

ACCESSIBLE



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Being Accessible is Friendship

This will be our final weekend to focus on our August word ACCESSIBLE.

What a rich concept — being ACCESSIBLE to God. Holy men and holy women have written about this for generations. Fr. Henry Shelton developed a retreat to study this concept. We have spent another month exploring it. We need time and space to grasp the idea and make it a part of our lives.

It takes time! It is a life-long journey! Contemplative Prayer is a wonderful way to open ourselves to God, to be ACCESSIBLE to Him. Through practice, we become aware of our connection to God. We *do* nothing. Our ability to be close to God is not earned by good works or piety. It is a gift from God. He invites us to rest in Him. He demands nothing of us, and we ask nothing of Him. It's like having a cup of tea with your grandmother, or a glass of wine with your best friend. We aren't looking to acquire something. We enter into this time with no agenda and no goals, but we cherish them. We never feel that time is wasted. Rather, we know it's valuable because we have spent time being with someone who is important to us.

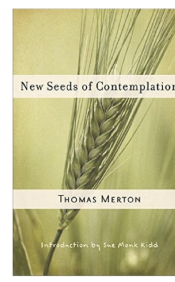
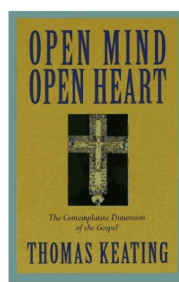
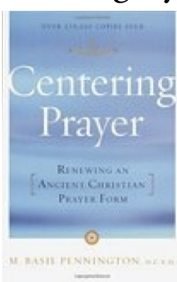
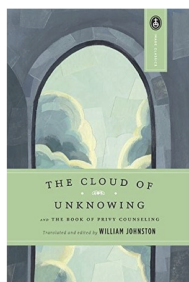
St. Teresa of Avila said it beautifully, "Contemplative prayer, [oracion mental] in my opinion, is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him whom we know loves us."

We can use a short, daily reflection — a simple morning offering —
"Lord, I pray that I may be ACCESSIBLE to You this day."

We can also use a deeper reflection offered once daily, or more often —
Prayer from the 14th Century book, *The Cloud of Unknowing*:

***"O God, unto whom all hearts lie open, unto whom desire is eloquent,
and from whom no secret thing is hidden;
purify the thoughts of my heart by the outpouring of Your Spirit
that I may love You with a perfect love and praise You as You deserve. Amen."***

People have spent centuries practicing, teaching, and sharing ideas for Contemplative Prayer. There are numerous websites, apps, retreats and groups that meet regularly to practice Contemplative Prayer. We have prayers, and links for prayer resources on our website under the "Prayer" tab. Here are a few suggested titles to get you started:



August 28, 2016

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of: August 29— Sept. 4, 2016

7:30 am Mon.: communion service

7:30 am Tues.: communion service

6:00 pm Wed.: communion service

7:30 am Thurs.: communion service

10:00 am Fri.: Healing Mass

5:30 pm Sat.: Delores Mandina (RIP)

8:00 am Sunday: Billy Horton (RIP)

10:30 am Sunday: People of the Parish

Adoration This Week: Monday-Thursday: 8am-Noon;

Wed. 6:30 pm-7:30 pm; Fri 8am-10am

* Need to fill Mondays 11am-12 pm. Call the church office if you are able to commit to this Holy Hour.

Prayer Intentions

Benjie Espinoza, brother of Rosina Ready
Diane Hawkins, daughter of Bob & Bobbi Tilmann
Carolyn Weiss, friend of Jane Hipp
Don Weiss, son of Carolyn Weiss
Jim Safigan, friend of Sharon & Jim Farner
Timea Bozic

Rest of the Soul

Will Kovarik, son of Ben & Tracy Kovarik
Norie Kent, sister-in-law of Shearon Simpson

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00pm or by appt.
Lectio Divina Mondays @ 7pm; and Tuesdays @ 10 am

New Announcements

* There will be a special collection this weekend for the recent flood victims of Southwest MS and South LA. Money will also be collected in the church office for the next 2 weeks.

* Join us for the **Healing Mass this Friday, Sept. 2nd @ 10am**. Senior Adult Brunch will follow in the Family Life Center.



* Join our Youth Group, now called **The Big Deal**, on **Thursday, November 3rd @ 6pm** for a 5K Color Run!! As part of **The Big Deals's** service to the community, money raised will go to the Palmer Home, a Christian residential home for individual siblings and sibling groups. Register now for the race on our website. Sponsorships and volunteers are also needed for this event. Please contact Cory Head or a member of **The Big Deal** and they can give you all the information you need.



* **Offertory Envelopes 2017**. It is time to order our 2017 annual boxed set of offertory envelopes. There is a form in the back of church to fill out with your request. Contact Renee' Carpenter if you have any questions. finance@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com 601-292-6083

Weekly offering for August 14th: \$18,821

Thank You!



*Altar flowers have been donated in memory of Alex McKee.



Congratulations to Kristen and Adam Nelson on the birth of their son, Talon Charles Nelson.

Reminders

* **Baptism Class THIS SUNDAY @ 2pm** in the FLC for all those needing to have their child baptized in the next 4 months.

* **Interested in joining the adult choir?** We would love to have you! Contact Ed Thomas at 601-292-6090 or email @ est5271@gmail.com

*We are asking all families to register their children for Religious Education by **September 1st**.

*On the first Saturday of each month, our U.S. Armed Forces Ministry prays the rosary for our Armed Forces and for our country. Join us this month on **Sept. 3rd at 4:45 pm** in the chapel.

*Registration for the 3rd annual **Early Learning Center Golf tournament to be held on Sept. 9th**. This year, there is a raffle sale for a 5 day/4 night stay in Perdido Key, Florida (only \$10 a ticket). You may also access more information on the Learning Center website www.saintpaullearningcenter.com.

See the website for more detailed information on these previously published events.

- **St. Paul Learning Center now has 2 positions available:** Prek 3& 4 Afternoon Teacher Job Openings. Please send resume' to stpaullearningcenter@gmail.com or call Jennifer Henry or Darlene Scanlon at 601-992-2876.

- **RCLA registration is now available online!**

- **Sept. 8th and Sept. 13th—Following Christ Sessions begin.** Space is still available. Register online now or call the office if you need assistance.

-**September 11th—PRE and Adult Ed classes will begin.**

***The Youth Group** will be having a Tailgate Party on Sunday, September 11th from 12:00-3:00 in the FLC. All grades 7th-12th are welcome! Come and enjoy the Saints game with your friends!

-**September 14th— Youth Group classes will begin.**

Stop by our bulletin board for more information on area events.

Saint Joseph Catholic School in Madison is looking for a full-time School Secretary. Please send your resume and a letter of interest to: Doug Jones, Principal at djones@stjoebruins.com. Deadline for applying is Monday, August 29.

September 9-11th — Lectio Divina Retreat at the Dwelling Place in Brooksville. Presented by Mary Louise Jones & Claudia Addison.

September 25th — 30th annual St. Joseph Catholic Church GermanFest from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m

New announcement: Join Catholic Charities at The Journey of Hope Luncheon, featuring guest speaker, legendary football coach and analyst for ESPN, **Lou Holtz** Wednesday, **October 5, 2016** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the Jackson Convention Complex.

Catholic Charities is also hosting a **Meet and Greet** sponsorship gathering Tuesday, **October 4, 2016** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Tickets for Tuesday evening are \$100 per person.

For more information on these events please visit www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org or call 601-355-8634.

What's going on at St. Paul?

Updated on 8/26/2016

Regularly Scheduled Events— No registration required unless indicated otherwise— All are welcome!

Sundays:

- 8:00 am: Mass
9:15 am: Religious Education classes (3 years—6th grade) **Please register online by Sept. 1st** (classes begin on Sept. 11th)
Adult Religious Ed Class in the Family Life Center rm 107— Grow in faith while your child does.
10:30 am: Mass (Children's Liturgy during mass for ages 2-5)
5:00 pm: Youth Band Practice in the gym (7th-12th grade welcome!)

Mondays:

- 7:30 am: Daily Mass (communion service during the month of August)
8am-12pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
* 7:00 pm: Lectio Divina Prayer Group (held in the Family Life Center)
*corrected time from last week's bulletin

Tuesdays:

- 7:30 am : Daily Mass (communion service during the month of August)
8am-12pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 am: Lectio Divina Prayer Group (held in the Parish Office Conference Room)
6:30 pm: RCIA (held in the Family Life Center— **begins on Sept. 27th** (register online by Sept. 1st)
7:00 pm: Following Christ Sessions begin on Sept. 13th for 7 weeks (register online by Sept. 1st)

Wednesdays:

- 10:00 am: Adult Book Study (held in the Family Life Center)
6:00 pm: Daily Mass (communion service during the month of August)
6:30-7:30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 pm: Youth Group— 7th -12th **Register online by Sept. 1st** (begins Sept. 14th with a meal, music, small groups, and religious education)

Thursdays:

- 7:30 am: Daily Mass (communion service during the month of August)
8am-12pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study (held in the Parish Office Conference Room)
7:00 pm: Following Christ Sessions begin on Sept. 8th for 7 weeks (register online by Sept. 1st)

Fridays:

- 7:30 am: Daily Mass (communion service during the month of August)
10:00 am: Bible Study Group (held in the Parish Office Conference Room— except First Friday)
8am-12pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays:

- 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm: Vigil Mass

*REGISTRATION IS OPEN ON OUR WEBSITE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.
WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE REGISTER NOW SO WE CAN PREPARE FOR OUR YEAR.
<http://saintpaulcatholicchurch.com/education/create>

Following Christ Sessions this fall:

*Thursdays 7-9 pm Sept 8-Oct 20
Saturday Retreat Oct. 8th*

*Tuesdays 7-9 pm Sept 13- Oct 25
Saturday Retreat Oct. 15th*

Register on our website or call the church office. Open to all who have completed one of the 7-week Series of Discovering Christ.

Monthly Scheduled Events

- Sundays:** 5:00 pm: Knights of Columbus: open to all men ages 18 & up, contact Grand Knight Chris Nix (or other Knights) to join. (First Sunday in the Family Life Center)
Mondays: 12:00 pm Noon-Time Women's Guild Contact Alice Thweatt or Mary Trepanier. (Fourth Monday beginning in September)
7:00 pm: Women's Guild: open to all women ages 18 & up. Contact Ann Jackson (no membership dues or requirements (Fourth Monday beginning in September)
Fridays: 10:00 am: Healing Mass and Senior Adult Brunch (First Friday of every month)
Saturdays: 4:45 pm: Pray the rosary with our US Armed Forces Ministry (1st Saturday in the chapel)

Church Office Hours: Tuesday — Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm /Friday 8am - 12pm (Closed Mondays)

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