

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2016



The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.
-- John 1:5

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading – Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm – Psalm 98

Second Reading – Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel – John 1:1-18



Janna/Billy Avalon, Tommy/Traci Avalon, Jamie Beck, John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, Theresa Cannon, Monique Claxton, Cathy/Mike/Michael Eaves, Joanne/Chuck Jackson, Grace Jeadron, Antonio Jones, Jourdan Layola, Lorraine Lorio, Frank Machost, Linda May, Sylvia McGowan, Clara

McWilliams, Ursin Oubre, Jr., Jonathan Warren, Brenda Williams, Sonny/Veronica Womack **12/25**; Linda Fitzgerald, Margaret Major **12/18**; Helen Butts, Sam Greco, Helen Machost, **12/11**; Libby Vick Family, Missy Goodman, Teresa Preuss, Matthew Develle, Evelyn Durst, Corey Granier, Julie Harkins, Louis Ray Martin, Robert Perlick, Bill Rush, Diana Sanders, Hazel Sanders, John Hudson Stafford, Tom/Brenda Steen, Jeanette Therman, James Wink **12/3**; Ernestina Martinez Family **11/27**; **Homebound/Nursing Homes:** Sandra Elliott, Abron Haymond, Peggy Huffman, Ernestine Lindsay, Shirley Redmond, Anna Starr, Sue Trebotich; **Priests/Religious:** Brian Carroll, Xavier Colavechio, Tom Delaney, Robert Oliver, Lenin Vargas, Retired Bishop Joseph Latino. *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, Lee Greco, 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, Austin White. You may place a picture of the individual on the military bulletin board located in the parish hall.

Sacrificial Giving this past week:

Budget Needed Weekly	\$6,000.00
Regular Tithe	\$6,423.63
“Take a Step”	\$255.00
Coffee & Doughnuts	\$8.00
Food Pantry	\$10.00
Youth	\$66.50
CWA Christmas/Habitat	\$35.00
Tamales/Habitat	\$35.00
Retired Religious	\$100.00
Sacramental	\$333.00

Thank you for your generosity!

December Month of: The Divine Infancy



Monday-Friday 7:30am Mass
Carmelite Monastery

WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS:

►►► Changes or Additions

STT – St. Therese
CTK – Christ the King
OLOG – Our Lady of Guadalupe
MFCC – Christian Catholic Family Movement
MSJLOG – MARIAN SERVANTS® Jesus the Lamb of God

Saturday, December 24 – Vigil of Christmas

4:00pm Los Posadas and Bi-lingual Children’s Mass –
Olivia Johnson; Stanley Kruseski and Marie Urso

Sunday, December 25– The Nativity of the Lord

9:30am Mass – Billy Hutchins; People of the Parish

***10:45am-12:15pm – NO Parish School of Religion, Confirmation

12:30pm Spanish Mass

Monday - Friday 7:30am Mass Carmelite Monastery

Monday, December 26– NO Mass STT or CTK

Chancery, Catholic Charities, Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27 - NO Mass STT or CTK

Chancery, Catholic Charities, Church Office Closed

***NO Cursillo Group

***NO Rosary/Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, December 28 - NO Mass STT or CTK

Chancery, Catholic Charities, Church Office Closed

***NO Adoration today

Thursday, December 29 - NO Mass STT or CTK

Chancery, Catholic Charities, Church Office Closed

Friday, December 30 – NO Mass STT or CTK

Chancery, Catholic Charities, Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 31 – Vigil Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

4:00pm Mass – Salwa Cox

Sunday, January 1, 2017– Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:30am Mass –People of the Parish

***10:45am-12:15pm – NO Parish School of Religion, Confirmation+

12:30pm Spanish Mass



Please pray for the repose of souls:

† Doris Rush – parishioner and wife of Bill Rush

† Ben Hayes – father of Teresa Hayes

† Norma Belenchia – friend of Lucy Stevenson

† Robert Ivy – past parishioner

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.



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.

World Marriage Day 2017 is Sunday Feb. 12, 2017 with a 3pm Mass and a reception at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle. The celebration honors all married couples, but those celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th or any significant anniversary are invited to participate. Please submit your name, address and wedding date to Teresa at the parish office by Dec. 30.



Many thanks to Knights of Columbus Council #7854 from Holy Savior, Clinton MS for their gracious monthly donations of canned goods to St. Therese Food Pantry.

Question of the Week

For whom and how can I “prepare a manger,” by offering Christ’s own welcoming and nourishing love this Christmas season?

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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.

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► Confirmation -

If your child is planning on receiving Confirmation in **Spring of 2018** they need to pre-register and begin **attending classes January 8, 2017**. Registration forms are found in the gathering space.

► First Communion -

Is now a 2 year process - Those preparing for First Communion now will receive their First Communion in the Spring of 2018. If your child is planning on receiving First Communion in **Spring of 2018** they need to pre-register now and begin **attending classes January 8, 2017**. Registration forms are found in the gathering space.

Month of December

Prayer Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis Universal: End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.



Evangelization: Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

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

The World Apostolate of Fatima's Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace is underway and coming to our area!

The historic tour, marking the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, will feature the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, traveling worldwide for nearly 70 years. It will be at the following locations:

January 3 - St. Peter the Apostle, Grenada, MS

January 4 - St. Joseph, Gluckstadt, MS

January 5 - St. Alphonsus, McComb, MS

Please contact the parish nearest you and join them that day to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. We bring the pilgrimage to you! Hundreds and favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special Statue (sculpted by Jose Thedim in 1947, based on Sr. Lucia's description of her encounters with Our Lady) is a great gift to our community. **Contact St. Peter the Apostle, Grenada, St. Joseph, Gluckstadt or St. Alphonsus, McComb for more information.**

Learn more about the tour and the statue at

www.fatimatourforpeace.com.