 (cell) or e-mail her at hroper@ssndcp.org.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS



Each week at St. Therese (at all Masses), we have a chalice and/or vocation framed picture that goes from home to home. Each home keeps the item for one week and returns it the next weekend. There are also suggested prayers that accompany the chalice and/or picture. If you would like to sign up to have the chalice/picture in your home, and pray for vocations during the coming weeks, please sign the Vocation Board found in the gathering space.

CARMELITE GIFT SHOP

2155 Terry Road, Jackson, MS,

Phone: 601-373-1460

**Please help our Carmelite Sisters
by shopping at their Gift Shop - *Thank you!*
*Gifts for all Occasions!***

Extensive collection of religious jewelry, rosaries, crucifixes, car items, medals, statues and crucifixes: gifts for: Christmas, Easter, new baby, Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Weddings, Birthdays, Anniversaries.

Remember loved ones during this Christmas Season with an honorary or memorial of Poinsettias.

Envelopes are located in the gathering space. Please include your name and the loved one you would like to honor or remember on the envelope. Thank you.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What very human aspect of my daily life can I make holy this week by seeing it as part of God's unfolding plan for me and those I live with? *Pastoral Patterns Copyright © 2015, World Library Publications*

THE NAME FOR GOD

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

--William Makepeace Thackeray