

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue forever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Question of the Week:

What am I doing that I would not want seen in the light of day, or at the hour I do not expect?
What do I need to do to change this?

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Needed

A pianist for St. Dominic Hospital Chapel Masses every Saturday at 4:30pm and/or St. Catherine's Village Masses every Sunday at 9:00am. For more information please call 601-750-4885.

December Prayer Intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Universal: *The Future of the Very Young*

That every country be determined to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:
*Parish Youth, Children, Infants and
Peace in the World!*

You are invited to attend **An Advent Day of Reflection, St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Saturday, December 7, 2019, 9:30am-3:00pm.** Sr. Pat Thomas, OP, will lead us into deeper meanings of welcoming Christ into our lives at Advent and every day. Suggested donation of \$40 includes lunch. **Registration:** Contact Sr. Sue Von Bank retreatcenter@ssndcp.org or 601-783-0801.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00am – 5:00pm

If you are willing to commit to one hour each week please sign-up in the gathering space, that way we know what hours will be covered.

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 2019



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Therese Conference (New Phone Number)

If you know of anyone in need of our services, please have them call **601-988-5441**, calls will be accepted from **1:00-3:00pm on Wednesday: Dec. 4 & Dec. 18, 2019.**

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2020

The Catholic Diocese of Jackson and the Office of Family Ministry are pleased to announce that World Marriage Day 2020 will be held February 9, 2020 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson, Mississippi. There will be a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz, with a reception immediately following. **The Mass honors all married couples, but invites those celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th anniversaries, or any significant anniversary.** If you are interested in attending or are celebrating one of the special anniversaries listed, please **submit your name, address and wedding date to your parish secretary by December 31, 2019.** Invitations will be mailed in mid-January. Any questions, please call Charlene Bearden at the Office of Family Ministry at 601-960-8487 or email her at charlene.bearden@jacksondiocese.org.

LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS:

►The **2020 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word** has been placed in the work sacristy. **Donation \$12.** If you are a new Lector and do not see your name, contact the parish office for a Workbook.