



## DAILY LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:



**Tuesday:** 5:30pm Mass

**Wednesday:** 8:30am Mass,  
9am-7pm Adoration

**Thursday:** 5:30pm Mass  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 12Noon Healing Mass*

**Friday:** 5:30pm Stations, 6:00pm Soup Supper  
(*almsgiving to our common Rice Bowl*) and Lenten  
Session by Bishop Robert Barron:

***Seven Deadly Sins; Seven Lively Virtues***

Facilitators: Jill Hisaw and Msgr. Sunds



**Lenten Almsgiving:** Catholic Relief

Services Rice Bowl – Family Rice

Bowls are located in the gathering  
space of the church as you enter. (*We will collect  
them at offertory on Holy Thursday.*)

### **Catholic Service Appeal 2016 Called to Serve**

Our annual Catholic Service Appeal is well underway. Thank you to all who have made a commitment. Each and every person's gift is important. It is not too late to send in your pledge, please join us in supporting the programs, services and ministries of our Diocese. For more on information about the Appeal or to donate online please visit [www.jacksondiocese.org](http://www.jacksondiocese.org).

### **PROTECTION OF CHILDREN MONTHLY TRAINING EMAILS**

By now you should have receive an email from **VIRTUS**, our new ongoing **Protection of Children** monthly bulletin. If you have not received one, please contact Teresa at the parish office so she can get it corrected. Thank you for all you do in keeping our children/youth protected.



**Please pray for the repose of souls:**

† **Mr. Willie Cecil Daniels**, Father Jerry Daniels' father

† **Mr. Ambrose**, Father Alphonse Arulanandu's brother-in-law

May they rest in peace, and may their families 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!***

**Fast And  
Abstinence**



### **Lenten - Fasting and Abstinence**

**Fasting:** Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday. On the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations," when considered together, should not equal the main meal—and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

**Abstinence:** All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### **► FEBRUARY 22-24, 2016**

***Lenten Mission - St. Therese, Jackson***

***Theme: "The Joy of the Gospel"***

St. Therese Catholic Church invites its members and friends to attend "The Joy of the Gospel," a celebratory mission set for Feb. 22-24. The mission focuses on renewal of faith and exploration of the sacraments. It will be conducted at 7pm each evening by Fr. Michael McAndrew and his Redemptorist team, who are based in Greenwood, MS. A social with light refreshments will follow the mission on Feb. 22 and Feb. 24.

### **► MARCH 4-6, 2016 – St. Therese 34<sup>th</sup>**

***Annual Women's Retreat at Chataw, MS –***

***"The Fragrance of Christ" – An Invitation to***

**All Women in the Parish** – This invitation is

open to all women of the parish, registration forms and details are found in the gathering space of the church. Registration deadline is February 25, 2016.

### **► MEN OF FAITH – St. Therese**

**Men's Day of Reflection/Retreat**

**\*\*\*TO BE RESCHEDULED!**

**Watch bulletin for details!**

### **WE HAVE A RECTORY!**

***Msgr. Sunds has made some selections for the rectory and is registered at: Belk's, Target and Walmart. Gift cards are welcomed. There are envelopes located in the gathering space if you would like to make a monetary donation instead. Thank you!***

**FEBRUARY – ALERT** - February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese girl who was enslaved at the age of 7 and named Bakhita, “Fortunate One”, by her captor. She experienced the physical and moral humiliations of slavery. St. Bakhita, canonized in 2000, is considered the patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Pray to St. Bakhita to protect children, especially those who are exploited for sex or labor. For prayer resources, visit: [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org). Ending Slavery is everyone’s work.

## Month of February

**Prayer Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis**  
**Universal: Care for Creation**

That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.



**Evangelization: Asia**

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

**St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:**  
*Widows and Widowers and Peace in the World!*

## 40 Days for Life Spring 2016 Campaign

*Take a stand for life!*

From February 10 to March 20, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God’s help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond.

**Location:** The public right-of-way outside the abortion facility Jackson Women's Health Organization located at 2903 N. State St.

If you have not signed up for a time to come pray during the 40 days of the Spring 2016 campaign please do so now. Go to the 40 Days for Life website ...

<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/jackson-2/>

## St. Mary Basilica - Natchez, MS has developed a Catholic History Tour

The City of Natchez is marking 300 years of establishment this year. As part of the festivities, St. Mary Basilica has developed a Catholic History Tour featuring stops along the very early Catholic landmarks in the city center from Spanish and French times as well as the early days of the diocese. Holy Family Parish Church will also be on the Natchez Tri-Centennial Tour of Historic Black Churches on Saturday, February 13, 2016, 2-4 pm. Parish historian, Duncan Morgan, other docents and the Kindergarten class will share Holy Family’s history.

## SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself. --St. Louise de Marillac

## HUNGERING FOR OPPORTUNITY

Our journey with **CRS Rice Bowl** begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives – at home and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

To whom do I sense myself being sent as a Missionary of Mercy in this Jubilee Year of Mercy? What can my prayer, fasting, and almsgiving do to help this person?

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## 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:** Easter, Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Weddings, New Baby, Birthdays, and Anniversaries.

## 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.

## PARISH FOOD PANTRY



**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATES TO OUR FOOD PANTRY...**

**WE ARE BLESSED!**

We assist people every Wednesday morning 10am-12noon (by appointment) and are always grateful for those who donate food items. When shopping for yourselves, pick up a few extra items. **We are always in need:** canned meats, fruits, vegetables, soups, dried beans, rice, spaghetti/sauce, peanut butter and jelly.