

Celebrating the Day of the Dead

October 31st All Hallows Eve - Halloween

Nov. 1st Day of the Children - All Saint's Day

Nov. 2nd Day of the Dead - All Soul's Day

Celebrating the Day of the Dead has long been a tradition in Mexico.

Where possible, families would visit family grave sites, clean them up, and decorate the graves. In the United States this is rarely possible. Many set up altars in their homes in remembrance of their departed relatives.

Decorated tables are available in the gathering space, all St. Therese Members are invited to participate in bringing pictures of their deceased relatives, something that was special to the deceased family member and enjoy this remembrance celebration.

Question of the Week

How would I answer the question Jesus has asked the last two weeks: "What do you want me to do for you?"

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Please pray for the repose of soul:

† *Elvina Marie Venable* – mother of Roger (Vickie) Venable

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 – 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Friday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

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Spiritual Direction is available upon request at St. Therese Catholic Church. Contact Teresa Preuss at 601-372-4481, Ignatian Spiritual Director. Ignatian Spirituality is spirituality for everyday life. It is a pathway to deeper prayer and insists that God is present in our world and active in our daily lives.

SAVE THE DATES:

St. Therese Catholic Church

► **October 29, 6:00pm** – Planning Meeting for Msgr. Sunds 45th Anniversary Mass and Celebration – parish hall

► **November 10** – **St. Therese Habitat Day**
2946 Greenview Drive, Jackson, MS

► **November 11, 4pm** – Msgr. Elvin Sunds 45th Anniversary of Ordination Mass and Celebration at St. Therese

St. Joseph Catholic School

► **November 2-3 at 7pm and November 4 at 2pm** - St. Joseph Catholic School students perform the hilariously charming fall play, *The Curious Savage*.

► **November 11, 2pm** – St. Joseph Catholic School's Open House. For more information, contact Tricia Harris, Coordinator of Special Events & Enrollment (601.898.4803 or tharris@stjoebruins.com).

Help put an **END to Human Trafficking** – *Know and support anti-trafficking laws*

Did you know...

Both federal and state laws define human trafficking as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons by improper means (such as force, abduction, fraud, or coercion) for an improper purpose including forced labor or sexual exploitation. For persons under age 18, force, fraud and coercion are not required as proof of trafficking (there is no such thing as a "child prostitute"). A person is also considered to be engaging in human trafficking if they employ someone who they know is being trafficked. State and federal and officials are working to combat human trafficking and provide services to trafficking survivors. Legislators need to hear our voice for the strengthening of laws and support of bills to be passed.

Learn, Pray, Take Action...

- Educate yourself about current laws and bills and take action to support critical legislation:
<https://polarisproject.org/policy-legislation>
<https://polarisproject.org/current-federal-laws>
<http://www.ncsl.org/research/civil-and-criminal-justice/human-trafficking.aspx>
- Join with others to pray for the continued safety of trafficked victims and to strengthen anti-trafficking enforcement laws

Check the Catholic Charities website

www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org for resources or email psm@ccjackson.org to find out how to be involved with MS Catholics against human trafficking.