

The following Top 10 list is compiled from the testimonies of our fellow parishioners who have completed the Discovering Christ Series.

discovering  
**Christ**  
a seven-week experience



ask.  
seek.  
knock.

now is the time

Thursdays  
6:30-9:00 pm  
begins March 30th

Saturday Retreat  
May 6th

Register online

## **TOP 10 REASONS TO REGISTER FOR DISCOVERING CHRIST**

- 1. To experience an encounter with Jesus Christ that leads to a personal relationship with Him.**
- 2. To discover the Purpose and Meaning of your life.**
- 3. To move beyond complacency and more fully live your Faith.**
- 4. To no longer walk alone in your Faith, and be a more active part of the Church community.**
- 5. To stop living in resentment of the circumstances of your life and rediscover the joy of life.**
- 6. To move into a space of forgiveness, forgiving yourself and others.**
- 7. To better understand the Holy Spirit and welcome the gifts of the Spirit into your life.**
- 8. To develop a more meaningful prayer life and better understand the importance of the Sacraments.**
- 9. To discover more spiritual resources and broaden your spiritual nourishment.**
- 10. To look at areas of weakness in your life, and explore ways to share God's word with others.**



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January 15, 2017  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Intentions

Week of January 16– January 22, 2017:

7:30 am Mon.: *People of the Parish*

7:30 am Tues.: *Nolen Hughes (RIP)*

6:00 pm Wed.: *People of the Parish*

7:30 am Thurs.: *Mary N. Hammond (RIP)*

7:30 am Fri.: *People of the Parish*

5:30 pm Sat.: *Peggy Holman (RIP)*

8:00 am Sun.: *Bill Carollo (RIP)*

10:30 am Sun.: *Rosie Morris (RIP)*

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

## New Announcements

Register now on our website for our next **Discovering Christ Session in March!** This is the first session of the ChristLife series.

**Women's Guild**– It's a new year and we are ready for you to join us! On **Monday Jan 23rd at 11:30 am The Daytime Women's Guild** will be meeting in the FLC to *make crafts for the upcoming Valentine celebration.* A light lunch will be served.

**At 7:00 pm-The Women's Guild** will be hosting a "*Souper*" *Bowl Bingo!* *Wear your favorite team apparel & join us for great fun, food and prizes!! We will be collecting coloring books, crayons, or puzzles to be donated to Magnolia Speech School!*

**Baptism Class– Feb. 5th @ 2pm** in the FLC for all parents needing to have a baptism in the next 4 months.

**PARENT WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN LITERACY AND EARLY LEARNING-** JENNIFER HENRY AND SUSAN IRBY -THURS. JAN. 19TH. 5:15-5:45P.M. FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
**KINDERGARTEN READINESS** - LEE PAMBIANCHI, PRINCIPAL, NORTHSORE ELEMENTARY THURS. JAN. 26TH -5:15-5:45 P.M. - FAMILY LIFE CENTER

**\*The Food Pantry Ministry** needs your contributions of non-perishable food in unbreakable family size packages. The food collections go alternately to the Stewpot Food Pantry and the South Rankin Food Resource Center. More information and suggestions can be found on our website. Please place items in the basket in the back of church.

*Altar flowers are donated by Susan Weldy in memory of Emily J. Newberry*



**The Chancery office of the Diocese of Jackson** is looking for someone to assist parishes and schools with their accounting and answer questions on all accounting and payroll related areas, as well as monitor the accounting of our parishes. All parishes use ParishSoft. For questions, please e-mail: [cathy.pendleton@jacksondiocese.org](mailto:cathy.pendleton@jacksondiocese.org) Please send your resume before January 24, 2017 to: Search Committee Temporal Affairs P.O. Box 2248 Jackson, MS 39225-2248

**Applications are now being accepted at Saint Joseph Catholic School for the 2017-2018 school year.** Registration begins Feb. 1, 2017 .

**SAVE the DATE:** "Jeans, Jazz and Bruin Blues," Saint Joseph Catholic School's 24th Annual Draw Down is set for February 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. To sponsor or purchase tickets, visit the Saint Joseph Catholic School website at [stjoebruins.com](http://stjoebruins.com) or call the school office at 601-898-4800.

**Save the Date:** Krewe de Cardinal Mardi Gras Carnival Ball- February 24, 2017 Old Capitol Inn Downtown Jackson 7:00 PM-11:00PM For sponsorship and ticket information please contact Chris Lombard [clombard@strichardschool.org](mailto:clombard@strichardschool.org)

## Prayer Intentions

Debbie Davis, friend of Ron Guillot  
Sharon Butcher, sister of Angela Phillips  
William Warren, father of Sharon Gordon

## Rest of the Soul

Grace Miller Carollo, aunt of William Carollo and Mandi Vowell  
Cindy Miller, daughter of Maxine Miller

**Adoration This Week:** *Monday—Friday 8 am- 12 pm;*  
*Wednesday 6:30 pm—7:30 pm*

## Reminders

### ◆ Faith Formation:

**-Sunday Religious Education and Adult Religious Education** will resume this Sunday, January 15th after the 8:00am mass. The Adult class will be starting a new study, The Jesus of Scripture by Fr. Donald Senior. All are welcome!

**\*Nursery and Children's Liturgy** available at the 10:30am mass. The Nursery is located in the Early Learning Center (enter through the cafeteria before mass). Children ages 2-5 will be called up during the mass for Children's Liturgy.

**\*Living Everyday with Passion & Purpose led by Matthew Kelly** will be in our area on March 11th. Our parish will have tickets available soon!

**Journey to Wholeness: In Divorce and Beyond—Jan. 20-22, 2017**

Facilitators: Larry Brown, LPC and Cori Brown Cater, LPC from Clarity Counseling in Starkville. Begins with 6:30 supper. Donation: \$200 For more information contact the Dwelling Place at 662-738-5348 or email us at [dwellpl@gmail.com](mailto:dwellpl@gmail.com)

**Saint Paul Drawdown:  
January 28, 2017  
Tickets are available after each mass!**

Weekly offering for Jan. 8th: \$18,517

**Thank You!**

I have enjoyed reading the emails and receiving input regarding “Rules of Engagement”  
Thank you for taking the time to reflect on this subject.

***“If you were the person charged with writing the “Rules of Engagement in Catholic Worship” what are some of the items/conventions you would address? Please write me your responses or send an email.”***

- Fr. Gerry



Fr. Gerry, In response to your question, I see only one rule: attentiveness. We should come to worship with the explicit purpose of being attentive to the words--the words of Holy Scripture, the words of the prayers, the words of the priest, and the words of the songs. If we attend to the words with a heart open to the wisdom He is offering, the guidance He is providing, and the mercy He is extending, we will be moved. Such attentiveness will block out or minimize the distractions of crying children, chatting friends, and casual clothing; such attentiveness will draw us closer to our Lord, making our experience very personal. It will allow the experience of the Eucharist to be all it is meant to be.

-Kim LaFontaine

Fr. Gerry,

You asked us to write some "Rules of Engagement" and I was intrigued. I have given it some thought and here is a little piece of my Faith experience. I've been a rule follower all my life. For my childhood years, college and many years of my adult life, I did everything the way I was taught--to the letter. I genuflected every time I entered a pew. I always prayed on my knees, eyes closed, head bowed and in complete silence. I said all the prayers I had memorized from childhood. I attended Mass every Sunday, singing, praying, responding, and receiving Christ in the Eucharist. I went to Confession monthly and volunteered regularly. Those were the rules. Church for me was not about engagement. I did not go to church to meet new people. I did not go to listen to God or to encounter Christ in a personal way.

In recent years, I have realized that my Faith and the way I worship are less about the rules and more about relationship. Now, my favorite way to pray is seated, head up, mind cleared, and heart open to hear, feel, listen, and know God intimately as Father, Son & Spirit. That does not necessarily follow the old rules as I understood them.

People have come and gone from my life. Some I miss greatly, others not so much. But, I see the value in engagement with others at Mass. To engage means to become involved with another. When I am folded inside of myself and I go to Mass without engaging and interacting with someone else, I leave feeling pretty much the same way I entered-- sad and lonely. But, when I make eye contact with someone else, exchange a smile, a hug, a hello, it makes all the difference in the world. It makes a difference for me and for the other person. It is being Christ-like. He is part of each and every person. Engaging with the persons sitting near me is part of the Mass experience. Make eye contact. Exchange a smile. Give a hug and a hello!

We all have influence on those around us, whether we mean to or not. So, when I am anywhere (but especially when I am at Church) I can spread joy or I can spread sadness, I can spread kindness or bitterness, excitement or boredom, reverence or disregard, positivity or negativity.....and others can do the same for me!

- Anonymous

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