



# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 26, 2017

Can a mother forget her infant,  
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?  
Even should she forget, I will never forget you.  
— Isaiah 49:15

### TODAY'S READINGS:

**First Reading** – Isaiah 49:14-15

**Psalm** – Psalm 62

**Second Reading** – 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

**Gospel** – Matthew 6:24-34



**Pamela Butler, Sharron Campbell** (Virgil/Jean Campbell's sister-in-law), Brock Chapman, Lucrecia Gibson, Sr. Lourdes Gonzalez, Leo Homkohl, Natalie Jones 2/21; Matthew Develle, Evelyn Durst, Linda Fitzgerald, Missy Goodman, Corey Granier, Julie Harkins, Helen Machost, Louis Ray Martin, Robert Perlick, Bill Rush, Diana Sanders, Hazel Sanders, Tom/Brenda Steen, Jeanette Therman, Montana Thomason Smith, James Wink 2/12; Dr. Maria Luisa Alvarez Harvey, Elijah, Sharron Sumrall, Janna/Billy Avalon, Tommy/Traci Avalon, John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, Theresa Cannon, Cathy/Mike/Michael Eaves, Grace Jeadron, Frank Machost, Clara McWilliams, Ursin Oubre, Jr., Brenda Williams, Sonny/Veronica Womack 2/5; Leslie Alcorn, 1/29; **Homebound/Nursing Homes:** Sandra Elliott, Abron Haymond, Peggy Huffman, Ernestine Lindsay, Anna Starr, Sue Trebotich; **Priests/Religious:** Brian Carroll, Xavier Colavecchio, Tom Delaney, Robert Oliver, Lenin Vargas, Retired Bishop Joseph Lafino. **Parsons 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:

<b>Budget Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
<b>Regular Tithe</b>	<b>\$5,131.06</b>
"Take a Step"	\$290.00
Coffee & Doughnuts	\$11.00
Food Pantry	\$10.00
Youth	\$67.00
MSCatholic Subscription	\$596.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Upcoming Second Collections

- March 5 – Black and Indian Mission
- March 26 – Catholic Relief Services

# February Month of: The Holy Family



### 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, February 25 – Vigil Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30am Margaret Major Memorial Mass  
(Family meal directly following in the parish hall)  
3:00pm Confession  
4:00pm Mass – People of the Parish

**Sunday, February 26 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:15am RCIA – parish hall  
9:30am Mass – C. Medric Warren, I  
10:45am-12:15pm Parish School of Religion, Confirmation  
12:30pm Spanish Mass

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

**Monday, February 27– NO MASS – Julian Calendar Lent begins**

**Tuesday, February 28**  
10:00am VBS prep meeting – parish hall  
5:00pm Cursillo Group – parish hall  
5:30pm Mass – In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered  
6:00pm Rosary, Prayer Meeting  
6:00pm MSJLOG – parish office

**Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence**  
8:30am Mass - Extension Society Intention  
9am – 8pm Adoration – chapel  
6:00pm Bilingual Mass – People of the Parish



**Thursday, March 2**  
5:30pm Mass – Extension Society Intention  
6:00pm Liturgy Committee – parish office

**Please pray for all women attending St. Therese CWA 35th Annual Retreat this weekend at Chatawa**

**Friday, March 3 – St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer**  
8:45am School Mass CTK  
5:30pm Stations of the Cross  
6:00pm Soup Supper/Knights of Columbus  
Lenten Movie with a Message – parish hall

**Saturday, March 5 – Vigil First Sunday of Lent**  
12noon First Saturday Adoration  
3:00pm Confession  
4:00pm Mass - Elizabeth Stubbs; People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 6 – First Sunday of Lent**  
\*\*\*8:15am NO RCIA  
9:30am Mass – Lee Greco Birthday Intention  
10:45am-12:15pm Parish School of Religion, Confirmation  
12:30pm Spanish Mass



### GOOD TIMING

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow. --Anonymous

**MATTHEY KELLY** – “Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose” will be speaking at the Madison Central High School Auditorium on **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm**. He is a renowned motivational speaker. You can purchase a ticket on the Dynamic Catholic website: <https://cart.dynamiccatholic.com>, Tickets are \$39 each.

**Married Couple’s Retreat, April 21-23, 2017** at 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, “The Art of Discernment 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](mailto:hroper@ssndcp.org).

*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](mailto:glucym@yahoo.com) or text/call: 601-238-4773

**Social Justice Ministry**

Catholic Charities seeks someone to fill the part-time position of Social Justice Ministry Coordinator. Must have a clear knowledge and experience of work within the Catholic Church and be able to articulate Catholic Social Teachings. To learn about qualifications for this position:  
[www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org/employment](http://www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org/employment).

**Month of February**

**Prayer Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis**  
*Comfort for the Afflicted -*

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

**St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:**  
*For all in need and Peace in the World!*

**FEBRUARY –**

**PRAY** for all children who live in slavery and are exploited. *U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking* ([www.SistersAgainstTrafficking.org](http://www.SistersAgainstTrafficking.org))

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**\*TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE**

From March 1 to April 9, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a ground-breaking, 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.* Local Contact: 601-956-8636 or

[plm@prolifemississippi.org](mailto:plm@prolifemississippi.org)

\*Public right-of-way outside Jackson Women's Health Organization, 2903 North State Street, Jackson, MS

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

St. Therese would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members. Please complete a blue/lavender registration form located on the table as you enter church (on the right). It is important for us to know you and know how many registered parishioners we have. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 601-372-4481 or email: [sttherese@jacksondiocese.org](mailto:sttherese@jacksondiocese.org) and again,

*Welcome to St. Therese Parish!*



**BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION**

Box Tops is one of America’s largest school earnings loyalty programs. Schools can use Box Tops cash to buy whatever they need and each Box Top is worth 10¢. **A pink box is placed in the parish hall for collection of box tops for Sr. Thea Bowman School.**

**Reminder:** If you or anyone in your family is ill at home or in the hospital and would like a visit – please call the parish office 601-372-4481. Also, should you want an anointing prior to hospitalization, let Msgr. Elvin Sunds know. We also need your permission to list your name or a family member in the church bulletin for prayers: 601-372-4481 or [sttherese@jacksondiocese.org](mailto:sttherese@jacksondiocese.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 have the chalice/picture in your home, and pray for vocations during the coming weeks please come forward at Mass when asked.

## TUESDAY'S

12Noon **Brown Bag Lunch** with a  
**Movie and a Message** – parish hall

5:30pm **Mass**

## WEDNESDAY'S

8:30am **Mass**

9am-8pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

## FRIDAY'S - *Abstinence*

5:30pm **Stations of the Cross**

6:00pm **Meatless Soup Supper** with a  
**Movie and a Message** – parish hall

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## LENTEN OBSERVANCES

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## ENCOUNTER LENT

### CRS RICE BOWL

Join our faith community - and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in the gathering space this weekend, Sunday, February 26, 2017, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

## "SHARE HIS LIGHT"

### 2017 Catholic Service Appeal

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Catholic Service Appeal. St. Therese Parish has raised \$9,405 and our goal is \$12,000. We ask that God grant us a renewed sense of responsibility for the work of our parish, diocese and the church throughout the world. For more on information about the Appeal or to donate online please visit [www.jacksodiocese.org](http://www.jacksodiocese.org).

## Join our Team!

April 21, 6pm – Midnight (6hrs)

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 have a team at the "Kick Cancer to the CuRB" (Clinton, Raymond, Byram) Relay for Life. The Relay will begin Friday, April 21st at 6pm and end at Midnight, we will relay at Hinds Community College (Raymond Campus). 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.acsevents.org/goto/standinginthegap>

or contact: 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!**



## SAVE THE DATE:

- ▶ Wed., Mar. 1 – Ash Wednesday
- ▶ Fri. – Sun., Mar. 3-5 – CWA 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat at Chatawa
- ▶ Sun., Apr. 2, following the 12:30Mass – Catholic Charities Migrant Support Center to sponsor "Know Your Rights."
- ▶ Fri., Apr. 21 – Relay for Life

## Diocesan SEARCH Retreat – March 3-5

### Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, MS

SEARCH is a unique retreat experience designed for youth/students in grades 11 & 12 who have a strong desire to deepen their faith and relationship with Christ. A retreat "for teens, led by teens" is an experience like none other. Participants may register for the retreat by visiting [www.jacksonsearch.com](http://www.jacksonsearch.com). If you have questions, contact Abbey Schuhmann in the Office of Youth Ministry, 601-949-6934 or [Abbey.Schuhmann@jacksodiocese.org](mailto:Abbey.Schuhmann@jacksodiocese.org).

Lenten Day of Reflection - "God's Abiding Presence" - March 11, 2017 --- 9:30am- 3:00am

St. Mary of the Pines

Presenter: Sister Theresa Khirallah, SSND

Time will be spent in quiet reflection and prayer as we see how God continues to work in our lives day by day. Suggested donation: \$40, includes lunch

Registration: Contact Sister Helen Roper by March 1<sup>st</sup> [hroper@ssndcp.org](mailto:hroper@ssndcp.org) or 601-783-0801.

## Question of the Week

What practical commitment—to which charity or person—can I make before Lent begins this Wednesday so that my prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will reflect Jesus' radical call to trust?

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5:30pm Mass



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### FRIDAY'S - Abstinence

5:30pm Stations of the Cross



6:00pm Meatless Soup Supper/Movie and a Message – parish hall



*Please contact the parish office this week if you are willing to assist with the meatless soup suppers that are **\*\*incomplete:***

March 3 – Knights of Columbus

March 10 – Madonna Circle

March 17 – Little Flower/Rosary Circle

March 24 – Greco/Kemp/Preuss Families

**\*\*March 31** – Carraway/ \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Families

**\*\*April 7** – \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Families