



St. Joseph Catholic Church
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The Catholic Community
of



St. Patrick Catholic Church
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St. Joseph and St. Patrick

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Church
or by appointment

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (St. Patrick): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday (St. Joseph): 8:30 a.m.

(St. Patrick): 11:00 a.m.

Spanish (St. Joseph): 3:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday (St. Patrick): 12:05 p.m.

Tuesday (St. Joseph): 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday (St. Patrick): 12:05 p.m.

Spanish (St. Patrick): 5:30 p.m.

Thursday (St. Patrick): 8:10 a.m.

Friday (St. Patrick): 12:05 p.m.

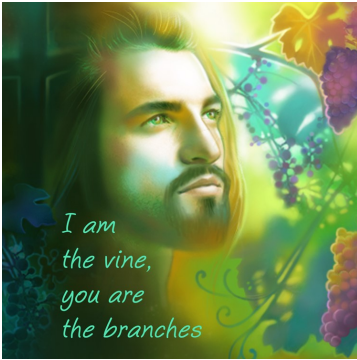
DISCERNMENT AND LOVE

The scriptures indicate that God often works on a long-term time frame. We might need our whole lives to learn some of God's lessons. The Church sometimes takes centuries to learn vital lessons about God. But within God's slow work, there are bursts of activity when the moment is ripe in God's eyes. We might perceive these bursts of God's grace, if we are able to see.

This fascinating mix of fast and slow can invite us again to deepen our practice of discernment. Discernment is the art of paying attention to God. It is the capacity to detect God's activity, which leads us toward bearing fruit and away from that which is fruitless. In our messy world, and aware of our personal frailties, discernment is often difficult. It helps to remember that God's activity is revealed in love. Whether fast or slow, God always works in love. We are called to perceive God's dramatic and sudden activities as well as God's deep and patient work of love in daily life and in our world.

Mass Schedule, Intentions, and Readings for April 30 — May 6

Monday	12:05 p.m.	Communion Service	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Charles Butler	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Newly Confirmed	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	8:10 a.m.	John Stewart	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Friday	12:05 p.m.	Pete Vining	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of Our Lady of Fatima Sodality	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Paul Blier	Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48;
	11:00 a.m.	Ann Balzli	Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10;
	Spanish 3:00 p.m.	Pro Populo	Jn 15:9-17



The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John

3:23). Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Altar Server Training

Those who have completed fourth grade and received first communion are eligible for training as altar servers. There will be a training on Wednesday, May 23, at St. Patrick from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. This training is for both parishes. Please call or email the office to register. **The deadline to register is Friday, May 4.** Before the training, parents will need to review instructional materials with their child. Those materials will be provided upon registration.



You are invited to join Bishop Kopacz and Catholics throughout the diocese for the ordination of Nick Adam and Aaron Williams on Thursday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson. Please help fill our church buses for this important occasion. Please call the church office to reserve your seat.

THANK YOU

For all the help with Irish Fest...Thank you to...the Hispanic and Filipino communities; Knights of Peter Claver; Knights of Columbus; Our Lady of Fatima Sodality; St. Patrick School teachers, staff, and parents; Dusty service organization; and St. Patrick and St Joseph community.

Thank you to all the businesses that donated prizes for our Irish Fest Bingo!

Primary EyeCare and Optical, Whiddon Photography, LaBiche Jewelers, The Daily Grind, World of Flowers, Anderson Pharmacy, The Liberty Shop, Captain D's, Harry Mayer, Merrehope, The Fudge Shoppe, Belle G, The Sewing and Vacuum Center, Southern Tire Mart, North American Coal, Purdy Kids, Bumper to Bumper, Jackson Flower Shop, Bambinos, El Norte, Meridian Little Theatre, Stribling Equipment, The Park, La Piñata, K Salon, Anderson Fitness, Elegance Dance Studio, The Rustler, The Riley Center, Sam's Club, Ta Krai, Exquisite Nail Salon, Jean's Restaurant, Crooked Letter, Applebee's, Dairy Queen, Huastequita Mexican Store.

What's Happening

Sacrament of Confirmation

Wednesday, May 2, 6:00 p.m.

St. Patrick

Everyone is welcome in the celebration as Bishop Kopacz confirms students from our community. Come congratulate our youth as they achieve another step in their spiritual formation, and in their journey of faith.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays, 12:00—7:00 p.m.

Parish Center, St. Aloysius Chapel

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer. —St. Teresa of Calcutta



Pope Francis . . . The Word of God

is the lamp with which we look to the future: its light allows us to read the signs of the times.

Baptism Class

Saturday, May 12, 11:00 a.m.

Parish Center

A class for parents planning to have their child baptized. Please call David or Morgan Bailey at 601-678-2476 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are having surgery or in need of the Sacrament of Anointing.

If you or a loved one is in the hospital, please notify the Parish Office.

Youth News

Act Now! Only two days left to register! Search is a retreat for high school juniors and seniors, will be held June 8—10, at Wesley Pines Conference Center in Gallman, MS. Upcoming juniors and graduated seniors may attend. **Deadline for registration is April 30.** Cost is only \$40 for the weekend. To register, go to www.jacksonsearch.com.

All Graduating Seniors: The Baccalaureate Mass is May 6 at St. Patrick at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will follow for the graduates and families. **Please RSVP to John by May 1.**

For Youth entering 8th Grade and up, there are only a few slots still available for the “Alive in You” Camp and Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, June 19—24. **Deadline to register and payment is May 10.**

For more information on ANY of the above, please contact John at 601-693-1321 ext 9 or John@catholicmeridian.org.

The family of Anita Graybeal wishes to thank the Goodwill Committee for the delicious food provided for family and friends after her funeral. A special thank you to Teresa LaBiche for all her help.

Weekly Collections

St. Joseph Parish

Needed Income	\$2,981.00
Regular Collection	\$1,581.00

St. Patrick Parish

Needed Income	\$15,231.00
Regular Collection	\$6,932.00
Online Collection	\$805.00
Spanish Collection	\$299.00

Upcoming Special Collections

May 13 Mississippi Catholic



Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus will again offer \$500 scholarships to children or grandchildren of active council members. For new applicants, an application form can be downloaded at kofc802.org. For renewal applicants, a grade report for the last completed is required. Funds are limited and final determination will be made by the council scholarship committee. The deadline for all applications is Sunday, May 13. Call Tom Zettler at 601-483-7350 for more.

Pastor Al



“So, a queen bee that’s annoyed has a ‘bee attitude?’
You may not study but you’re certainly creative.”

OUR LADY'S CORNER

We still have many beautiful gifts and greeting cards for Confirmation! If you know a young person who will be participating in this meaningful sacrament, let them know how happy you are for them with a meaningful gift. Our hours have changed this week: Wednesday 3:30—6:00 p.m.; Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass; Sunday 9:30 a.m. until after the 11:00 Mass.



Congratulations Stephen Arrora and John Graupman, members of Boy Scout Troop 7, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout recently at the Choctaw Area Council Banquet.

Thank You

The Servants of Mary wish to thank the Catholic Community for a successful fundraiser and tea.



For the repose of the souls of Virgil Foster, father of Gina Conner and Dr. William Billups, Jr., father-in-law of Mary Billups.

Parishioners: Ed Manning, Bridget Harwell, Joe Mosby, Vonyetta Holloman, Irma Reese, David Routt, Marcy Hill, Jack Huntley, Vivian Roberts, Laine Melton, James Hollomon, Dennis Deviney, Anna Moore, Bob Hammond, Barbara Zuchowski, Lucia Hodge, Judith Whitehead, Verna Clayton, Betty Koca, Barbara Holscher, Patricia Horner, Karen Schoeneck, Christina Riordan, Jackie Crawford, Gene Ivey,

Linda Hosey, Darrell Hover, Dianne Hall, Etoria Hill, Gloria Smith, Harold Dean, Joyce Busby, Robert Smith, Russell Mack, Dot Yochim, Lillie Hicks, Johnnie Hodges, Everett Crudup III, Patricia James, Annie Ford, Carol Ann and Frank Long.

Friends and Family: Ruth Speed, grandmother of Freddi Howell; Melverta Bender, niece of Sharon Smith; Beth Storr, Molly Bullock May, Alana McMullan, Scott Nause, Catherine Gavino, Catherine Conway, Quida Mitchell, Ernie Wade, Melissa All, Ellen Rogers, Megan McCann, Mark Covington, Loretta Heiser and Bud McDowell.