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 Carstafhnur 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

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Fr. Joseph Chau Nguyen, SVD, Pastor

On the second Sunday in Advent the "Peace" candle is lit

December 4, 2022

Message from the Pastor

The Christmas Eve Mass will be held Saturday, December 24 at 6:30 pm. Christmas caroling will begin at 6:00pm.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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2023 Church Calendars are available following mass. Please pick up your copy, one per family at this time.

St. Mary's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 11, immediately following Mass in the parish center. The church is providing the entrée, we ask that you bring side dishes (casseroles, salads, vegetables and desserts), or beverages (sodas and tea). There is a sign up list on the bulletin board in the rear of the church. Come join us for a special Christmas. POC: Deborah Potts, Carolyn Bingham or Janice Carstafhnur for additional details or monetary donations.

Heartfelt Thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas decorations. Those who helped with the heavy lifting and putting up decorations in the church for the beginning of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Everyone did a wonderful job.

Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony photo will be published in the December 9th printed edition of the Mississippi Catholic.

Condolences to the Vitalis Iheanacho family on the loss of their loved one, Mr. Celestine Iheanacho (older brother) who died in Nigeria recently. Please remember the family in your prayers during this time of sorrow. May he find peace in eternal rest in paradise.

The Season of Advent

The word advent itself comes from the Latin word "adventus" meaning "arrival." We prepare for the arrival of Christ. As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness. A white candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to symbolize that Jesus is with us. This can be referred to as the "Christ candle." Each of the candles lit before Christmas represent an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The Catholic church adopted this tradition during the Middle Ages, as a way to prepare the hearts and minds for Christmas. The shape of the wreath, with no beginning or end, reflects the complete and endless love that Jesus has for us. During the Advent season, we eagerly anticipate his coming and the promise of eternal life in heaven with him.

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Prayer for Our Sick & Shut-In

Mrs. Rose Anderson, 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. (Ret) William Timothy Franklin, Ms. Katherine Grant, Mrs. Shirley Harris, Mrs. Edna Harrison, Mr. Harrison Havard, Jr., Mr. Abron Allen Haymond, Mr. George Haynes, 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, 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 ® Benny Terrell, Ms. Freddie Thompson, Mr. Gary Williams, Mrs. Philomena Zelasko.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

December 4: 9:00 am Mass @ St. Edward, Tallulah, LA - Corporate Communion. All KC Families are invited to attend. Refreshments served.
December 6: 6:30 pm –Rosary 7:00 pm Business Meeting.
December 8: Ladies Auxiliary -Winter Social at Cocktails 101. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend
December 10: Annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Deadline. Contest is open to all young people between the ages of 5 and 14. Rules and entry form can be found on the KC website www.mskofc.com/898. For more information check KC website: www.ms-kofc.com/898 or KC Facebook page https://facebook.com/kc898.

Reading the Word of GOD

Daily Mass Readings
December 5-10, 2022

Monday, December 5	Isaiah 35: 1-10• R/: Psalms 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14• Luke 5: 17-26•
Tuesday, December 6	Isaiah 40: 1-11• R/: Psalms 96: 1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13• Matthew 18: 12-14•
Wednesday, December 7	Isaiah 40: 25-31• R/: Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10• Matthew 11: 28-30•
Thursday, December 8 *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*	Genesis 3: 9-15, 20• R/: Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4• Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12• Alleluia: Luke 1: 28• Luke 1: 26-38•
Friday, December 9	Isaiah 48: 17-19• R/: Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6• Matthew 11: 16-19•
Saturday, December 10	Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11• R/: Psalms 80: 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 • Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13•

Saints and Special Observations

Monday: Advent Weekday
Tuesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop (Optional Memorial)
Wednesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)
Thursday: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Friday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Saturday: Our Lady of Loreto (Optional)

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Mass Date	December 4	December 11
Commentator	Carlotta Ferguson	Chris Slaughter
Lector	Joyce Gordon	Benny Terrell
Ushers	Darlene Jackson Mary Helen Franklin	John Ferguson George Haynes
Altar Servers	Group 1	Group 2
Eucharistic Minister	Carlotta Ferguson	Stephanie Stirgus
Eucharistic Minister Choir	Stephanie Stirgus	Virginia Brown
Gift Bearers	Carolyn Bingham Deborah Potts	George Haynes Benny Terrell

Happy Birthday

December 4	Rashad Sanders Patrick Igbokwe, Jr. Eva Evans Manetha Boykins+
December 5	Nathaniel Barnes, Sr.+
December 6	Joseph Zelasko+
December 7	Ethel B. (Bonnie) James Helena Williams
December 8	Ashley Nash Chandra Cole Winters Cynthia Maxey Jones

Collection Total for November 27: $2,698.00

Collection Counters for December 4;

Cynthia Sims, Rick Caldwell, Darlene Jackson

Collection Counters for December 11;

Carlotta Ferguson, Ruby Hunter, Mary Helen Franklin

We thank you for your continued financial support.