

January 16, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The church office will be closed
on Monday, January 17th in honor
of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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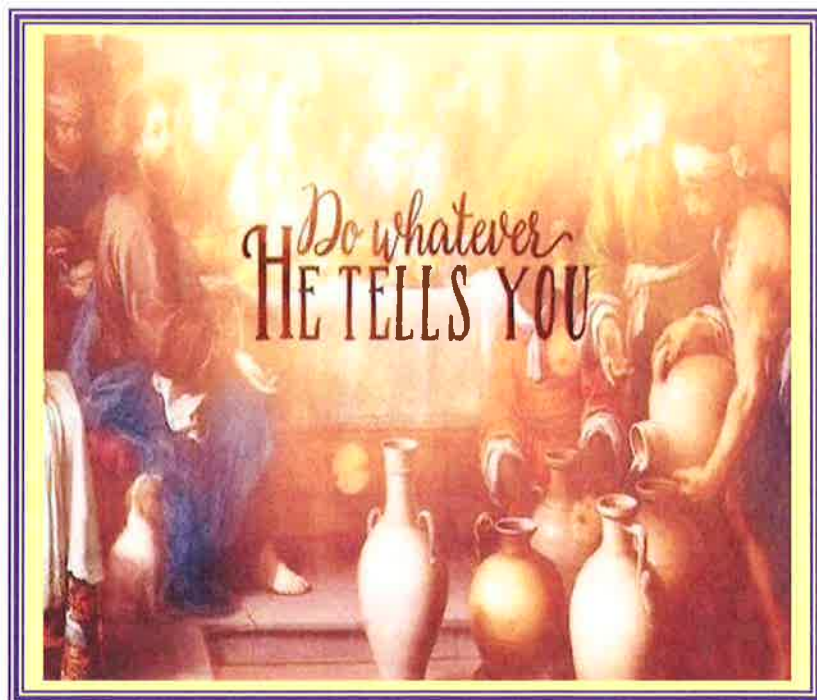
January 9th Collection: \$14,187.15
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Upcoming Second Collections
January 16th Building Fund
January 23rd Saltillo/Church in Latin America
January 30th St Vincent de Paul

Mass Schedule

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.
Vigil: Sat.–5:30 PM Sunday 8:00, 10:15 AM, 6:00PM
Weekday Masses:
Mon. – 5:30 PM, Tues. 8:15 AM, Wed. – 6:00 PM,
Thur. & Fri. – 8:15 AM

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,
Sunday 8:00, 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM; 1:30 PM in Spanish
Holy Rosary Mass Schedule: Sunday: 9:00 AM
St. Fabian Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,
Sunday: 10:00AM



Adoration

Monday Adoration:

Hours are 2PM-9PM. Starting at 4:45PM the Patriotic Rosary will be prayed during Adoration. After the Rosary we will pause Adoration to prepare for the 5:30PM Mass. Adoration will resume when Mass is over and will continue until 9PM. St. Pope John Paul has stated "Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in Adoration..."

Currently we need help with 3PM. To offer your help for a weekly hour or for information please contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620 either by phone or text. Visitors are always welcome.

Tuesday Adoration is from 9:00 AM after daily Mass until 12:00 noon. Please consider spending an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please be sure to sign in so we know the hours are covered.

Thursday Adoration begins after the 8:15 AM Mass and goes until 9:00 PM in the church. At that time Our Lord is moved into the Adoration Chapel and adoration continues through the night until Friday Mass.

We Need Altar Servers!

While we had altar serving for most of our Christmas liturgies, we really need to expand our roster of servers for weekends throughout the year! Please bring any of your children who have made their First Communion and would like to altar serve to a training on January 26, 2022, after the 6 pm Mass. Altar serving is a great way to serve the Lord and our brothers and sisters. We will have food after the training. RSVP to Kathy at (601) 264-5192. Thank you.

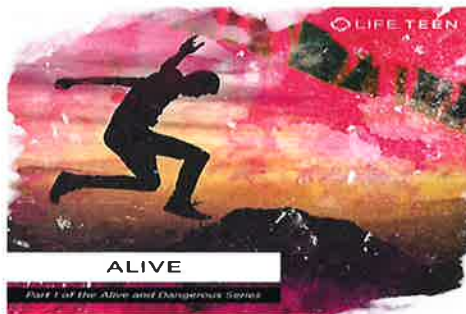


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Catholic in Recovery: Are you suffering from any addictions, or do you have a family member or friend that is? St. Thomas Aquinas will begin having meetings for anyone that is looking for some help, or if you are looking for ways to help someone else, you are welcome to attend the meeting.

The date of the first meeting will be February 7th and will continue to be held weekly. Catholic in Recovery is a community of men and women finding freedom from a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. **Thank You to everyone who helped to defray the cost of this program.**



St Thomas Life Nights are back from break! This Sunday, January 16th 4:30-5:45 we begin the "Alive and Dangerous" series. Together, we'll explore why we were created. We'll discuss how we were created from love and for love. The Life Night challenges our teens to be satisfied in God's love and live extraordinary lives.

Mass Intentions

M-Jan 17th Joe Lichtenhan-deaconate formation
T-Jan 18th Gabby Buford – healing
W-Jan 19th Smith & Trigg family – Sp. Int.
T- Jan 20th Robert Stigler – RIP
F-Jan 21st Shawn Irwin- RIP, /Valerie Irwin-Healing
Sat-Jan 22nd Rogene Molaison – RIP
Sun-Jan 23rd
8:00 Parish
10:15 Sue Marquardt – RIP
6:00 Rupert family – Sp. Int.

January 17th – 23rd

M 1 Sm 15:16-23, Mk 2:18-22
T 1 Sm 16:1-13, Mk 2:23-28
W 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Mk 3:1-6
T 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7, Mk 3:7-12
F 1 Sm 24:3-21, Mk 3:13-19
Sat 1 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 23-27, Mk 3:20-21 (Day of Prayer for the Unborn)
Sun Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Cor 12:12-30, Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

January Lector Schedule

15th 5:30 Roger Smith
16th 8am Reggie Blackledge
10:15 Silvia Preston
22nd 5:30 John Perry
23rd 8am Kathy Schimel
10:15 Silvia Preston
29th 5:30 Patricia Sherman
30th 8am Laurie McCarthy
10:15 Valerie Acocella

Make a Joyful Noise for the Lord

Please consider joining the choir for the 10:15 Sunday Mass. Don't read music? No problem. Don't have an operatic voice? No Problem. Borrowing Planet Fitness's slogan; the choir loft is a "No Judgement Zone." Practice starts Sunday at 9:15 AM, and we generally practice music for that Sunday only.

CALLED BY NAME



DIOCESE OF BILOXI

The Diocese of Biloxi has encouraged all parishes to participate in CALLED BY NAME, a program of vocation awareness that begins this weekend.

This program offers us an opportunity to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood or religious life.

Perhaps you know a single man or woman, who would, in your opinion, have qualities to become a priest, sister, brother, or deacon. Please recommend this person by filling out the response card found in church.

Place the completed card in collection basket or return it to the parish office.



With praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, The Diocese of Biloxi together with the family of Deacon Tomasz Artur Powroznik invite you to his Ordination to the Priesthood, Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 10am at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Biloxi.

First Holy Mass with Father Tomasz Artur Powroznik will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish, Sunday, January 23rd at 10:30am

Mini-Library: For those of you who love to cook, we will put out some cookbooks on the round table near the Mini-Library shelves. We have two new donated ones: "Give us This Day..." which is a product of our of own parish! Judy Huffman was the Cookbook Chairman and Cathy Englert was Cookbook Secretary/Treasurer. The other book is "Sharing Our Best Recipes" by parishioners from St. Francis of Assisi Church, Auburn, NY. To check out a cookbook, please pull out the borrower's card from the book, fill it out (include your phone number) and put it with the other cards over on the Mini-Library shelf. Please return your cookbook after two weeks by replacing it in the yellow box under the Mini-Library shelf. If you have any questions, contact Pat Peterson, by text or phone at 601-549-4620.

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Retreat Opportunities for our Teenagers.

Registration forms can be found near the church entrances.

SEARCH - February 4th - 6th, 2022

Boy's Retreat- March 4th - 6th, 2022

Volunteers Are Needed ~

We would like to begin our **Hospitality Host Ministry** again and need people that are willing to greet everyone as they come in to mass. Please call the office if you are interested in this ministry, or if you have any questions.

You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in praying for the respect of human life. The annual 9 Days for Life novena will take place from January 19th through the 27th. Visit 9daysforlife.com to sign up to receive daily intentions from January 19th through the 27th.

Every Life is Worth Living

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Donut Sunday is returning! We would like to begin Donut Sundays again, but help is needed.

Someone is needed to set up one time a month. This involves ordering the donuts and juice and picking them up on the designated Sunday. Several people could go together on this and that would lessen the burden. Please let Kathy Schimel know if you are interested or have any questions.

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