

Octave Day of Christmas: Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1, 2017



Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.
— Luke 2:19

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading – Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm – Psalm 67

Second Reading – Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel – Luke 2:16-21



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 \$4,622.00

"Take a Step"	\$490.00
Coffee & Doughnuts	\$n/a
Food Pantry	\$10.00
Youth	\$15.00
Lector book	\$20.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Second Collection

January 8 – Saltillo Mission

January Month of: The Holy Name – Emmanuel, Redeemer of the World, Our Refuge

WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS:

▶▶▶ Changes or Additions

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

Saturday, December 31 – Vigil Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

3:00pm Confession
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

**Monday - Friday 7:30am Mass
Carmelite Monastery**

Monday, January 2 – *Ss. Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen*
Parish Office Closed Today

6:00pm Madonna Circle – parish hall

Tuesday, January 3 – *Most Holy Name of Jesus*

5:00pm Cursillo Group

***No Mass

6:00pm Rosary/Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, January 4 – *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

8:30am Communion Service
9am – 8pm Adoration



Thursday, January 5 – *St. John Newmann*

5:30pm Mass – Extension Society Intention
6:00pm Liturgy Meeting – parish hall

Friday, January 6 – *St. André Bessette, First Friday*

8:45am School Mass CTK

Saturday, January 7 – Vigil Epiphany of the Lord, *First Saturday*

12:00Noon Adoration
3:00pm Confession
4:00pm Mass – Doris Rush; People of the Parish



Sunday, January 8 – Epiphany of the Lord

9:30am Mass – Olivia Johnson
10:45am-12:15pm Parish School of Religion, Confirmation
12:30pm Spanish Mass



Please pray for the repose of soul:

† *Flora Posey* – parishioner

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 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.

TIME

Do not squander time,
for that is the stuff life is made of.
--Benjamin Franklin

Question of the Week

To whom do I need to bring a special greeting of Christ's peace, the assurance of supportive friendship, this New Year's Day?

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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.

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.

December 2016



**Advertise your business or services,
Business Card Size Ad space available for
\$25.00 in our New Parish Directory.**

Contact: Lucy Stevenson glucym@yahoo.com
or text/call: 601-238-4773

Month of January

Prayer Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis
Christian Unity -

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:
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.

► 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.