

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:00 am
 Tue-Sat: 7:00 am
 Holy days: 6:00 pm
 Youth Service: 4th 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, 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

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

Monthly Meetings

Rosary - Each Sunday at 8:30 am

Ladies Sodality - 1st Sunday following Mass

Men's Club - 2nd Sunday following Mass

Pastoral Council - 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Young Adults Group - 3rd Sunday following Mass

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Established 1906

1512 Main Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183

601-636-0115

Fr. Joseph Chau Nguyen, SVD, Pastor



**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
 whoever follows me will have the light of
 life. John 8:12**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
 March 19, 2023**

Message from the Pastor

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Perpetual Help Sodality: We ask that all members please remember to dress in their white/blue on Palm Sunday and every first Sunday of each month. We also invite everyone to join us each Sunday at 8:30 to pray the rosary.

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.

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)



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 12:

\$2,865.00

Offering Counters for March 19

Chris Slaughter, Patricia Clyde

Offering Counters for March 26

Benny Terrell, Coleen Nash

We thank you for your continued financial support.

Reading *the* Word
of **GOD**

Daily Mass Readings

March 20-25, 2023

Monday, March 20	Isaiah 65:17-21 • R/; Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-13• John 4:43-54•
Tuesday, March 21	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12• R/;Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9• John 5:1-3, 5-16•
Wednesday, March 22	Isaiah 49:8-15• R/; Psalms 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18• John 5:17-30•
Thursday, March 23	Exodus 32:7-14• R/; Psalms 106:19-20, 21-22, 23• John 5:31-47•
Friday, March 24	Wisdom 2:1, 12-22• R/; Psalms 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23• John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30•
Saturday, March 25	Isaiah 7:10-14• R/; Psalms 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11• Luke 1:26-38•



March 21: 6:30pm-Rosary 7:00pm-4th degree 7:30pm-Corporate Mtg

March 24: KC Lenten Fish Fry from 5:30-7:00pm. \$15 per plate

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

April 2: There will be NO 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

Saints and Special Observances:

Monday: St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogroveo, Bishop

Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Mass Date	March 19 4th Sunday of Lent	March 26 5th Sunday of Lent
Commentator	Chris Slaughter	Erin Watson
Lector	Benny Terrell	De'Marques Flowers
Ushers	Crystal Slaughter Mykala Slaughter	KeAsia Slaughter Miracle Flowers
Altar Servers	Group 1	Group 2
Eucharistic Minister	Philomena Zelasko	Virginia Brown
Eucharistic Minister Choir	Stephanie Stirgus	JD Brown
Gift Bearers	Miracle Flowers Erianna Gibbs	Mary Helen Franklin Deborah Potts

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

Happy Birthday

March 20	Jeffrey A. Antwine Minnie Richardson+
March 21	Kenechi Ezekwe
March 22	Deborah Sanders
March 23	Percy P. Gooden+
March 24	Cornelius Antwine, Jr. Dominique M. Brown
March 25	John Hunter, Jr.

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.