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### **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**



**January 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$7,227.39**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Kentucky \$3,267.85**  
**Direct Deposit: \$2,299.00**  
**Online \$512.50**

**Upcoming Second Collections**  
 January 9th Aged & Infirm Priests  
 January 16th Building Fund  
 January 23rd Saltillo/Church in Latin America  
 January 30th St Vincent de Paul



## Adoration

### Monday Adoration:

Our hours will be the same as last year; 2PM-9PM. Starting at 4:45PM the Patriotic Rosary will be said 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..." We need help with 3PM hour. To offer your help for the weekly one hour or for information contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620 either by phone or text. Visitors are 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. There is a one-time cost to St Thomas of \$500 to offer this program, if anyone is interested in donating to offset this cost, or if you have any questions, please call Kathy.



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](http://9daysforlife.com) to sign up to receive daily intentions from January 19th through the 27th.

## Mass Intentions

M-Jan 10th Ty Cannon – RIP  
T-Jan 11th Deacon Truett Roberts – RIP  
W-Jan 12th Deborah Rester – Sp. Int.  
T- Jan 13th Shawn Irwin- RIP, /Valerie Irwin-Healing  
F-Jan 14th Keith Melancon – RIP  
Sat-Jan 15th Isabella Damico– healing  
Sun-Jan 16th  
8:00 Lee Peterson Clark - RIP  
10:15 Patricia Gassen – RIP  
6:00 Parish

### January 10-16<sup>th</sup>

M 1 Sm 1:1-8, Mk 1:14-20  
T 1 Sm 1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28  
W 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Mk 1:29-39  
T 1 Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:40-45  
F 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a, Mk 2:1-12  
Sat 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1, Mk 2:13-17  
Sun Is 62:1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11

### January Lector Schedule

9<sup>th</sup> 8am Rich Mohn  
10:15 Renee Brett  
15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Roger Smith  
16<sup>th</sup> 8am Reggie Blackledge  
10:15 Silvia Preston  
22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30 John Perry  
23<sup>rd</sup> 8am Kathy Schimel  
10:15 Shirley Hendricks  
29<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Patricia Sherman  
30<sup>th</sup> 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.

Next weekend, 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:** We have a new book you might enjoy. The True Meaning of Christmas: The Birth of Jesus and the Origins of the Season by biblical scholar Michael Patrick Barber. Some of his answers to questions include why Jesus is said to be laid in a “manger,” how December 25th became the date of Christmas, how Saint Nicholas became “Santa Claus,” and how the Christmas tree came to be. He uses the Bible, Jewish tradition, archaeology, and ancient history to shed fresh light on the true meaning and mystery of Christmas.

**Library Movies:** In the main Library upstairs, we have on display our Christmas DVDs. These include; It’s a Wonderful Life (Fr. Mark’s favorite Christmas Movie), The Nativity Story, The Bells of St. Mary’s, Little Town of Bethlehem, and The Star of Bethlehem (This is an amazing documentary on the Star produced by Stephen McEveety (The Passion of the Christ). Presenter Rick Larson walks you through the Biblical and historical clues revealing the incredible significance of the Star as well as the vastness of God’s creativity.

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**SEARCH** - Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
February 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Boy's Retreat**- March 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Our Next Family Formation is Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-1:30pm.** Families with children 4-18 (nursery open for the littles) come join our religious education program for all ages, even Mom and Dad.

## A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,  
Whether I leave behind  
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

I pause to *give thanks.*  
Thank you for being with me  
every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things *new*  
and for giving me the grace of  
fresh starts

and *new beginnings.*

Remind me of your presence in the days to  
come,  
even when I feel pushed and rushed by  
busyness.

**Be glorified in my life this year.**

*Amen*


**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.

### Help Needed:

Monday, January 10th we will be “un-decorating” the church. We need lots of help inside and outside to take everything down and put away. We will begin at 8:00 AM so we can finish before Adoration begins. If you are unable to help physically, but would like to participate, we need people to sit in the Chapel with Our Lord so He will not be alone. Please let Kathy know if you can help, especially in the Chapel. Weather permitting, poinsettias will be outside and available for you to take home.



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