



February 4, 2007 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES: SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M.

PASTORAL COUNCIL - Barbara Jo Cox, Patty Crotwell, Patti Darbonne, Margret Jones, Robin Sistrunk and Terry Taylor
FINANCE COUNCIL - Joe Best, Charlie Campbell, Mona Cobb, Anthony Fertitta, Charles Strong and Dennis Strong

MINISTRIES OF EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	(8:15) Denson & Mary Etta Robinson (10:45) Joe Best (2/11) (8:15) Knights of Columbus (10:45) Louise Andy
LECTORS	(8:15) Lisa Strong & Pete Weisenberger (10:45) Germaine Pruden (2/11) (8:15) Knights of Columbus (10:45) Barbara Clark
SERVERS	(8:15) Johan & Josh Stevens (10:45) Emily West (2/11) (8:15) Knights of Columbus (10:45) Michael & John Chapman
HOSPITALITY	(8:15) Campbell family (10:45) Volunteers (2/11) (8:15) Knights of Columbus (10:45) Volunteers
VOCATION PRAYERS	(8:15) Billy Endris (2/11) Marge Rader

COLLECTION

Jan. 28	General Fund: \$3828.84	Hispanic Ministry: \$10.00
	Building Fund: \$10.00	MS Catholic: \$20.00

PLEASE PRAY for members of our parish, our families and friends who are ill, especially Susan Papp, Paula Craft, Lenora Aulenbrock, Kevin Wilkinson, Maxine Klaas, Mary Schmidt, Scott Cheatwood, Nathan Minyard, Mary Helen Hilliard, Carolyn Waller, Kristen Campbell, Allen Martel, Humberto Alexander, David Dodds, Frances Irby, Thomas Penn, Diane Wise, Connie Peters, Mel Flowers, Kevin Coon, Pat Mize, Mildred Wilkinson, Diane Bordelon, Clare Buttane, Jakki Flores, Gwen Wyatt, Tommy Ryan, Margaret Dickard, Joann Kassel.

If you are sick or in the hospital, please notify the Church office!

REMINDERS

STEWPOT SUNDAY: Today
SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today - Catholic Home Missions
SCRIPTURE STUDY: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY MASS: Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. (intention - Father Robert Olivier)
STEWPOT SERVICE: Wednesday/Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – Canton Stewpot

OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN THIS WEEK IS PATRICK JONES: Contact Patrick with your prayers and best wishes at his e-mail: pjones@pdjonline.info. Our seminarians need and appreciate your continued prayers!!

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Today's second collection is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This Appeal supports the Home Missions—places in the United States where the Catholic Church struggles just to keep parishes open and to educate children in the faith. Some dioceses are terribly short of priests, sisters, and the money needed to run parishes. Please give generously to help your fellow Catholics here in America.

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY Tony & Mary Morain and children, Kellie & Nicholas; Jim & Cindy Wilson; Jeffery & Paula Smith; and David & Nancy Stark. We are so happy to have you with us and hope you will find a true Parish Home here at St. Joe.

PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE DRAWING NEAR. We will be distributing a sheet with the names of those nominated for the Pastoral and Finance Councils, along with a short bio and picture of each, next Sunday. Elections will be the following Sunday, February 18. We will be electing 2 members for the Finance Council and 3 members for the Pastoral Council - each adult registered member of our Parish will be eligible to cast a ballot.

FEAST OF ST. BLASE: Yesterday was the Feast of St. Blase, bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. St. Blase has long been associated with healing of the throat and his feast day is the traditional day for the blessing of throats. We will have the Blessing of Throats immediately following both Masses today.

MISSISSIPPI CATHOLIC: It is time to renew subscriptions to MS Catholic, our Diocesan newspaper. The Church is required to send a subscription to each member of our community. This is a very large expense in our annual budget, **so we ask each family to assume responsibility for the cost of \$18.00 that we must pay for each subscription.** Please use the envelope in your boxed set or place money in an envelope clearly marked with your name.

THE CHOIR WILL PRACTICE TODAY between Masses to begin preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. All present members as well as anyone wishing to join the choir are welcome and encouraged to attend!

“LESSONS OF LENT” – A LENTEN ADULT RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM will be held on Sunday evenings beginning Feb. 18, from 6 – 7 p.m., in the Church. Led by Deacon Kevin and Molly McCarthy, in the prayerful setting of the church, adults are invited to gather for guided reflection upon the lessons found in the Sunday readings and Father's morning homily. Sign Up sheet is in the back of the church, or call Pam at the Church office.

LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS! St. Joseph High School Draw Down is scheduled for Feb. 10 in the school's gymnasium. Tickets can be purchased for \$100 each and include the chance to win \$10,000. In conjunction with the Draw Down, St. Joe sponsors the “Bruin Bucks” silent auction/raffle. This year the event will also include a Live Auction. For more info, contact Julia Williams in the Development Office at 601-898-4819, ext. 4.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CANTON is hosting a Mission Feb. 12 – 14. Father Jim Sichko, a dynamic motivational, spiritual and uplifting speaker will be the Mission presenter. He is the voice of laughter, storytelling and praise. The Mission will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Center – a light supper will be served at 6 p.m. each night, followed by the Mission at 7 p.m.

SISTER THEA BOWMAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER is sponsoring “Time Well Spent, a Lenten Day of Reflection for Women,” on Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Norbertine Priory, 7100 Midway Road in Raymond, MS. For more information, call Molly McCarthy at 601-856-3379.

“LET IN THE LIGHT – FACING THE HARD STUFF WITH HOPE” – A Parish Mission to be presented by Patricia Livingston, will be held at St. Richard Catholic Church in Jackson, Feb. 12-13, from 7 – 8 p.m. For more info, call the Parish Office at 601-366-2335.

Each Parish in the Diocese is required, quarterly, to remind Parishioners of the Policy on the Protection of Children: *In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People passed by the U.S. bishops in Dallas, the Diocese of Jackson wishes to encourage any victim of sexual abuse by a member of the Catholic Clergy to come forward and begin the healing process. We encourage any victim to contact Mrs. Linda Raff, Victims Assistance Coordinator at 601-355-8634, Ext. 728.*

A grant of \$25,000 has been made to St. Joseph Catholic Church Building Fund by an anonymous donor. We wish to express our profound thanks and appreciation to these parishioners for their extreme generosity to our Parish family!