

### Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:00 am  
Tue-Sat: 7:00 am  
Holy days: 6:00 pm  
Youth Service: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Novena: Friday (on hold)

### Sacraments by Appointment

Reconciliation: Sunday appointment  
Infant Baptisms & Marriages:  
Contact the Parish Office for further instructions

### Bulletin Deadline

Noon Thursday or  
48 hours prior to a holiday. Submit  
emails to Mrs. Janice Carstaffnur  
[ivyjan97@gmail.com](mailto:ivyjan97@gmail.com), or phone  
Fr. Joseph at 601.636.0115

### Parish Center Rental

Mr. John Ferguson 601.638.6647

RCIA Contact Parish Office

### Parish Website

[www.stmaryvicksburg.weebly.com](http://www.stmaryvicksburg.weebly.com)

### Organizations & Ministries

#### Liturgical Ministers &

#### Altar Servers:

Mrs. Virginia Brown,  
Coordinator

#### Religious Education:

Dr. Josephine Calloway,  
Director

#### Perpetual Help Sodality:

Mrs. Deborah Potts,  
President

#### Men's Club:

Mr. Benny Terrell,  
President

#### Pastoral Council:

Mr. James Anderson,  
President

#### Choir:

Mrs. Cynthia Sims, President  
Mrs. Shirley Harris, Musician  
Rehearsal-Wed, 6:00 pm

#### Ministry to the Sick:

Contact the Parish Office  
601.636.0115

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Established 1906

1512 Main Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

601-636-0115

Fr. Joseph Chau Nguyen, SVD, Pastor



Third Sunday of Lent  
March 12, 2023

## Monthly Meetings

**Rosary** - Each Sunday at 8:30 am

**Ladies Sodality** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday following Mass

**Men's Club** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday following Mass

**Pastoral Council** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm

**Young Adults Group** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday following Mass

## Message from the Pastor

Thanks to all those at Saint Mary's Parish who have generously responded to the annual Catholic Service Appeal. The Catholic Service Appeal provides a unique opportunity to share your blessings with others. We ask those who have not sent in pledges to please consider a gift. Each of us is called to respond in faith, knowing and trusting that God recognizes our willingness to live out the message of the Gospel.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dispensation:** Bishop Kopacz grants dispensation from Lenten meat abstinence on St. Patrick's Day, Friday March 17, provided another Lenten penance is substituted.

**CRS Rice Bowl:** Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in dioceses throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Rice Bowls are available in the rear of the church.

**Stations of the Cross:** 6:00pm every Friday in the church during the Lenten season.

**Congratulations** to our youth, Crystal Slaughter, Ke'Asia Slaughter, DeMarques Flowers and Erin Watson, and religious director, Dr. Josephine Calloway, who attended the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference, March 3-5.

**Donations for St. Mary's Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** Please support our annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 9, by donating individually wrapped candy or monetary donations to Darlene Jackson or Deborah Potts thru April 7.

## What is Lent

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22) and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday (April 6). It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season.

Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

*(Courtesy of [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))*



## Prayer for Our Sick & Shut-In

Mrs. Rose Anderson, Mr. Darryl Antwine, Mr. Joseph Bingham, Mrs. Paula Boyd, Mrs. Mary Branciere, Mrs. Hazel Brown, Mrs. Virginia Brown, Mrs. Lillie Carstafhnur, Ms. Kymmeria Chambers, Fr. Francis Damoah, Mrs. Geraldine Dickerson, Capt William Timothy Franklin (Retd), Ms. Joyce Gordan, Ms. Katherine Grant, Mrs. Shirley Harris, Mrs. Edna Harrison, Mr. Harrison Havard, Jr., Mr. Abron Allen Haymond, Mr. George Haynes Sr., Mr. George Haynes Jr., Dr. Patrick Igbokwe, Mrs. Veronica Igbokwe, Mrs. Bonnie James, Mr. Dedrick Johnson, Infant Jericho Johnson, Mrs. Irene Maxey, Mrs. Emma Lee Maxwell, Mr. Lawrence Minor, Mrs. Lillie Minor, Mrs. Debra Patrick, Mrs. Christine Phillip, Mrs. Dorothy Pickett, Mr. Archie Plump, Mrs. Della Savage, Mr. Carl Sims, Sr., Mrs. Cynthia Sims, Mr. Howard Smith, Ms. Debra Straughter, Mrs. Ola Mae Taylor, Ms. Patricia Taylor, Col BennyTerrell (Retd), Ms. Freddie Thompson, Mr. Gary Williams, Mrs. Helena Williams, Mrs. Philomena Zelasko.

### Donations for March 5:

\$4,339.00

### Offering Counters for March 12

Carlotta Ferguson, Mary Helen Franklin, Ruby Hunter

### Offering Counters for March 19

Chris Slaughter, Patricia Clyde

We thank you for your continued financial support.



**March 14:** 6:30pm - Rosary 7:00pm - St. Patrick's Day Social.

All families are invited to attend.

**March 17:** KC Lenten Fish Fry from 5:30pm until 7:00 pm. Cost is \$15 per plate.

Dine in or carry out. Ladies Auxiliary will have a bake sale.

**April 2:** There will **not** be a Corporate Communion in April.

**April 6:** No Trivia Night due to Holy Week. Will resume in May.

**April 13:** Ladies Auxiliary Meeting. All ladies of the parish invited

Reading *the* Word  
of **GOD**

## Daily Mass Readings

March 13-18, 2023

Monday, March 13	Second Kings 5:1-15 • R/; Psalms 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 • Luke 4:24-30 •
Tuesday, March 14	Daniel 3:25, 34-43 • R/; Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 • Matthew 18:21-35 •
Wednesday, March 15	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 • R/; Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 • Matthew 5:17-19 •
Thursday, March 16	Jeremiah 7:23-28 • R/; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 • Luke 11:14-23 •
Friday, March 17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	Hosea 14:2-10 • R/; Psalms 81:6-8, 8-9, 10-11, 14, 17 • Mark 12:28-34 •
Saturday, March 18	Hosea 6:1-6 • R/; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab • Luke 18:9-14 •

### Saints and Special Observances:

Friday: St. Patrick, Bishop (Optional)

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Optional)

# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Mass Date	March 12 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	March 12 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
<b>Commentator</b>	Chris Slaughter	Chris Slaughter
<b>Lector</b>	Tommy Mondragon	Benny Terrell
<b>Ushers</b>	La'Marcus Martin Erin Watson	Crystal Slaughter Mykala Slaughter
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Group 2	Group 1
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Stephanie Sturgis	Philomena Zelasko
<b>Eucharistic Minister Choir</b>	Carlotta Ferguson	Stephanie Sturgis
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Mary Helen Franklin Deborah Potts	Miracle Flowers Erianna Gibbs

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in the celebration of the Sunday and weekday Masses.

# *Happy Birthday*

March 12	Leon Plump, Sr.+ Leon Williams, Jr.+
March 13	Gloria Clyde
March 14	Sharon Brown McBride Jaylen Whitaker
March 15	Allyese Brown Davis Lillian Ray James "Pat" Donovan+\
March 17	Liam Ferguson Charlie Bell+ Milton J. Grant, II+
March 18	Denise Epps Rachel Maxey

Happy Birthday  
We pray that God blesses each of you and wraps  
His mighty arms of protection around you on your extra  
special day and forever.