

Highlights of The Mass

*Our Catholic Liturgy in the Sacrifice of the Mass is a beautiful, meaningful event.
Read below an explanation of the ritual so we may all have a deeper understanding of the Mass.*

INTRODUCTORY RITE & ENTRANCE SONG: We sing a song of praise to God together as community.

GREETING: The priest, lectors and altar servers process to the altar. The priest kisses the altar as a sign of the Eucharistic Sacrifice to be offered there. We all make the sign of the cross in the name of the Blessed Trinity as a reminder of our Baptism and that we belong to God.

PENITENTIAL RITE & GLORIA: At this time, we recall our sins and to repent of them in silence. We ask our Lord for His great Mercy. Then, we follow with the joyful prayer in the Gloria that praises our Trinitarian God.

OPENING PRAYER: Called the Collect because the priest leads the people in a collective prayer for us all. He begins with, "Let us pray." The people answer **Amen** in agreement. Amen means **I believe**.

WE NOW BEGIN THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS: We hear three readings proclaimed from the Bible:

- The First Reading is taken from the Old Testament and is followed by the singing of the Responsorial Psalm as a prayerful response to hearing God's Word.
- The Second Reading is from the New Testament, usually from one of Saint Paul's letters to give us encouragement.
- We now stand to hear the Third Reading, the Gospel, in reverence because these are the Words of Jesus. The Gospel Acclamation is sung joyfully and highlights one verse of the Gospel. The Gospel is preceded and followed by **Alleluia** which means **Praise God**. Since it represents Jesus, the priest or deacon elevates the Book of the Gospels before reading it and kisses the Book after proclaiming the Word.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: We recite The Creed which summarizes our belief in the mystery of our Trinitarian God. It is our faithful response to hearing God's Word.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: We seek God's help for our personal needs and our communal needs. This concludes the Liturgy of the Word.

WE NOW MOVE TO THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharist means **giving thanks**. We remember Jesus, His great sacrifice, and we come to the banquet table.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: God gives us gift of bread and wine, made with human hands. Members of our community bring those gifts to the altar as an offering to Jesus who humbled Himself to share in our humanity. He takes our gifts and they become the Body and Blood of Jesus during the Consecration. The water mingled with the wine symbolizes the mingling of Jesus and the Church as one.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: **The high point of the Mass** is this prayer of thanksgiving. We sing **Holy, Holy, Holy** which is taken from Isaiah 6:3. The priest places his hands over the bread and wine, the bells are rung, and the consecration begins changing them into The Body and Blood of Christ. **As Catholics, we take the words of Jesus literally when He said, "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you. Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me."** The priest raises the Body and Blood so we may all look and adore our Lord. After the consecration, the priest invites us all to proclaim this beautiful and wonderful mystery of faith.

COMMUNION RITE: To prepare for Communion, we all stand and pray the Lord's Prayer together. Next, the priest prays for peace and unity and invites everyone to offer a sign of peace to each other. The Bread is broken and distributed to represent the death of Christ and His sharing His Body with us all. We sing the **Lamb of God**.

CONCLUDING RITE: The Mass ends with a final blessing and we are sent forth to proclaim the Good News and live our lives reflecting that which we have just received. **AMEN!**

August 27, 2017

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of August 27 — September 1, 2017

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.: Howard Lee Davis & Mike Moeller(RIP)

8:00 am Sun: Wayne Kent (RIP)

10:30 am Sun.: Gula Guillory (RIP)

Prayer Requests — Special Intentions

Sylvia Stevens

Jim Pate

Chris Grillis, friend of Tim Corbitt

Prayer Requests — Repose of the Soul

Michael Cash Medders, grandson of Linda McKinion

Bernie Holman, brother of Al Holman

Bob Devillier, husband of Carol Devillier

Kathleen Vedder, mother of Lauranna Bennett

Marion DeVillie, uncle of Nanette Sanderson

Adoration This Week: Mon – Thurs 8:00 am – 12:00 pm; Fri 8:00 am – 10:00 am

(No Wednesday evening adoration during the summer months)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00pm or by appt.

New Announcements — Visit our website for more details.

- * Tickets are on sale to win a 4-night, 5 day stay in Perdido Key, Florida. Tickets are \$10 ea/3 for \$25. Proceeds go to the Early Learning Center. Winner will be announced at the Golf Tournament.
- * All are welcome to our Healing Mass — 10:00 am Friday, September 1, 2017
- * Religious Ed classes begin September 10th @ 9:15 am — Online registration is closing this week. Ages 3-6th grade meets in the Atriums. Adults meet in the Front Lounge — Adults will study C.S. Lewis' book, *Mere Christianity*.
- * Big Deal Youth Group begins September 13th @ 6-8:30 pm — 7th–12th grades. Online registration is closing this week.
- * Discovering Christ will begin September 12th @ 6:30 pm — Will be combined with the first movement of the RCIA class. Dinner & childcare included! Register online today! All are welcome.
- * Seminarian Education Brunch Fundraiser — 9:00 am Mass followed by Brunch Saturday, September 9, 2017 here at St. Paul Church. Catholic Extension is offering a \$25,000 match for dioceses who raise \$100,000. RSVP to Pam McFarland @ 601-960-8479 or email pam.mcfarland@jacksondiocese.org . Donations accepted if you cannot attend the brunch.

Reminders

- * US Armed Forces Ministry Rosary next weekend -Join us on Saturday, Sept. 2nd at 4:45 pm in the chapel to pray the rosary for our country and our military men and women. This group meets on the first Saturday of every month.
- * The Early Learning Center 4th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, Sept. 8th. Flyers are in the back of church to register your team or you may call the Early Learning Center @ 601-992-2876 for more information.
- * Religious Education Classes begin the weekend after Labor Day! Registration has been underway for over three weeks. We are now preparing our activities and class lessons for your children. **If you have not registered, please go to our website now so that we can adequately prepare for class sizes ahead of time.** The process is simple and will not take much of your time. Forms that need to be turned in are in the vestibule or can be printed from the website. We are excited about this upcoming year with your children!
- * Join the St. Paul Praise Choir. We are actively seeking new members, singers and instrumentalists, to join us and help us enhance our music ministry at 10:30 Mass. We have one of the largest choirs in the diocese! Come and share your talent as we sing God's praises and journey from Maintenance to Mission. Choir practice is held on Wednesday evening and is mandatory. Practices will begin on Wednesday, August 30th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. Childcare will be made available if there is sufficient interest. Anyone interested in sharing their talent, whether it is singing or playing an instrument, please contact Joseph Sabatini at 601-940-2812 or by email at sabo7983@gmail.com.
- * Children's Nursery for children up to age 2 is available during the 10:30 mass. Enter through the ELC cafeteria.



Altar Flowers & Financial Report

Altar Flowers

In memory of Alex McKee

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Blessed Mother Flowers

In memory of Gloria Mathews

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