

THE BASILICA of SAINT MARY

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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Office Hours

Mon & Fri · 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Tue-Thu · 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: Sat · 8:00 AM (Mass of the Day)
Sat · 5:00 PM (Anticipated Mass)
Sun · 10:00 AM (Solemn Mass)
Mon · 7:00 AM
Tue-Fri · 12:05 PM

Confessions: Tue-Fri · 11:30-11:55 AM
Sat · 4:15-4:55 PM
First Saturday of the Month · 7:30-7:55 AM

Adoration: Tue · 12:30-5:30 PM

Benediction: Tue · 5:20 PM



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 22 and 23, 2025

*O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.
—Ps 13: 6*

Anticipated Mass
March 1, 2025
5:00 p.m. Saturday
St. Mary Basilica

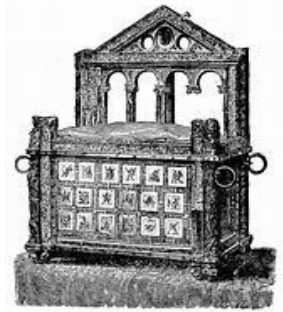
Lectors:	Ryan Wingfield, Susan Marlow
Eucharistic Ministers:	Beth Richard, Allen Richard
Greeters:	Janet Aubic, Karen Blain
Ushers:	Ryan Wingfield, Charles Garrity, Philip Zuccaro, Kot Morris
Altar Servers:	Jack Aubic, John Zachary Wingfield
Sacristan:	Ryan Wingfield

Solemn Mass
March 2, 2025
10:00 a.m. Sunday
St. Mary Basilica

Lectors:	Sabrina Dore, Mary Jane Gaudet
Eucharistic Ministers:	Lynda Simonton, Gabe Cassagne
Greeters:	Joan David, Melissa Vaughan
Ushers:	Joey Gunning, Dallas Morris, Peter Burns, Darren Cowart
Altar Servers:	To be assigned by Father Aaron
Sacristan:	Joey Gunning

PASTOR'S CORNER by **Father Aaron Williams**

On February 22, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Chair of St. Peter**. It brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra* and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.



The Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has been celebrated from the early days of the Christian era on January 18, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, on February 22. At each place a chair (*cathedra*) was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. One of the chairs is referred to about 600 by an Abbot Johannes who had been commissioned by Pope Gregory the Great to collect in oil from the lamps which burned at the graves of the Roman martyrs.

ALTAR WORKERS

February 28: Gigi Johnson

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 1: Judy Bartley

ST. MARY BASILICA

PARISH INCOME February 15/16, 2025

Weekly Envelopes:	Weekly amount anticipated to meet budget	Amount received last weekend
Loose Contributions:	\$14,521.83	\$9,672.00 (71)
	\$423.08	\$563.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION: .



ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M. CATHOLIC CHURCH

Very Rev. Aaron M. Williams
Pastor

10 Morgantown Road
Natchez, Mississippi 39120
601.445.5616

Sunday Mass • 8:00 AM
Confession • 7:30 AM

Mass
March 2, 2025
8:00 a.m. Sunday
Assumption BVM

Lector: Sarah Atkins
Eucharistic Minister: Carolyn Verucchi
Head Usher: Bobby Smith
Altar Server(s): Benedict Udemgba
Sacristan for March: Lorraine Arnold

ASSUMPTION BVM
PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND
Sunday, February 16, 2025
Special Collection:

\$1,367.00

March Money Counters: Freddie Sandel
Bobby Smith

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK ST. MARY BASILICA / ASSUMPTION BVM

MONDAY, February 24

- 7:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Line Dancing, FLC Youth Wing
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Workshop, FLC Youth Wing
- 6:00 p.m. Parental Baptism Preparation Class, FLC

TUESDAY, February 25

- Continuing Education Workshop for Priests, Madison
- 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi, FLC
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions / -12:05 p.m. Daily Mass
- 12:35-5:30 p.m. Adoration, Basilica
- 6:00 p.m. National Football Scholarship Banquet, FLC

WEDNESDAY, February 26

- Continuing Education Workshop for Priests, Madison
- 8:00 a.m. School Mass, Basilica
- 11:30 a.m. Rosary
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions / -12:05 p.m. Daily Mass
- 4:00-5:15 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, STH

THURSDAY, February 27

- 11:30 a.m. Confessions / -12:05 p.m. Daily Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Becoming Catholic, Youth Wing FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class A (8-9th Grades), FLC

FRIDAY, February 28

- 8:30 a.m. Assumption Bible Study, Tuite Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions / -12:05 p.m. Daily Mass

SATURDAY, March 1 Staples Food Drive

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 4:15-4:55 p.m. Confessions
- 5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass, Basilica

SUNDAY, March 2 Staples Food Drive

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary, Assumption Church
- 7:30/8:00 a.m. Confessions / Rosary / Mass, Assumption / Coffee & Donuts, Tuite Hall
- 8:15 a.m. St. Mary Adult Bible Study, FLC
- 10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass, Basilica
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. Healing Hands, FLC
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers, Basilica



Assumption BVM and St. Mary Parishioners, please contact the church office if your birthday is not listed. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

February 23

Larry Tate
Pokey O'Beirne
Preston Edwards
Colin Gibson

February 24

Dottie Kenda
Hannah Lofton
Jordan Stubbs



February 25

Lisa McKnight
Connor Mire
John Kennon
Erica Chisholm
Laura Smith
Maria-Theresia Ragan

February 26

Mimi Puddister
Lance Gaude

February 27

Johana Escamillia



February 28

Douglas Brantley
Craig Beesley

March 1

Linda Bailey
Ann Tillman
Joseph Frank

Save the Date:
Friday, May 2, 2025
For The Cathedral Catholic School's
Crawfish Countdown!



Let the good times boil

More Information to follow.

Abstinence: Catholics abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025), Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. Abstinence binds all Catholic age 14 years and older.



Fast: Catholics fast (eating only one full meal) on Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025) and Good Friday (April 18, 2025). Catholics 18-59 years old are bound by this obligation.

Everyone outside the obligatory ages for Fasting and Abstinence is still encouraged to join in on the fun of fasting and abstaining from meat throughout the Lenten season.



The Stations of the Cross is a prayer service consisting of a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers.

During Lent, St. Mary Basilica will pray the Stations of the Cross on **Fridays at 5:15 p.m.**

Assumption will pray the Stations of the Cross on **Fridays at 5:30 p.m.**

LENTEN RICE BOWLS



Join our parish community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life changing Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services *Rice Bowl*. Drop all extra change/money in your *Rice Bowl* throughout Lent and return the filled container to the church during Holy Week. Remember, your Lenten sacrifice changes lives.

Pick up your family's *Rice Bowl* from the tables by all three doors of the Basilica or from the glass counter in the back of Assumption Church. We have a limited supply, so get your *Rice Bowl* before they are all gone.

***Rice Bowls* will be available beginning mid-week by the doors of both churches. This is a great Lenten family activity. Please participate.**

LITTLE BLACK BOOK FOR LENT

The reflection booklets for Lent, referred to as the *Little Black Books*, will be available at the doors of St. Mary Basilica or on the glass counter in the back of Assumption BVM Church beginning mid-week. This book provides a guide for those who like a format to lead their thoughts and reflections for Lent.

There is no cost (donations accepted—drop in black shrine in vestibule of Basilica or in the basket at Assumption). Please be sure to get your copy for Lent before they are gone.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



Beginning Friday, March 7, 2025, the Knights of Columbus is holding its annual Lenten Fish Fry each Friday of Lent from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. NOTE: NO fish fry

on Good Friday. You may eat in or take your meal to go if you prefer.

Catfish dinners	Shrimp dinners	Combo dinners
\$12	\$12	\$14

Dinners include: Fries, Hush Puppies and Coleslaw

- For Grilled Catfish, please call 30 minutes ahead:
Darren 601-597-2890 Joe 601-431-7744
- No Children's Plates



On Ash Wednesday, **March 5, 2025**, we begin Lent, a season that lasts until Easter. The obligation on Ash Wednesday is abstaining from meat and fasting, which means only one full meal through the day. You can also have two smaller meals for keeping up strength, but those two meals combined must still be smaller than the full meal. See Canon Law #'s 1249-1251 for more information. There is **NO OBLIGATION** to attend Holy Mass and/or receive ashes. [Ash Wednesday has never been a Holy Day of Obligation.]

Ash Wednesday Schedule of Masses at St. Mary:

8:00 a.m. School Mass with Ashes
12:05 p.m. Solemn Mass with Ashes
6:00 p.m. Sung Mass with Ashes

OLD PALMS FOR ASHES: Blessed Palms Burned For Ashes

Any parishioners who have palms blessed from last year's Palm Sunday or from any previous years are asked to bring them to St. Mary Basilica or Assumption Church any time on or before Sunday, March 2, 2025. The palms will be burned and used on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

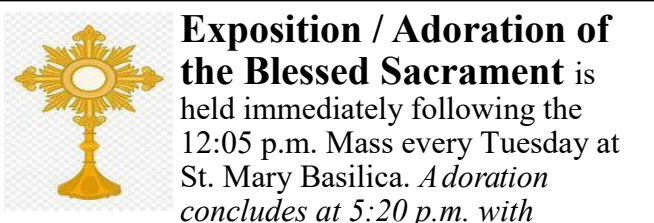
You may leave your palms on the St. Mary communion rail or the glass counter at Assumption, or you may bring them by the church office in the Family Life Center.





The following friends and members of St. Mary and Assumption parishes need our prayers. Please add these names to your prayer list. Contact the church office at 601-445-5616 to have names added to the prayer list. Names will be removed after several weeks.

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| J.W. Seibert | Dylan Pressgrove | Preston Sullivan |
| Barron Black | Margaret Guido | Jeanette Webb |
| Cole Doughty | Stacy Walters | Doug Leake |
| Phillip Mardis | Mickey and Donna Finn | Marvin Littleton |
| Edna Rose Bellan | David Smith | Fr. Mike O'Brien |
| Ben Sandel | Ann Hollowell | ***** |
| Midge Billingsley | Jean May | Suellen Barnett |
| Stan Burkley | Stephen Hicks | Mary Ruth Maier |
| Deanie Swain | Mickey Rodriguez | John Barnett |
| Janet and Ricky Warren | Cindy Christian | Johnnie and David Galer |
| Charlene Rushing | Thomas Ricks | Ken Beesley, Sr. |
| Dennis McDaniel | Jennifer Hicks | Margaret Cooley |
| Paisley Mardis | Dean Lazarus | Gayle Anders |
| Kenneth Langston | Emma Whitehead | George and Anita Souderes |
| Nathan Gaudé | Eoin Maier | Charles Garrity |
| Colby Verucchi | Johnny Hicks | Clint and Elizabeth Smith |
| Fr. David O'Connor | Bailey Rose | Carolyn Krueger |
| Jim Willard | Graning | Chip McIntyre |
| Bernita Dunbar | Vicki Barlow | Rose Borum |
| Judy Williams | Levi Anderson | Frankie Case |
| Jacque Stahlman | Taunton | Dane Mallette |
| Rose Godfrey | Diane Golden | Davin Burns |
| Noreen O'Beirne | Harry and Betty Smith | Clark Jackson |
| Bozeman | Ami Scott | Lanny Brasher |
| Becky Burns | Georgine Robertson | Reynolds Atkins |
| Bryant Wilson | ***** | Maureen Irby |
| Glenn Middleton | Jack and Doris Kerwin | Mark Glunz |
| Gail Rushing | Brian Warren | Jean Smith |
| Roseminette Gaude | Mary Gunning | Father Leopold Keffler |
| Priester Byrne | Sonny Vance | Justin May |
| Mike Myers | Sissy E. Browning | David Holloway |
| Lillie Bertelsen | Walter Maier | John Kennon |
| Pete Cantu | Ron Gaude | Donald Shupe |
| Pat Williams | Freddie Baker | Robert Paradise |
| Linden Cotton | Jim Eidt | Donna Misita |
| Tommy Biglane | Eileen Maher | Mike Chapman |
| Boo Mims | Lloyd McDaniel | Linda Brown |
| Cayden Kaiser | Michael Piazza | Cynthia Dollar |
| Bently Carruth | Bobbie Dollar | |
| Eugene Ashcraft | Janie Bertelsen | |
| Jennifer Walker | Richard Baroni | |
| Angie Tenner | Cathy Roberts | |
| Nicole Cutler | Judy Uzzetta | |
| Butch Pitchford | Beulah Dallalio | |
| ***** | Janette Webb | |
| Dennis Christian | Brian LeBlanc | |
| Delphine Prestridge | Mary Ann Foggo-Eidt | |
| Mary Eidt | Dee Dees | |
| Jolene Ortego | Kent Guillory | |
| David Burns | Jessica Wellborn | |
| Dot Bright | Margaret Wilson | |
| Joy Greer | Audrey Odenwald | |
| Gwen McCalip | | |
| Will Hutchinson | | |
| Laura Sims Weems | | |
| Louis Dallalio | | |



Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass every Tuesday at St. Mary Basilica. *Adoration concludes at 5:20 p.m. with*

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Come to a quiet place and spend an hour with Jesus.

During Eucharistic Adoration hours, someone must be in the church at all times. The Blessed Sacrament can never be left unattended!

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE



We pray for those men and women who serve in the military or law enforcement or who serve as firefighters, especially those listed below at this time. Contact the church office to have names removed or added.

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| Tyler Wheeler | Matthew Henderson | Buddy Frank |
| Andre Hardy | Matthew Voss | John Hudson |
| Delayne Bush | Xander Miller | Tiffany Ratcliff |
| Lee Best | Nathan Latimer | Michael Ratcliff |
| Lance Adams | Mark Stein | Slick Frank |
| Josh Jackson | Mike Chapman | Amanda Richardson |
| Carey Jackson | Travis Patten | Shelby Case |
| Casey Snyder | Josh Gamberi | Shawn Parker |
| Ben Long | Conner Burns | Steve Waldrop |
| Martin Latimer | Luke Eidt | Andrew Kellogg |
| Fr. Anthony Okwum | Brian Hughes | Russ Williams |
| Brandan Bordelon | Albert J. Hughes, Sr. | Mark Verucchi |
| Christopher Shaidnagle | Frank Smith | Shane McDonald |
| Marcus Estes | Priester Byrne | J D Frasier |
| Aaron Moore | Hunter Boyte | |
| Andrew Geoghegan | | |

TAI CHI CLASS

***QiGONG / TAI-CHI CAO for seniors or anyone will be offered every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the O'Connor Family Life Center Youth Wing. Everyone is welcome! Chairs are available for those who need them.**



LINE DANCING AT ST. MARY FLC

Line dancing is offered in the Youth Wing at the Family Life Center from 9:00-10:00 a.m. every Monday. Please enter through the door by the green space. Join the fun and get a little exercise, too. *Newcomers are always welcome!*



Friends,

I invite you to prayerfully consider joining me for this workshop on contemplative prayer. Let me know if you have any questions! —Melinda

Getting Ready for Lent: Praying with a Colloquy

What would it be like to really talk to God and hear a response?

Take some time to prayerfully prepare for Lent, and join Melinda Laird as we learn what it means to pray with a *colloquy* or "to talk to God as one friend talks to another."

Monday, February 24, 2025

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth Wing of the Family Life Center



BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

Parents who plan to have their child / baby baptized at St. Mary Basilica or at Assumption Catholic Church within the next few months need to attend our parish parental Baptism preparation classes. **The date of the next class will be this Tuesday evening, February 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.** There is no fee. Parents are also reminded that they need to have a saint's name selected for the baptism of their child and also to select two sponsors/godparents (16 years of age or older, one male and/or one female), at least one of whom must be a Confirmed, practicing Catholic.



CONFIRMATION AT ST. MARY



Preparations are underway for the 2025 Confirmation class at St. Mary Basilica. **Confirmation will be celebrated May 5 at 6:00 pm at St. Mary Basilica.**

Class A is for 8th-9th grade candidates. Class B is for 10th-12th graders. All classes meet from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on their assigned dates in the Main Room of the FLC.

Class Instruction Schedule:

*Class A (Grades 8-9):
Thursday, February 27, 2025

*Class B (Grades 10-12):
Thursday, March 6, 2025



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This program meets every Wednesday from 4:00-5:15 p.m. downstairs in the Basilica in the Atrium in St. Therese Hall for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. If your child does not attend Cathedral School, please contact Ruth Powers at 601-445-5616 to register for this program. New children are always welcome.

NOTE: No Catechesis on March 12, 2025 Spring Break!

It's Not Too Late To Join Us!

Sunday at 8:15 a.m. FLC Youth Wing

Program: Bible Timeline with Jeff Cavins

Facilitators: Karen Verucchi, Ruth Powers, Justin Johnson

**Adult
Sunday
School**

ADVERTISING IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN



Attention all current bulletin advertisers: It is now time to renew your weekly advertisement that is published every weekend in the St. Mary Basilica/Assumption Church bulletin. Please call Mary or Regina in the church office this week and let them know if you wish to renew your ad. The ads will remain at the current business card size for **\$420 per year (52 weeks of advertising) per spot**. The full ad payment is due at time of renewal. We cannot accept monthly or partial payments for advertising.

If you do not currently advertise in our church bulletin but would like to do so, please call the church office ASAP (601-445-5616). Spaces are limited. Thank you.

Your ad reaches a large audience - 300 paper bulletins are distributed each week as well as the bulletin's appearing online on the Basilica website (www.stmarybasilica.org) and is sent out to all parishioners of both parishes weekly by FlockNote.



HEALING HANDS SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

If you knit, crochet, tat, quilt, draw, paint, do needlework, carve, or do *any kind of handwork*, male or female, the St. Mary Healing Hands would like you to join them the first Sunday of each month. Healing Hands will gather next **Sunday, March 2, 2025, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center**. Bring your latest project and a snack to share. Come relax with friends and enjoy the healing power of handwork.



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Vicki Buckley and family on the death of her husband **Larry Richard Buckley**, who died on February 17, 2025.

We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **John Quigley**, former St. Mary Basilica parishioner, who died recently in February 2025.

We extend our sympathy to Gary and Jeanne Edwards on the death of Jeanne's brother **William S. Perry III** on February 14, 2025, in Florida.

May God grant Larry, John, and William eternal life.

Grief and Loss Support Group

WHEN: Second Monday of each month 5:30 pm

WHERE: Grace Methodist Church

2 Fatherland Rd, Natchez, MS

NEXT MEETING:

March 10, 2025 5:30 pm



Miss Lou Community Support Group for Those Grieving Loss Due to Suicide



Thursday, March 6, 2025 6:30 pm

Grace Methodist Church
2 Fatherland Rd., Natchez, MS

For more information:

Jan and Pete Mills, 210-737-4759



Black and Indian Mission Second Collection

On **March 8 and 9, 2025**, our parishes will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission collection. Our support helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please give generously to this cause.

FLOWERS ON BASILICA ALTAR



The beautiful flowers on the altar of St. Mary Basilica this weekend, February 22 and 23, 2025, are donated in loving memory of **Noland and Dottie Biglane** by their children.

Father Michael McGivney
An American Blessed



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Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

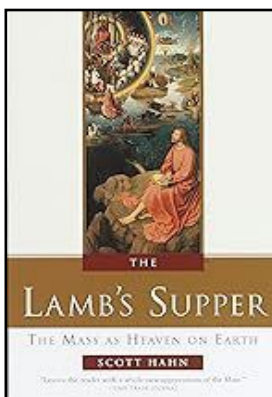


Our Catholic community is united by our shared faith and commitment to service. Each year,

Bishop Kopacz invites us to participate in the Catholic Service Appeal, which provides crucial support to those in need and funds important diocesan ministries like *Intercultural Ministries*. So far, **St. Mary Basilica** has raised **\$14,686.67** of its **\$42,050.00** goal.

Assumption has raised **\$1,327.00** of its **\$5,395.00** goal. We invite you to consider making a gift to the Appeal and help our parishes reach their goals. Envelopes are in the pews at both churches.

Two Book Studies Will Be Offered This Lent At St Mary Basilica



The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth by Scott Hahn

Tuesdays of Lent 5:30-6:30 p.m. (after Benediction) to continue our parish focus on the Eucharist.

Facilitator: Ruth Powers
Books are available online and in Kindle format. If you need the parish to order for you, we must know no later than

February 28. Cost if the parish orders is \$18.50.



An Introduction to the Interior Castle by St. Theresa of Avila

Spring Cleaning for the Soul

Mondays of Lent at 10:00 a.m.

Facilitator: Dr. Beth Boggess

PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND EITHER OF THESE STUDIES SO ENOUGH MATERIALS CAN BE PREPARED.



WELCOME HOME: Becoming Catholic

(Formerly RCIA) A study of Catholic beliefs and practices including the Church Creed, sacraments, worship, prayer,

morality, commandments. No charge.

Every Thursday, FLC Youth Wing

6:00-6:30 p.m. Light Supper

6:30-7:30 p.m. Presentation / Discussion

BABYSITTING: Available each Thursday evening; please let us know if you need this service.

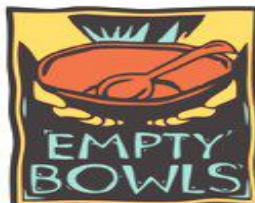
FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Ruth Powers in the parish office: call 601 445-5616 or email parishprograms@stmarybasilica.org

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

February 27 Duty to God
(1st, 2nd, 3rd Commandments)

March 5 ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6 The Catholic Christian & Authority
(4th Commandment)



**SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY,
MARCH 16, 2025**

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The corner stone of the Catholic Church, about to be erected in this city, on the corner of Main and Union streets, was laid yesterday afternoon, at four o'clock, in the presence of a concourse of about two thousand persons. The imposing ceremonies were performed by Right Rev. Dr. J. J. Chanche, assisted by Rev. Mr. Francois and Rev. Mr. Desgaultier.

The Bishop delivered an eloquent address, alluding in appropriate terms to the length of time that had elapsed since their flock had had a temple in which to serve the God of their fathers. He closed with a very excellent exhortation to Christians, not only of his church but of all denominations, to live in peace and charity with themselves and each other — paying a high compliment at the same time to the Protestants of the city, for the flattering reception which he had met with.

—Taken from the *Mississippi Free Trader* Thursday, March 3, 1842.

The cornerstone of St. Mary Cathedral was laid on Thursday, February 24, 1842.

Submitted by Michael Murphy for the St. Mary Basilica Archives Committee.



HOPE RISING Through Our

Intercultural Ministry

The Office of Intercultural Ministries is instrumental in stitching together the vibrant quilt of our Catholic communities. It celebrates and integrates the unique contributions of communities from every ethnicity, culture, and nationality. Together, we create a rich tapestry of shared worship.

Funded by the Catholic Service Appeal, Intercultural Ministries enhances our collective experience by highlighting diverse talents and fostering inclusive worship, offering opportunities for connection, and providing leadership training. Your support brings us together, strengthening our community and deepening our faith.



“As Catholics, we are a rainbow of colors, and God has given each of us many gifts to share with the world. Not just Catholics, but the world. Everyone has a seat at the table.”

Please give today!



SCAN TO GIVE



STAPLES FOOD DRIVE MARCH 2025

The first full weekend of every month, our parish collects staple food items to help feed the community's elderly needy. This weekend, March 1 and 2, 2025, a box has been placed in the vestibule of the **BASILICA** for all food donations during the month.

For March, we are in need of all food items—the cupboard is bare! Standard items are (small size): grits, corn meal, flour, sugar, dried beans, jelly, vegetable oil, powdered milk, mac and cheese, peanut butter, oatmeal, canned meats, canned fruit, and canned vegetables.

If you prefer, you may make monetary donations at any time during the month either in the collection basket or in the mail slot by the FLC front door or mail your donations to St. Mary Basilica, 613 Main St., Natchez, MS 39120. [Make checks payable to St. Mary Basilica.] We thank the Community Services Commission and our loyal parishioners who have donated food and money for this worthy project to feed the elderly in our area who are hungry and are on limited income. Thank you!

We need Volunteers for Adoration



You can volunteer for an hour for an entire month or more.
You can also volunteer to be on the substitute list.

There is a book located on the table near the elevator for parishioners to volunteer.

Adoration on Tuesday following 12:05 pm Mass till 5:30 pm.

You do not need to volunteer to come to Adoration.



ASSUMPTION BVM CATHOLIC CHURCH MARCH 2025 Liturgical Roles 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USHER</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER(S)</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
3/2/25	Bobby Smith	Benedict Udemgba	Sarah Atkins	Carolyn Verucchi
3/9/25	Johnny Atkins	Lorraine Arnold	Pam Frank	Anna Devening
3/16/25	Bobby Smith	Vickie Stowers	Anna Devening	Benedict Udemgba
3/23/25	Johnny Atkins	Benedict Udemgba	Carolyn Verucchi	Vickie Stowers
3/24/25	Bobby Smith	Vickie Stowers	Lorraine Arnold	Carolyn Verucchi
(6:00 p.m. Monday Anticipated Mass for Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord)				
3/30/25	Johnny Atkins	Lorraine Arnold	Anna Byrne	Benedict Udemgba

Sacristan for March Lorraine Arnold

NOTE: Please remember to find a replacement if you are unable to serve on your assigned date(s).

ST. MARY LITURGICAL ROLES MARCH 2025

	March 1st Saturday 5PM	March 2nd Sunday 10AM	March 8th Saturday 5PM	March 9th Sunday 10AM	March 15th Saturday 5PM	March 16th Sunday 10AM	March 22nd Saturday 5PM	March 23rd Sunday 10AM	March 29th Saturday 5PM	March 30th Sunday 10AM
Extraordinary Ministers (1st to choir)	Beth Richard	Lynda Simonton	Pat Tumminello	Laura Laird	Melinda Laird	Ginger Cowart	Pat Tumminello	JoAnn Waycaster	Beth Richard	Joey Gunning
	Allen Richard	Gabe Cassagne	Connie Parker	Agnes Holloway	Diana Martello	Darren Cowart	Jean Biglane	Amy Gamberi	Allen Richard	Betty Lou Hicks
Lectors	Ryan Wingfield	Sabrina Dore	Judy Bartley	Karen Verucchi	Joe Wild	Emily Maxwell	Susan Marlow	Todd Waycaster	Mary Lees Wilson	Chandler Brantley
	Susan Marlow	Mary Jane Gaudet	Sam Tumminello	Eileen Maher	Melinda Laird	Ricky Warren	Charlotte Sanguinetti	Denise Thibodeaux	Bernita Dunbar	Joey Gunning
Ushers	Ryan Wingfield	Joey Gunning	Kot Morris	Lindsey Callon	Philip Zuccaro	Christopher Martin	Philip Zuccaro	Todd Waycaster	Philip Zuccaro	Christopher Martin
	Charles Garrity	Dallas Morris	Julius Knotts	Pat Biglane	Julius Knotts	Barry Iseminger	Sam Tumminello	Pat Biglane	Kot Morris	Gabe Cassagne
	Philip Zuccaro	Peter Burns	Sam Tumminello	Walt Brown	Joe Wild	Gabe Cassagne	Freddie Biglane	Jay Gamberi	Charles Garrity	Walt Brown
	Kot Morris	Darren Cowart	Philip Zuccaro	Kenny Decareaux	Kot Morris	Ricky Warren	Susan Nielsen	Daniel Thibodeaux	Susan Nielsen	Peter Burns
Altar Servers	Jack Aubic		Charles Garrity		Philip Zuccaro		Kot Morris		Ryan Wingfield	
	John Zachary Wingfield		Thomas McKnight		Charles Garrity		Thomas McKnight		John Zachary Wingfield	
Greeters	Janet Aubic	Joan David	Judy Bartley	Lashon Brown	Annette Burns	Linda Bailey	Karen Blaine	Diane Golden	Allen Richard	Betty Lou Hicks
	Karen Blaine	Melissa Vaughan	Linda Biglane	Laura Laird	Melanie Kennedy	Paige Iseminger	Monica Mayo	Chuck Golden	Beth Richard	Mary Foggo Eidt
Sacristan (Mass Coordinator)	Ryan Wingfield	Joey Gunning	Kot Morris	Lindsey Callon	Charles Garrity	Ginger Cowart	Philip Zuccaro	Todd Waycaster	Charles Garrity	Joey Gunning

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Staples Food Drive ¹
MARCH 2025 ST. MARY BASILICA and ASSUMPTION CHURCH						8:00 am Mass 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Anticipated Mass
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
STAPLES FOOD DRIVE 7:30/8:00 am Rosary / Confessions / Mass, Assumption/Coffee & Donuts 8:15 am St. Mary Adult Sunday School, Youth Wing 10:00 am Solemn Mass, Basilica 2:00 pm Healing Hands, FLC 5:00 pm Vespers	7:00 am NO Mass 9:00 am Line Dancing, FLC	9:30-10:30 am Tai Chi, FLC 11:30 am Confessions 12:05 pm Mass 12:35-5:20 pm Adoration 5:20 pm Benediction	8:00 am School Mass / Ashes 11:30 am Confessions 11:30 am Rosary 12:05 pm Solemn Mass / Ashes 4:00-5:15 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, STH 6:00 pm First Communion Meeting, FLC 6:00 pm Sung Mass/ Ashes	11:30 am Confessions 12:05 pm Mass 6:00 p.m. <i>Becoming Catholic</i> : Light supper followed by Presentation 6:00 pm Class B (10-12th graders) Confirmation, FLC	8:30 am Assumption Bible Study, Tuite Hall 11:30 am Confessions 12:05 pm Mass 5:00-7:00 pm KC Fish Fry, FLC	8:00 am NO Mass 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Anticipated Mass / Black & Indian Missions Collection
Daylight Savings Time 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7:30/8:00 am Rosary / Confessions / Mass, Assumption / Black and Indian Missions Collection /Coffee & Donuts in Tuite Hall after Mass 8:15 am St. Mary Adult Sunday School, Youth Wing 10:00 am Solemn Mass, Basilica/ Black and Indian Missions Collection 5:00 pm Vespers	SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 7:00 am Mass 9:00 am Line Dancing, FLC 10:00 am Lenten Book Study, FLC	SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 8:45 am Archives Meeting 9:30-10:30 am Tai Chi, FLC 11:30 am Confessions 12:05 pm Mass 12:35-5:20 pm Adoration 5:20 pm Benediction	SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 11:30 am Confessions 11:30 am Rosary 12:05 pm Mass	SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 11:30 am Confessions 12:05 pm Mass, Basilica 6:00 p.m. <i>Becoming Catholic</i> : Light supper followed by Presentation	SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 8:30 am Assumption Bible Study 5:00-7:00 pm KC Fish Fry, FLC	8:00 am Mass 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Anticipated Mass 6:00 pm Krewé of Killarney St. Patrick Auction and Party, FLC
Empty Bowls 16	17	18	St. Joseph Feast Day 19	20	21	22
7:30/8:00 am Rosary / Confessions / Mass, Assumption / Coffee & Donuts in Tuite Hall after Mass 8:15 am St. Mary Adult Sunday School, Youth Wing 10:00 am Solemn Mass, Basilica 5:00 pm Vespers	ST. PATRICK'S DAY 7:00 am Mass 9:00 am Line Dancing, FLC 10:00 am Lenten Book Study, FLC 6:00 pm St. Patrick Parade	9:30-10:30 am Tai Chi, FLC 10:30 am Deanery II Meeting, FLC 11:30 am Confessions 12:05 pm Mass 12:35-5:20 pm Adoration 5:20 pm Benediction	8:00 am School Mass 11:30 am Confessions 11:30 am Rosary 12:05 pm Mass 4:00-5:15 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, STH 6:00 pm PARISH DINNER , FLC	11:30 am Confessions 12:05 pm Mass 12:15 pm Finance, FLC 6:00 p.m. <i>Becoming Catholic</i> 6:00 pm Class A (8-9th graders) Confirmation, FLC	8:30 am Assumption Bible Study, Tuite Hall 11:30 am Confessions 12:05 pm Mass 5:00-7:00 pm KC Fish Fry, FLC	8:00 am Mass 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Anticipated Mass
23	24	Annunciation 25	26	27	28	29
7:30/8:00 am Rosary / Confessions / Mass, Assumption / St. Joseph Day Brunch in Tuite Hall after Mass 8:15 am St. Mary Adult Sunday School, Youth Wing 10:00 am Solemn Mass, Basilica 5:00 pm Vespers	7:00 am Mass 9:00 am Line Dancing, FLC 10:00 am Lenten Book Study, FLC 6:00 pm Anticipated Mass for Feast of the Annunciation, Assumption Church	Church Office Closed 8:00 am School Mass 11:30 am Confessions 12:05 pm Solemn Mass 12:55-5:20 pm Adoration 5:20 pm Benediction	11:30 am Confessions 11:30 am Rosary 12:05 pm Mass 4:00-5:15 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, STH 6:00 pm First Communion Meeting, FLC	11:30 am Confessions 12:05 pm Mass 6:00 p.m. <i>Becoming Catholic</i> : Light supper followed by Presentation 6:00 pm Class B (10-12th graders) Confirmation, FLC	8:30 am Assumption Bible Study, Tuite Hall 11:30 am Confessions 12:05 pm Mass 5:00-7:00 pm KC Fish Fry, FLC	8:00 am Mass 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Anticipated Mass / Catholic Relief Services Collection
7:30/8:00 am Rosary / Confessions / Mass, Assumption / Catholic Relief Services Collection / Coffee & Donuts in Tuite Hall after Mass 8:15 am St. Mary Adult Sunday School, Youth Wing 10:00 am Solemn Mass, Basilica/ Catholic Relief Services Collection 5:00 pm Vespers	Assumption Volunteers at STEWPOT 10:00 am Sunday, March 9, 2025		EACH TUESDAY OF LENT (March 11, 18, 25) 5:30 pm Lenten Book Study, FLC		STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY OF MARCH: 5:15 pm St. Mary Basilica 5:30 pm Assumption Catholic Church	

 Masses for the Week	INTENTION	DONOR	INTENTION	DONOR
		12:05 p.m. Daily Mass Tuesday-Friday		
February Monday, 24	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass Jordan Stubbs (L)	Family		
Tuesday, 25	Franklin Jackson (D)	Bill and Camella Richardson		
Wednesday, 26	Inez Pitchford (D)	Family		
Thursday, 27	Kurt White (D)	Win and Lisa Ward		
Friday, 28	Fr. Tristan Stovall (L)	Freddie and Mary Ruth Maier Family		
March Saturday, 1	8:00 a.m. Daily Mass Ba Van Le (D)	Family	5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass Julia Rachel Palmer (L)	Bruce and Nancy Kuehnle
Sunday, 2	8:00 a.m. Mass Assumption People of the Parish		10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass People of the Parish	

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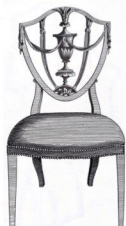
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