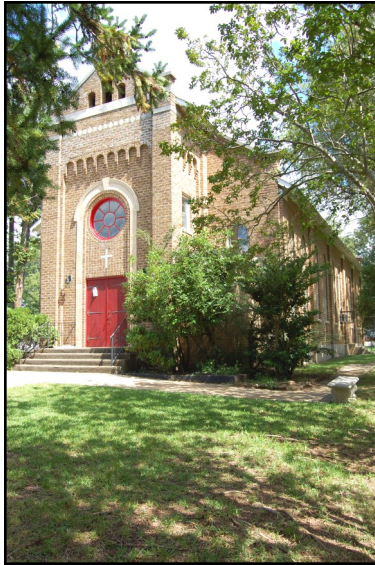


The Catholic Community of St. Joseph & St. Patrick

Rev. Francis Cosgrove, Pastor
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St. Joseph Church
1914 18th Avenue
Meridian, MS 39301
(601) 485-5349



Mass Schedule

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
Nursery Available
3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Weekday:
5:30 p.m. (Tuesday)

Holy Day Vigil
5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation:
Upon Request



St. Patrick Church
2601 Davis Street
Meridian, MS 39301
(601) 693-1321

Mass Schedule

Saturday:
5:00 p.m.
Nursery Available

Sunday:
11:00 a.m.
Nursery Available

Weekday:
See Times Below

Holy Days
9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Reconciliation:
Saturday 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Website: www.catholicmeridian.org

St. Patrick School
2700 Davis Street
Pre-Kindergarten (3) thru 6th Grade
and After School
(601) 482-6044
Julie Bordelon - Principal

Website: www.stpatrickcatholicsschool.org





MASS SCHEDULE, INTENTIONS AND READINGS FOR JANUARY 30—FEBRUARY 5


Monday	12:05 p.m.	Fred Gressett	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Kimchau Le	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3	Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	12:05 p.m.	Robert Lavelle Massey	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17	Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	8:10 a.m.	Eldred Bordelon	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18	Lk 2:22-40
Friday	12:05 p.m.	Kimchau Le	Sir 47:2-11	Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Richard C. Fleming	1 Kgs 3:4-13	Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Lewis Woods	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7	Mk 1:29-39
	11:00 a.m.	Derrel Taylor, Sr.	Ps 147	
	3:00 p.m.	Catholic Community	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23	

This Week

Thursday, February 2nd
12:00 - 8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Aloysius Chapel

 The St. Joseph Mediation Garden Committee appreciates the CYM for helping to beautify the church grounds on January 16th "National Service Day." The adults, Sandy and Dave Klutz, Edgar Hernandez, Ed Mosley and eight CYM members did an excellent job of planting tulips, daffodils and hyacinths.

 Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them . . . one at a time. — Anonymous

 Memorial Brick? Call Joan in the Parish Office. Orders will be taken through 1st of June.

St. Patrick School News

Faith. Academics. Service.
Catholic Schools

This weekend begins *Catholic Schools Week*: Sunday, January 29 – Saturday, February 4. Extra schedules of this week's activities are located in the vestibule of the church. Please make plans to join us in celebrating this exciting and eventful week.

It is our long awaited desire and goal to offer 7th and 8th grades at our school. We hope to do so beginning with 7th grade in the fall. However, we need YOU to help us to achieve this goal. If you know anyone interested in registering their child for 7th grade, please notify the school office. The Diocese requires a minimum of 15 students to be registered.



Whose Authority?


Many door-to-door proselytizers have good intentions. They want to convert you to the "truth" - as they see it. They believe the Bible is the sole authority for the Christian faith. Some are taught that Catholics are prohibited from reading the Bible. However, not only do we have full




access to the scriptures, we hear them proclaimed every time we celebrate Mass. In today's readings Jesus and Moses are recognized as speaking and acting with the authority of God. Both Jesus and Moses acted as a bridge for God's truth, but so are the sacraments and the experience of the Church—what we call

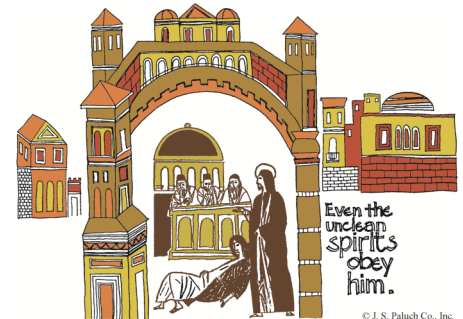
Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

- Psalm 95:6

 The Knights of Peter Claver are raffling a beautiful basket filled with "cheer and goodies," including a \$20 Gift Certificate, just in time for Fat Tuesday. Tickets are \$1 each and will be sold after both Sunday Masses February 5th and 12th. They are also available at the Parish Office or any Knights of Peter Claver member. For 10 or more tickets, contact David Stephens at 601-938-5757.

 Clare van Lent, Director of The Dwelling Place Retreat House, will provide a Women's Retreat this Sunday, January 29th, 1:00—4:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. She will present a recently developed topic on *Jesus and the Women of the Scripture*. Realize your own call to discipleship. Bring a friend and make plans to attend this spiritually enriching event. Everyone is invited and there is no fee. Refreshments will be served at the break. This event is sponsored by Our Lady of Fatima Sodality.

Tradition. It is part of our responsibility as Jesus' disciples to listen attentively at Mass, to read scripture prayerfully for ourselves, and to learn more about the Bible through reading, studying, and learning with others.



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WHY CATHOLIC?
JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

In another three weeks, we will be starting the last six sessions of the four year "Why Catholic?" program. These sessions will complete the booklet on prayer. Groups will meet in the same place and time as before, unless you have been notified otherwise. A special "Thank You" to all facilitators for their diligence and sacrifice in hosting a group. First meeting date will be during the week of February 19th.

Our Lady's Corner

Valentine's Day is approaching. Flowers and candy are clichés and you want something different. We have great gift ideas for the love of your life. Want something for the kids or your mom? We can help there too! Stop by for some ideas. Our hours are Wednesday 4:00-6:30 p.m.; Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass; and Sunday 9:30 a.m. until after 11:00 Mass.



Youth News

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Your Prayers Are Requested


For the repose of the soul of Alan Hart, Sr., father of Alan Hart.



Parishioners: Andre Davis, Jim Sudbury, George Dudenhoeffer, Sandra Skipper, Evelyn Switzer, Sarah Mitchell, Dr. Richard Fleming, Dr. Guillermo Hernandez, Jean Breard, Joe Fanning, H.V. Thomas, Irma Reese, Hilda Miller, William Wright, Cathy Stephenson, Bernice Pringle, Jack Huntley, Charles Levine, Sonny McCarra, Patricia James, Lettie Bihn, Patricia Sisson, Mary and Howard Reeves, Frank Long, Hugh Dorman, Mary Eileen Soule, Hilda Thompson, Dr. Bob Bender, Bob Glenn, Joe Dicks, Helen Newell, Virginia Rivers, Fr. Remiguis Kozak

Family & Friends: Ethan Parker, grandson of Terry Meadows; Tina Brown, friend of Rogelia Routt; Margaret McKay, friend of Carol Slye; Rudy Williams, father of Patty Harris; Wendy O'Donnell, Jack Lyons, Bob Leonard, Kaysie Duell, Everett Crudup, Eugene Weir, Bill Mayerhoff, Jim Vaiden, Lillian Carpenter, Rallie Sharp, Selina Ratliff, Emily Routt, Ann Bowen, Margaret Sullivan, Toby Radenbaugh, Kathy Cooley, Gerald Glass, J.T. Young, Magdalena Luba, Norma Pool, Bernice Miller, Ben Shults, Joan Harding, Evelyn Moreno Auth, Betty McDevitt, Jerry W. Scott, Lawrence Swistik, Katie Gordon, Roberta Peacock.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Home Missions.

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St. Joseph Parish	
Needed Income	\$2,279.00
Regular Collection	\$1,546.40
Aged and Infirm Priests	\$543.78
St. Patrick Parish	
Needed Income	\$12,277.00
Regular Collection	\$16,580.59
Aged and Infirm Priests	\$2,635.39
Children's Collection	\$8.77

"Living Uncovered" is our youth theme for February, so make plans to check out how to Live Uncovered Sunday, February 5th, noon—3:00 p.m.



Get ready for a Valentine Drop & Dash Sunday, February 12th, noon—3:00 p.m. Bring Valentine cookies!



Abbey Youth Festival is coming up in March at St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College in Covington, LA. It is a day of fun, fellowship, faith-sharing, and great music from Matt Maher. The cost is \$30 per person; which includes a T-shirt. If you are in 9th-12th grade and would like to attend, please bring money to the Parish Office by February 15th.

Wednesday Night Dinner menu will have Chicken Teriyaki, Fried Rice, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert and Beverages. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



Last call for anyone interested in Financial Peace University. The class meets Monday at 6:00 p.m. *sharp* and babysitting is provided. Please note that the class has been moved from Keher Hall to St. Patrick Parish Center so that we may accommodate everyone.



It is time for the Baby Bottle Boomerang. Please pick up a baby bottle, fill it with your pocket change, dollar bills or check (made out to the church) and return to the church by Sunday, February 19th. Please support the Center for Pregnancy Choices.



Congratulations
Mark and Aimee Tramontana
on your 25th Wedding Anniversary
on January 31st.



Purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Valentine Goodie Basket for your Sweetie! First prize is a basket filled with a bottle of wine, a \$50 Darden gift card, and a box of Valentine candy. Second prize is a basket filled with a six pack of Coke, a six pack of Sprite, two bags of popcorn, Valentine candy, and a \$25 movie gift card. Tickets are \$1 each or seven for \$5. The drawing will be held during the St. Patrick Valentine Dance on February 11th (you do not have to be present to win). Proceeds will go towards the youth trip to Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer. Purchase a ticket from one of the youth or come by the Parish Office.

A special "Thank You" to Bridget Harwell, Tom and Theresia Beeman for providing RCIA with refreshments last Sunday.

You're Invited

What: Valentine Dinner/Dance
 When: Saturday, February 11th
 Where: Family Life Center
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$15.00 per person
 Attire: Semi-formal



Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office, School Office, Dr. Dan Santiago, or Joe Gomez. Reserved tickets may be purchased from Mary Yarger for \$25.00.

Proceeds benefit St. Patrick School.