

Leadership



Our word for the month of November is **Leadership**. How appropriate that it falls that way! We have just completed the Following Christ series for both the Tuesday night and Thursday night cohorts. We have completed the Ministry Fair and have a lot of people signed up for each ministry.

Now comes the **LEADERSHIP!** Here is your opportunity to excel. You have accepted a personal responsibility to be a minister in your parish for at least the next two years. You may renew again at that time, if you so choose, but I wish to just focus on the 2 year commitment you have entered into for now.

During my six years here, I have had the opportunity to experience outstanding ministry by many, and careless and negligent ministry by others. Some have taken their ministry very seriously and carefully, and have responsibly attempted to carry out that ministry to the very best of their ability. That has been instrumental in moving our parish forward and creating an environment where things tend to function much better and more effectively. Others have not been responsible in the ministry they have undertaken and have not been diligent in carrying out the commitment they have made both to the church and to their fellow ministers. Some have failed to show up to serve when assigned to do so and have not taken the time or made the effort to find a replacement as was agreed when they signed up. That would be a little like me sending an email to all of the priests in the diocese saying, *'I can't be at St. Paul on this particular weekend, would one of you please take my place?'* That is not finding my own replacement. I, like you, am committed to finding my own replacement if I have to be away. It has got to be a specific person to take my place. There is always a possibility that something could come up at the last minute and you/I may not be able to take care of our responsibility. This is when we let someone know immediately and attempt to make an alternate plan, or ask the other to try and make a workable plan.

In a great number of our Catholic Churches, we have provided a forum for bad practices to flourish. I think it has grown out of a general attitude in the church community whereby we begin to believe that it doesn't really matter, or it's really not that important. That kind of Malaise has been alive and well in the church for too long. It is time for us to take our business, our responsibility, seriously. After all, we are passing on our church, our faith, our practices to an upcoming generation.

**Let us change the Perception!
Why not pass on a living church, a living faith, a living witness?!**

I believe through our many programs, and especially through ChristLife we have grown to a point where we can really be the Leaders He is calling us to be. A very Fundamental Point that we have made to **all** who minister around the Table of the Lord is: *"No Chewing Gum Please!"* I like to chew gum as much as anybody, but I am certain that it would be most inappropriate for me to be doing so during Mass. It is a casual activity and if we believe in the Eucharist as we profess we do, and seek to grow in our faith every time we 'Do this in memory of Him', then that is by no means a casual experience!

Now is the time for us to take the next step in **LEADERSHIP!**

- Fr. Gerry



**November 6, 2016
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass Intentions

Week of: Nov. 7— Nov. 13, 2016

7:30 am Mon.: Rodney Buentello (RIP)

7:30 am Tues.: Norman Nelson (RIP)

6:00 pm Wed.: Geneva Watts (RIP)

7:30 am Thurs.: Iris Scheider (RIP)

7:30 am Fri.: Tom Harris Sr. (RIP)

5:30 pm Sat.: Kathryn Turner (RIP)

8:00 am Sunday: JoAnn Guillot (RIP)

10:30 am Sunday: Kenneth Mitchell RIP)

Adoration This Week: Monday-Friday: 8am-12pm
Wed. 6:30 pm-7:30pm



Prayer Intentions

Mary Trepanier Ron Muffuletto
Juan Carlos Ochoa, cousin of Claudia Richwine
Katherine Jenkins, mother of Donna O'Brien
Pam Smith, sister-in-law of Gwen Massey
Mike Hehir, brother of Eileen Lawson
Jennifer Chastant, daughter of Earl & Ann Chastant
Breland Poole Sr., father of Breland Poole
Karen Roussel, sister of Breland Poole
Abbie Kunneman, young friend of David & Melinda Cannon

Repose of the Soul

Teresa Beckham, sister of Lalande Harkins
Allen Book, friend of Eddie Borne
Edna Mangialardi, mother of David Mangialardi
John Crain, cousin of Iris Harrison
Charles Guillard, friend of Melinda Cannon



New Announcements

Nursery begins this Sunday at 10:30 mass for ages infant to 2 years old in the creeper room. Enter through the Early Learning Center kitchen.

Children's Liturgy for children ages 2-5. Children will be called up during the 10:30 mass to go to the Atrium.

*Our Mass of Remembrance will be on November 17th at 6pm. Letters have been mailed to you if you lost a loved one this past year. Please let us know if you will be attending the dinner by THIS Thursday, Nov. 10th!

*Join The Big Deal Youth Group THIS MONDAY at Five Guys in Flowood from 4:00pm to 10:00 pm. 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the Palmer Home for Children! Come out and help our Youth meet their goal!



MAKE-UP MINISTRY TRAINING will be held on Dec. 4th at 2pm

Weekly offering for October 23rd: \$14,973

Thank You!

Reminders



The Big Deal Youth Group Ski Trip sign up has begun! \$100 deposit is due by Wednesday night, Nov. 16th. See Cory on Wed. night for more details.

*St. Paul Women's Guild Craft Fair -NEXT WEEKEND!! Nov. 12th 12:00pm to 7:00 pm & Nov. 13th 9:00am- 1:00pm. Come and get ready for the Holiday Season! Pictures with Santa, raffle and silent auction, and complimentary food and beverages.



September 28 - November 6, 2016



Altar flowers are donated by Julie Barry in memory of Albert Waguespack.
Blessed Mother flowers are donated by Alice Mitchell in memory of Kenneth Mitchell.

Church Office Hours: Tuesday — Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm /Friday 8am - 12pm
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**BULLETIN: Information must be submitted in writing by note or email to the parish office no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesdays for the following weekend. When sending an email, please put "BULLETIN" in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation!

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 6-12, 2016

BY THE NUMBERS

Catholic Vocations in the U.S.

The estimated 68 million Catholics in America make up less than 6 percent of the 1.2 billion Catholics in the world. Nonetheless, we have the fourth largest Catholic population of any country. As we enter Vocation Awareness Week (Nov 6-12), here are a few pertinent stats:

- ◆ Annually, more than 500 men are ordained priests in the U.S., a number which is rising slightly.
- ◆ There are about 154,000 Catholic weddings each year, though that figure is dropping.
- ◆ There are currently about 48,000 religious sisters, but the average age is 75.
- ◆ In 2015, 760,000 infants and children were baptized.

When it comes to vocations, how are we doing compared to other countries? As they say on the farm, "fair to middlin." We are far behind the vocation booms in India, Poland, and Africa. But compared to Europe and Canada, the U.S. Church is doing pretty well. And we have reason to be hopeful for the future. Various Catholic youth movements are growing stronger, and many organizations are urging a "culture of discernment."

In this political season, as we're reminded that "all politics is local," we should remember all vocations come from regular families, parishes, and schools— even from your own family!

Vianney Vocations

For more resources go to www.vianneyvocations.com

Let us continue to pray for all our religious men and women, that God will:

- Help them to serve others as generously and graciously as Jesus did.*
- *Fill them with the grace of the Holy Spirit to serve Him faithfully and lead their flock to shepherd the people He chooses to place in their path.*
- *Inspire teaching that will draw people closer to Christ and to one another.*
- *Deepen your love for the Eucharist and love for the Church.*
- *Make you strong in faith, joyful in hope, and fervent in love.*



We Believe in You. We Support You. We Pray for You.

Saint Joseph Catholic School's Open House is Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m. This is a student-inspired, performance-filled showcase. Incredible art, academics, theater, music and athletics - not to mention that one-of-a-kind spirit which makes Saint Joseph the exceptional place that it is. See for yourself the bright, shining soul of Saint Joseph. For more information, please contact Kristi Garrard, Director of Enrollment, 601-898-4812.

Catholic Diocese of Jackson Positions Available

Employee Benefits Coordinator. Administers diocesan employee benefit program including group insurance - medical, dental, vision, various voluntary coverages, life and disability - along with its accounting. Position also includes two pension plans, Affordable Care Act reporting, and HIPAA compliance. Requires 2-4 years experience in benefits or related benefits administration, effective communication skills, experience in Word, Excel and database programs, detail oriented, confidentiality. Send resume to PO Box 2248, Jackson, MS 39225-2248.

Creative Services Coordinator. Responsible for maintaining websites for the diocese as well as the design and production management of all internal and external communications. This includes design and layout for Mississippi Catholic newspaper. Requires 3-5 years of experience in graphic design and website production or maintenance, deadline and detail-oriented and have expertise with Adobe Creative Suite, WordPress and advanced knowledge of social media platforms and strategies. Send resumes and samples to editor@mississippicatholic.com by Friday, Nov. 4.

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