



Fifth Sunday of Lent April 2, 2017

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
-- Psalm 130:1

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading – Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm – Psalm 130
Second Reading – Romans 8:8-11
Gospel – John 11:1-45



Patsy Wilkerson, Debora/John Mc Donnell (Joanne Jackson's sister/brother-in-law), Peggy Harkins, Pamela Butler, Sharron Campbell, Brock Chapman, Lucrecia Gibson, Leo Hornkohl, Natalie Jones 4/2; Gladys Rod & Julie/Bobby Strnadell, Faye Fowler, John Thompson 3/26; Barbara Williams, Sharron Sumrall, Janna/Billy Avalon, Tommy/Traci Avalon, John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, Theresa Cannon, Cathy/Mike/Michael Eaves, Grace Jeadron, Lorraine Lorio, Frank Machost, Clara McWilliams, Ursin Oubre, Jr., Brenda Williams, Sonny/Veronica Womack 3/19; Raymond Brewer, Matthew Develle, Evelyn Durst, Linda Fitzgerald, Missy Goodman, Corey Granier, Julie Harkins, Helen Machost, Louis Ray Martin, Robert Perick, Bill Rush, Diana Sanders, Hazel Sanders, Tom/Brenda Steen, Montana Smith, James Wink 3/12; **Homebound/Nursing Homes:** Sandra Elliott, Abron Haymond, Peggy Huffman, Ernestine Lindsay, 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. (Will be included in parish directory.)

Sacrificial Giving this past week:

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| Budget Needed Weekly | \$6,000.00 |
| Regular Tithe | \$4,321.05 |
| "Take a Step" | \$170.00 |
| Coffee & Doughnuts | \$10.00 |
| Food Pantry/Ash Wednesday | \$10.00 |
| Youth | \$56.55 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$680.00 |
| VBS Fundraiser & Donations | \$891.12 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Second Collections

April 9 – Louis Covert Scholarship Trust
April 16 – Education of Future Priests

April Month of: The Blessed Sacrament



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

CTK – Christ the King
SVDP – St. Vincent de Paul

Relay for Life Fundraiser after all Masses

Saturday, April 1 – Vigil Fifth Sunday of Lent
Clean Church from 9:00am – 2:00pm
Light Lunch Served – All are asked to help!

3:00pm Confession

4:00pm Mass – Margaret Major "100th Birthday in Heaven"

Sunday, April 2 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:15am RCIA – parish hall

9:30am Mass – Marissa Faith Clark; People of the Parish

10:45am-12:15pm Parish School of Religion, Confirmation

12:30pm Spanish Mass

Stations of the Cross following Mass

1:45 – 5:00pm – **Catholic Charities**

Migrant Support Center to sponsor workshop

"Know Your Rights" – an attorney available for individual consult, **Working Together Jackson** will hear the concerns of immigrants following the workshop – a light meal served - parish hall

Monday - Friday 7:30am Mass – Carmelite Monastery

Monday, April 3 – NO MASS

6:00pm Madonna Circle – parish hall

Tuesday, April 4 – *St. Isidore*

5:00pm Cursillo Group – parish hall

5:30pm Mass – Peggy and Larry Harkins Anniversary Intention

6:00pm Rosary/Prayer Meeting - chapel

6:00pm MSJLOG – parish office

Wednesday, April 5 - *St. Vincent Ferrer*

8:30am Mass – Extension Society Intention

9am – 8pm Adoration – chapel

10:00am-6pm Therapy Bag Sewing Project – parish hall

6:00pm Encuentro Team – parish office

Thursday, April 6

5:30pm Mass – Extension Society Intention

6:00pm Liturgy Meeting – parish office

6:00pm SVDP Meeting – parish hall

Friday, April 7 – *Abstinence, First Friday*

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, April 8 – Vigil Palm Sunday

3:00pm Confession

4:00pm Mass – Doris Rush; People of the Parish

Sunday, April 9 – Palm Sunday

8:15am RCIA – parish hall

9:30am Mass – Salvatore Greco

10:45am-12:15pm Parish School of Religion, Confirmation

12:30pm Spanish Mass

1:30pm Town Hall Meeting – gym – light lunch served – child care/lunch available in the parish hall



Married Couple's Retreat, April 21-23, 2017

at St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center in Chatawa, MS. 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.

Save the Date

► St. Francis Cajun Fest, May 21 from 11am-4pm on the church grounds, 4000 W. Tidewater Lane, Madison, MS 39110.

Month of April

**Prayer Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis
Young People**

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:
For the Youth of our Parish and Peace in the World!

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN MONTHLY TRAINING EMAILS



You should have received your **Monthly** email from **VIRTUS**, this is an **ONGOING MONTHLY** Protection of Children bulletin review. Every month you will receive a bulletin notice, you must log-on to **VIRTUS**, read the bulletin and answer the question. Thank you for all you do in keeping our children/youth protected.

Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School

2017-2018 enrollment is now underway. Parents interested in enrolling their children should contact the school at 601-352-5441. *Parish Verification forms are located on the table as you enter church.*

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 in the parish hall for collection of box tops for Sr. Thea Bowman School.**

2017 Catholic Service Appeal "SHARE HIS LIGHT"

We thank all those at St. Therese who have generously responded to the annual Catholic Service Appeal. As of March 27, 2017, we have raised \$9,640 with 88 pledges. For more on information about the Appeal or to donate online please visit www.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 week please come forward at Mass when asked.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

St. Therese Community extends 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 and again,

Welcome to St. Therese Parish!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE... *TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE – Change Hearts and Save Lives

Sunday, April 9, come take part in the **40 Days for Life Closing, 2:00pm** *corner of North State and Fondren Place, Jackson, MS.

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

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

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. Should you want an anointing prior to hospitalization, let Msgr. Elvin Sunds know. We need your permission to list your name or a family member in the church bulletin for prayers: 601-372-4481 or sttherese@jacksondiocese.org

LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS:

Each month the sign-up sheet is placed in the preparation room. Currently, only a hand full of you are signing up. Please review your calendars, then go to the back and sign-up for the Sundays that you can commit. Your service is truly needed!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];

Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66 [27:11-54]



Join our Team!

**April 21, 6pm – Midnight (6hrs)
St. Therese Relay for Life Team**

“Standing in the Gap” - In support of all parishioners, family and friends, 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!

Question of the Week

How will I move inward this week to discover Jesus within me? How will I move outward to engage more enthusiastically with my sister and brother believers? Toward whom is Jesus moving me to be a messenger of freedom?

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Remember loved ones during this Easter Season with an honorary or memorial of Lilies or other flowers. **Envelopes 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.

OPEN OUR GRAVES

Open our graves, Lord,
remove us from the prison of death.

Place your Spirit in us
so that we may live in a world of freedom.

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SAVE THE DATE:

► **April 1/2: Relay for Life**

Fundraiser following all weekend Masses

► **Sun., Apr. 2, following the 12:30 Mass – Catholic Charities Migrant Support Center to sponsor “Know Your Rights.”**

► **Sun., April 9 – Palm Sunday – following the 12:30pm Mass a PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING in the gym – a light lunch served – child care/lunch available in the parish hall**

► **Fri., Apr. 21 – Relay for Life**

► **Sat. Apr. 29 – 6:30pm - 11th Annual Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School Draw Down, Multi-purpose Building – order forms in gathering space.**



Encounter Resilience

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children – even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God’s kingdom? Pick up your CRS Rice Bowl in the gathering space and download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Return your CRS Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday at offertory.

TUESDAY

5:30pm Mass

WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass

9am-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY - Abstinence

5:30pm Stations of the Cross

6:00pm Meatless Soup Supper with a

Movie and a Message – parish hall



LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Fasting: Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops 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 meals when considered together should not equal the main meal – 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 Fridays of Lent.