



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want. — *Psalm 23:1*

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading – 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalm – Psalm 23

Second Reading – Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel – John 9:1-41



Jodie Lencocki (MaryAnn Humphery's sister), Bill Singletary, Byron Buggage, Tommy/Traci Avalon, Tom/Angela/Seth Brittain, Theresa Cannon, Frank/Linda Develle, Daniel Dillon, James Doddridge, Mike/Cathy/Jared/Michael Eaves, Janis Hamblin, Lindsay Harwood, Steve Musil, Ursin Oubre Jr, Jon/Christin Quinn

Family, Kenny Skellie **3/22**; The Bradshaw Family, The Pike Family, Rita Reed, Betsy Carraway, Eva Jean Davis, Eugene Humphery, James Lee, Jr., Charity Long, Glynn Long, Joseph Perlick, Irene Rangel, Bill Rush, Lillian Stachura, Epigmenia Tartinez, Vince/Sissy/Codi Warren, Wendy Williams **3/15**; John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, James/Marva Brown, Lucrecia Gibson, Janie Keary, John Laughlin, Helen Machost, Nettles/Pollard Families, Doug Simmons, Pam Smith, Brenda Williams, Alexander Young **3/8**; Rodney Hipp, David Alcorn, William Gipson, Gabriel Rigby, Gwen Roberson, Terrance Ruhland, Barbe Trudeau **3/1/2020; Homebound/Nursing Homes:** Rosemary Anderson, Adelaida Dethloff, Sandra Elliott, Kenny Evans, Abron Haymond, Peggy Huffman, Aurora Ramirez, Kate Rutherford, Anna Starr, Tom/Brenda Steen, Sue Trebotich; **Priests/Religious:** Brian Carroll, Dan Gallagher, Sam Messina, Lenin Vargas, Retired Bishop Joseph Latino. **Persons wanting to be added to the Prayer List need to contact the parish office – Names will appear 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, Ty Develle, Lee Greco, Erling Gresham, Tanner Hutchins, Steven J. Jackson, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Derek Lieding, Anna/Malcolm Lowe, Michael Machost Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, Nathan Waltman and Austin White. You may place a picture of the individual on our military bulletin board located in the parish hall.

Sacrificial Giving this past week:

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| Budget Needed Weekly | \$6,000.00 |
| Regular Tithe | \$4,504.05 |
| “New Life” Capital Campaign | \$597.20 |
| Food Pantry | \$92.00 |
| Youth | \$93.00 |
| Reimburse Guitar Chord Book | \$60.00 |
| Black & Indian Missions | \$15.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$5.00 |
| MSCatholic | \$20.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

DO TO PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES, WE ASK THAT YOU MAIL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

**ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH
P. O. Box 8642
Jackson, MS 39284-8642**

Thank you for your assistance.



March Month of: St. Joseph

WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS:

*** Changes or Additions

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| STT – St. Therese | CTK – Christ the King |
| OLOG – Our Lady of Guadalupe | SVDP – St. Vincent de Paul |
| MFCC – Christian Catholic Family Movement | |
| MSJLOG – MARIAN SERVANTS® of Jesus, the Lamb of God | |

CARMELITE GIFT SHOP SALE AT ST. THERESE POSTPONED

Saturday, Mar. 21 – Vigil Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, Mar. 22 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Monday, Mar. 23 – NO Mass

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, Mar. 24 – World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, Mar 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, Mar. 26 –

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, Mar. 27 – Abstinence

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, Mar. 28 – Vigil Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, Mar. 29 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Question of the Week:

When have I judged someone unkindly without taking the time to look deeper? What can I do to remember to allow Christ to illuminate my way?

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Please pray for the repose of the soul:

† *Larry Graves – parishioner*

May he rest in peace, and may his family find comfort and consolation in the Lord.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

(A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date at St. Therese for his family and many friends.)

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday, named for the first word in the opening antiphon: "Rejoice." Lent can seem burdensome with its emphasis on penitence and sacrifice. But today we look with anticipation to its end in the Easter miracle. Jesus' resurrection is the light at the end of the tunnel. Let us give thanks for the light he gives to our lives.

Relay for Life - Postponed -

► Relay 'Disney and Bunny Breakfast' at **Applebee's in Clinton, SATURDAY, March 28, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

► Relay for Life 2020. This year's theme is Decades of Hope - our tent will represent the 30's. Please join our team, "Standing in the Gap", by going online to relayforlife.org/hindsms. You can also go online to dedicate a luminaria bag or to donate to our team. **NEW DATE NOT SET YET.**

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, Carol Warfield, a licensed social worker, is available to assist in making a report. Please contact her at 601-326-1740.

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.
March 2020



As St. Therese Conference members of the **St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Society** are aware of COVID-19 concerns, they **will not** be in the gathering space to accept donations next weekend, March 28-29th as they normally do every 5th Sunday of a month.

If anyone wishes to donate, there is a SVdP box immediately next to the entrance of the chapel. Donations may be placed in the box throughout the year.

CREATE A FAMILY PRAYER SPACE AT HOME

In the coming weeks, families will be spending more time together at home. One good use of this time would be to pray together on a regular basis. This prayer time together can be enhanced by creating a place in your home dedicated to prayer.

Making a place for prayer in our home can help us do what the Gospel tells us, to go into an "inner room" to pray (Matthew 6:6). Make your prayer place as quiet, uncluttered, and "desert-like" as possible. It can be the corner of a room or any unused space. Furnish your prayer place with a Bible, prayer books, cross, rosary, icons, and a candle. Encourage family members to use the prayer place for personal as well as family prayer.

You can bless your place of prayer, saying:

**Come, Holy God. Dwell in this place of prayer,
and bless it with your peace and presence.**

Bless all who seek you here.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

If you are unable to go to Mass, one idea for prayer together is to find a resource with the prayers and reading for Sunday Mass and pray those together.

You can find the readings online at www.usccb.org.
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CRS Rice Bowl – Meet Maria Ana

Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can we ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated?

Go to <https://www.crsricebowl.org/> learn more.

Catholic Service Appeal 2020

We thank all those at St. Therese parish who have generously responded to the annual Catholic Service Appeal. Each of us is called to respond in faith, knowing and trusting that God recognizes your willingness to live out the message of the Gospel. St. Therese has raised \$4,426 with 31 families as of 3/12/2020 report.



March Prayer Intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Universal Evangelization: Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:

*All Catholic Christians and
Peace in the World!*



A Litany to Pray Frequently in Time of Health Pandemic

This may be prayed individually or in alternation with others.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, have mercy on us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, have mercy on us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

From all evil, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From every sin, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From everlasting death, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By your Incarnation, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By your Death and Resurrection, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
Holy Mother of God, pray for us.
Mother of the Church, pray for us.
Mother of Christians, pray for us.
Mother of the human family, pray for us.
Refuge of sinners, pray for us.
Comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.
Consolation of the lonely, pray for us.
Solace of the fearful, pray for us.
Hope of the poor, pray for us.
Health of the sick, pray for us.
Companion of the dying, pray for us.
Strength of caregivers, pray for us.
Help of Christians, pray for us.

Queen of angels, pray for us.
Queen of apostles, pray for us.
Queen of martyrs, pray for us.
Queen of virgins, pray for us.
Queen of all saints, pray for us.
Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



PRAYER FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

God of everlasting goodness,
you sent your Son among us
to bring healing, peace, and reconciliation to our
weary world.

Be with all health care workers and their
assistants
in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

As they continue Jesus' ministry of care,
renew them in mind, body, and spirit.
Keep them safe from infection and illness,
and may Christ's healing presence flow through
them
as they serve those entrusted to their care.

We ask this in his name,
Christ the healer,
who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

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