



**This weekend is the last
6PM Sunday Mass
until August.**

*May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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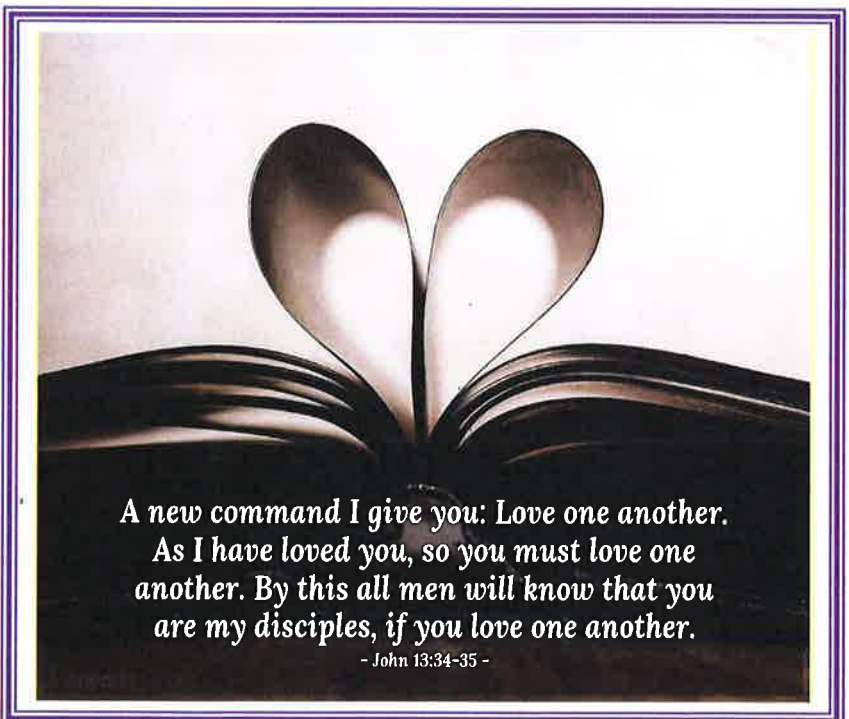
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Next Class is May 23rd at 6:30PM



May 8th Collection: \$10,498.21
Direct Deposit: \$2,513.75
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Building Fund \$1,420.26

Upcoming Second Collections
May 15th No Second Collection
May 22nd Catholic Communication

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



*A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one
another. By this all men will know that you
are my disciples, if you love one another.*

- John 13:34-35 -



Congratulations to all of our parish's 2022 high school graduates. Here's a special shout-out to those who came to celebrate at our Baccalaureate Mass on May 4th. Pictured with Father Braxton and Deacon Ralph: Left to Right: Mary Breeden (Sacred Heart), Caroline Hairston (Oak Grove), Danielle Duffield (Petal), Gracie Falla (Sacred Heart), Rachel Bergin (Sacred Heart), Mallory Gilbertson (Sacred Heart), and Katie Long (Petal)



May is the month in which we honor Our Blessed Mother in a special way. One way that each of us can honor Our Lady is by saying the Rosary more frequently. Please join us in the month of May as we pray the Rosary. Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday, before mass; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, after mass. Blessed Mother Mary, pray for us!"

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Effective Monday, May 16th the office will be open to 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday-Friday.

Starting this week, we will be posting about a seminarian a week, and asking for your prayers for them as they continue in their studies and discernment to become a priest for the Diocese of Biloxi.

Our first seminarian that we highlight is Chris Collins, a graduate of St. Patrick's Catholic High School and a parishioner of St. James Catholic Church in Gulfport.

"My name is Chris Collins, and I am a seminarian for the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi. I am currently finishing my junior year and going into my senior year at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, Louisiana. I began to discern the priesthood when I was a junior in high school after being inspired by the witness of a holy priest. The thought of laying my life down for the Church filled me with joy and gave me a sense of purpose in my life. I saw the great need that the Church has for priests, and I felt that God was calling me to be a part of the solution. God-willing, I will be ordained to the priesthood in 5 years."

Prayer for Seminarians:

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood. Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them. Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls. Amen. Please keep Chris, along with all our other seminarians, in your prayers. Pray also for an increase of vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Biloxi.



Family BBQ & Scavenger Hunt:

It's time to wrap up & celebrate a fantastic year of Family Formation and Life Teen! THIS Sunday, May 15th following the 10:15 Mass, all families are invited to enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, and a "Totally Catholic" family scavenger hunt (for prizes of course!). Registration in Family Formation and Life Teen is not required.

Care And Comfort Committee

The Care & Comfort Committee is looking for more members. This committee serves a meal to the family & friends following a funeral. This is a great ministry if you like to cook or help families that have lost a loved one. If you are interested or have questions, contact Kathy Schimel in the office or kathyschimel@gmail.com

Looking for Volunteers

Notre Dame Hospice is looking for Volunteers to serve in their Mississippi Church Parishes. Volunteers can provide caregiver relief, provide companionship for patients, run errands, or occasionally help with projects in the office. If you are interested or would like more information please contact: Janine Bonner, Volunteer Coordinator at 504-418-1049. Our Mississippi office is in Diamondhead, MS. We need volunteers in all Mississippi Church Parishes to serve those in your community. Thank you.

Adoration

Monday Adoration:

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

Currently we need help with 3PM – 4PM and 7PM-8PM.

To help, please contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620 either by phone or text. Visitors are more than welcome and can come anytime for whatever amount of time you'd like.

Tuesday Adoration

From 9am after daily Mass until 12 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 currently need help with the 1am hour.** To offer your help or for information please contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.

Pope Francis prayer intention for May

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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St Thomas is accepting applications now for **Eagle Catholic Campus Minister.** A detailed job description is available in the office. Resumes can be emailed or dropped off at the office through May 20th for this full time, paid position. Interviews will be held on May 23rd.



IRISH-ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2022

We have T-Shirts from the Irish-Italian Festival still available in all sizes. Call or come by the office, \$10 all sizes.

Mini-Library: We have a new book by Fr. Mitch Pacwa: *Praying the Gospels: Jesus Launches His Ministry.* "This is vintage Fr. Pacwa – guiding us, like his master St. Ignatius – in a richly imaginative and prayerful reading of Gospel texts. This book provides a solid foundation of a truly biblical spirituality". – Scott Hahn. May being the month of our Blessed Mother, we will be honoring her by adding books on her and the rosary in the mini library, as well as books and DVDs on her upstairs up in the main library. For information contact Pat Peterson, librarian, by phone or text at 601-549-4620.

Mass Intentions

M-May 16th Will Allen Mitchell – healing
T-May 17th Ava Lichtenhan – BD
W-May 18th Diaconate Classes of 2022 & 2025 (Joe, Calvin & Felix)
T- May 19th Benita Ochoa – RIP
F-May 20th Phillip Hendrix – RIP
Sat-May 21st Cecile Johnson – RIP
Sun-May 22nd
8:00 Parish
10:15 Sue Marquardt – RIP
NO 6 PM MASS

Readings May 16th – 22nd

M Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
T Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
W Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
T Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Fri Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Sat Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sun Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

May LECTOR SCHEDULE

14th 5:30 Patricia Sherman
15th 8:00 Kathy Schimel
10:15 Silvia Preston
21st 5:30 Roger Smith
22nd 8:00 Evelyn Ruckstuhl
10:15 Shirley Hendricks
28th 5:30 Debbie Boyer
29th 8:00 Rich Mohn
10:15 Carol Soriano-Fernandez

Catholics in Recovery

is a community of men and women finding freedom from a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. We meet every Monday after the 5:30pm mass. Meetings are for anyone that is looking for some help, or if you are looking for ways to help someone else.

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