



Please pray for the repose of soul:

† Bishop Emeritus William R. Houck

May he rest in peace, and may his 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!

Join our Team!

▶ **April 1, 6pm – Midnight (6hrs only)**
St. Therese Relay for Life Team

“Standing in the Gap”

In support of all parishioners, friends and family who have battled cancer, St. Therese will again have a team at the Hinds Clinton Relay for Life. **The Relay will begin Friday, April 1st at 6pm and end at Midnight we will relay at Olde Towne Clinton, 300 Jefferson Street, Clinton, MS.** Please consider joining our team, supporting the team with a donation, or helping us in some way. **Register online at:**

My Team URL:

<http://main.acevents.org/goto/StTherese> or call: parishioner, Gail Clark 601-672-3467.

Relay for Life is a fundraiser for American Cancer Society.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE!

MARCH – ALERT

Drugs, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, and arms are multi-billion dollar businesses in the world today. Human trafficking is taking persons by force, fraud, or coercion and exploiting them for sex or labor. Learn more about this crime against women, men and children at sistersagainstrafficking.org (FAQs) or visit our Facebook page (US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking). Ending Slavery is everyone’s work.

Catholic Service Appeal 2016

Called to Serve

We thank all those at **St. Therese** who have generously responded to the annual Catholic Service Appeal. Of the **54 pledges** St. Therese has raised **\$11,017** for 2016. We ask those who have not sent in your pledge to please consider a gift. For more on information about the Appeal or to donate online please visit www.jacksondiocese.org.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

As I look at the blessed palms that declare Jesus’ mercy, whom must I take the initiative to forgive from the heart, sharing this unconditional mercy?

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Hungry to Build Community

RICE BOWL



We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

REMINDER: HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION “RICE BOWLS”

Lenten Almsgiving:
Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl



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. 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.

Remember loved ones during the Easter Season with an honorary/memorial of Lilies or flowering plant. **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.



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.



PROTECTION OF CHILDREN MARCH MONTHLY TRAINING EMAILS

By now you should have receive your email **March** from **VIRTUS, ongoing Protection of Children monthly bulletin.** If you have not received one, please contact Teresa at the parish office.A.S.A.P. Thank you for all you do in keeping our children/youth protected.