

### 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



Second Sunday of Lent  
March 5, 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

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

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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.

**Spring Ahead:** Remember Daylight Savings Times begins, Sunday, March 12.



# 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 February 26:

\$1,798.00

Black & Indian Mission: \$168.00

### Offering Counters for March 5

Darlene Jackson, Cynthia Sims, Rick Caldwell

### Offering Counters for March 12

Carlotta Ferguson, Mary Helen Franklin, Ruby Hunter

We thank you for your continued financial support.

Reading *the* Word  
of **GOD**

## Daily Mass Readings

March 6-11, 2023

Monday, March 6	Daniel 9:4b-10 • R/; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11&13 • Luke 6:36-38 •
Tuesday, March 7	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 • R/; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21&23 • Matthew 23:1-12 •
Wednesday, March 8	Jeremiah 18:18-20 • R/; Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 • Matthew 20:17-28 •
Thursday, March 9	Jeremiah 17:5-10 • R/:5a; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4&6 • Luke 16:19-31 •
Friday, March 10	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a • R/; Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 • Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 •
Saturday, March 11	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 • R/; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 • Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 •



**March 5:** 9:00am – Mass at St. Mary’s – Corporate Communion  
All KC families are invited to attend.

**March 7:** 6:30pm – Rosary : 7:00pm – Business meeting

**March 9:** Ladies Auxiliary Meeting. All ladies of the parish invited.

**March 10:** 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.

### Saints and Special Observances:

Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs (Optional)

Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious (Optional)

Thursday: St. Francis of Rome, Religious (Optional)

# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Mass Date	March 5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	March 12 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
Commentator	Ruthie McCoy	Chris Slaughter
Lector	Joyce Gordon	Tommy Mondragon
Ushers	Harley Caldwell Darlene Jackson	La'Marcus Martin Erin Watson
Altar Servers	Group 1	Group 2
Eucharistic Minister	Philomena Zelasko	Stephanie Sturgis
Eucharistic Minister Choir	Carlotta Ferguson	Carlotta Ferguson
Gift Bearers	Cedric Evans Benny Terrell	Mary Helen Franklin Deborah Potts

# *Happy Birthday*

March 5	Janice Carstafhnur Danny Jones
March 6	Malcolm Grant, Jr.
March 8	Sirobe` Carstafhnur
March 10	Sammie Gooden+
March 11	Cedric & LaJuana Slaughter (A)

Please inform us if we miss your birthday or anniversary in the weekly bulletin. Provide name(s) and date(s) in writing to Father Jospeh or Janice Carstafhnur. All new members are welcome to submit their information for the family.