

August 14, 2022

The Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



6PM Mass resumes
Sunday, August 21st

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Mass Schedule

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.

Vigil: Sat.–5:30 PM Sunday 8AM, 10:15 AM

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; 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

August 7th Collection: \$9,179.68

Direct Deposit: \$2,372.00

Online Deposit \$1,102.50

Extension Society \$828.81

Upcoming Second Collections

August 14th Building Fund

August 21st Eagle Catholic

August 28th No Second Collection



I WAITED

patiently

FOR THE LORD TO HELP ME, AND
HE TURNED TO ME AND HEARD
MY CRY

Psalm 40:1

Adoration

Monday Adoration:

Hours are 2-9PM. 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 PM Mass. Adoration will resume when Mass is over and will continue until 9PM. Visitors are more than welcome and can come anytime for whatever amount of time they'd like. For any questions, contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620 by phone or text

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 12am, 1am, and 4am hours. To offer your help or for information please contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.

Business Sponsor Spotlight



We would like to thank Chris Brown with CB's Tint Shop for supporting our parish bulletin. Chris can be reached at 601-329-1823 for all your glass tinting needs.



St. Vincent de Paul needs the following food items:
Plastic containers of peanut butter, canned fruit, ravioli, tuna, chicken, and pasta sauce. Pull tabs are preferred if available.
They DO NOT need any dry goods at this time. Thank You for your support.

Senator Roger Wicker is speaking at the Hattiesburg Rotary Tuesday, August 30th at 12 noon at the Holiday Inn on HWY 49. If anyone would like to hear Senator Wicker speak, please call Bryan Shaver at 901-338-7638, or call the office to register by Tuesday, August 23rd. There will be no cost to attend, but registration is required.

The annual **Lady Eagle Golf Classic** is planned for September 9th at Canebrake Country Club. Mark your calendar and join us for an eventful day of fun and fellowship. This year we are raising funds to renovate our office space to create a Tradition Room to honor the players and coaches before us. Your participation in our Golf Classic allows us to continue to RISE TO THE TOP. Registration forms are available in the church office.

Mass Intentions

M-Aug 15th Lucy Sanguineti family – Sp. Int.
T-Aug 16th Jose Fernandez Sr. – RIP
W-Aug 17th Merrill & Rogene Molaison – RIP
T-Aug 18th Marietta Santos – RIP
F-Aug 19th Wilbur Moreland – BD (81)
Sat-Aug 20th Cecile Johnson – RIP
Sun-Aug 21st
8:00am Parish
10:15am In Memory of Vincent Cannavo
6:00pm Joseph McQueen – RIP

Readings August 15th – 21st

M Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
T Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
W Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
T Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
F Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Sat Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
Sun Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13:22-30

August Lector Schedule

13th 5:30 Debbie Boyer
14th 8:00 Laurie McCarthy
10:15 Valerie Acocella
20th 5:30 David Williams
21st 8:00 Rich Mohn
10:15 Italo Subarao
27th 5:30 Carmen Robinson
28th 8:00 Reggie Blackledge
10:15 Silvia Preston

Divine Mercy Cenacle

If you would be interested in joining a group to study St Faustina's diary, consider joining the Cenacle. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am in the St. Thomas room. Feel free to come & see. For more information call Tish at 601-543-9723. Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of church.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is not observed as a holy day of obligation this year (because it falls on a Monday this year). Mass will be at the normal time, 5:30pm.

There will be a **Bake sale** fundraiser for the Sacred Heart Girls softball team, next Sunday, August 21st after both morning masses.

Catholics in Recovery

Catholic in Recovery is a ministry that provides healing for those seeking recovery from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery with the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join us as we overlap scripture from Sunday's mass, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer.

Confidentiality is protected. We meet every Monday night at 6:30 in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Emily at Emiliosbornerhodes@gmail.com or leave a message at the St. Thomas parish office, (601) 264-5192.

DAY OF PRAYER AND

REFLECTION for all the ladies of St. Thomas Parish, sponsored by the Comfort and Care committee.

Monday, August 22nd from 9am to 2pm in the Parish Center with talks by Fr Mark and Fr Braxton.

Lunch will be provided.

Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of church.

Mini- Library:

New Book: "Secrets of the Interior Life" by Mexican bishop and mystic Archbishop Luis M. Martinez who shows you how to enter into an intense, sustained communion with God. Says Martinez "Once you know how to profit from faith and to live by faith, you will always find God. You will have solved your problem; you will have discovered the great secret of the interior life." Let this book given the imprimatur teach you that secret! For more information contact Pat Peterson, librarian, by phone or text at 601-549-4620.

Family Formation begins Sunday, August 28th from 11:30-1:30pm.

If your child does not attend Catholic school, registration in our monthly CCD program, Family Formation, is necessary for sacramental preparation. Our aim, however, is to support all parents in their role as the primary educators of their children in the Catholic faith. Therefore, Catholic school families are welcome and encouraged to attend. Parents, teens, and children 4 and up enjoy separate tracks with engaging, age-appropriate content. Nursery is provided for children younger than 4. We equip parents with the materials and training to lead three family lessons at home. We request an annual \$50 fee per family to help defray the cost of meals and materials.

LIFE TEEN begins Sunday, August 21st from 4:30-5:45pm

Life Teen serves as both our Religious Education (Confirmation preparation) and youth group for 13-18-year-olds. If your teen does not attend Catholic school, registration in Life Teen is an obligatory step toward receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in 11th grade. However, all teens are encouraged to join Life Teen as we aim to bring them into relationship with Christ through retreats, prayer, Catholic friendships, service, and evangelization.

REGISTER ONLINE WITH THIS QR CODE OR BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE:



Ministry Fair

Are you ready to get involved in a ministry? You will have an opportunity to see what ministries are available, and there is something for EVERYONE. The Ministry Fair will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 27th and 28th, in the Eagle Catholic building, following the masses.

There will be someone to answer your questions and sign-up sheets will be available at each table. Please prayerfully consider joining at least one of the ministries. Hope to see you at the Fair!!

The ANNUAL MASS OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

will take place on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral.

Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, or 60 years of marriage or more in 2022 are welcome to attend. A registration form is available at the entrance of the church. The deadline for registration is October 14, 2022.

You can return the form by mail to the Diocese of Biloxi, Attn: Deacon Karl Koberger, e-mail it to kkoberger@biloxidiocese.org or FAX it to 228-702-2178. A link for couples to register will also be set up on the Diocese website!

Beginning in September we will start the bible study, The Bible and the Virgin Mary.

The 12 sessions are part of the St. Paul Center's dynamic journey through the scripture bible series. It is based upon Dr. Scott Hahn's book, Hail, Holy Queen. We will meet Mondays from 1pm – 2:30pm and Thursday from 6pm – 7:30pm. Sign-up sheets are at both doors. Please sign up so we know how many books to order. You do not need to attend both sessions, but if you miss one day you can catch up in another class.

The cost of the book is \$30.00

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