

# THE BASILICA *of* SAINT MARY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 30, 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



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 30, 2025

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.  
—Is 66: 10-11*

**Anticipated Mass**  
**April 5, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m. Saturday**  
**St. Mary Basilica**

**Lectors:** Sam Tumminello, Mary Lees Wilson  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Tumminello, Charles Garrity  
**Greeters:** Janet Aubic, Jann Wingfield  
**Ushers:** Kot Morris, Philip Zuccaro, Susan Nielsen, Sam Tumminello  
**Altar Servers:** Jack Aubic, Thomas McKnight  
**Sacristan:** Kot Morris

**Solemn Mass**  
**April 6, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. Sunday**  
**St. Mary Basilica**

**Lectors:** Sabrina Dore, Manfred Eidt  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Laura Laird, Gabe Cassagne  
**Greeters:** Jacqueline Eidt, Melissa Vaughan  
**Ushers:** Lindsey Callon, Dallas Morris, Peter Burns, Barry Iseminger  
**Altar Servers:** **To be assigned by Father Aaron**  
**Sacristan:** Lindsey Callon

### PASTOR'S CORNER by Father Aaron William

*Laetare Sunday*, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, takes its name from the Latin word which begins the entrance antiphon for this day. *Laetare* means "rejoice", and this Sunday is marked by a relaxation of the penitential character of the Lenten season. In Church, flowers may be used to adorn the sanctuary and the organ may be played.

We rejoice on this day as we look with expectation to the great Solemnity of Easter for which we have been preparing ourselves



during the Lenten season. By its anticipation of the joy of Easter, *Laetare Sunday* is meant to give us hope and encouragement as we progress towards the Paschal Feast.

On both *Laetare Sunday* and *Gaudete Sunday* (the Third Sunday of Advent), clergy may wear rose vestments. The color rose is used as a sign of the joy which characterizes these two Sundays. The use of rose vestments is said to derive from an ancient papal tradition of blessing golden roses which would be sent to Catholic heads of state in Europe on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

#### ALTAR WORKERS

**April 4: Mary Ruth Maier**

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

**April 5: Lent (No Flowers on Altar)**

### ST. MARY BASILICA

**PARISH INCOME March 22/23, 2025**

**Weekly Envelopes:**

**Loose Contributions:**

**Weekly amount anticipated to meet budget**

\$14,521.83

\$423.08

**Amount received last weekend**

\$9,022.00 (112)

\$716.00

**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  
April 6, 2025  
8:00 a.m. Sunday  
Assumption BVM

**Lector:**  
**Eucharistic Minister:**  
**Head Usher:**  
**Altar Server(s):**  
**Sacristan for April:** Pam Frank

Carolyn Verucchi  
Anna Devening  
Bobby Smith  
Vickie Stowers

ASSUMPTION BVM  
PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND  
Sunday, March 23, 2025  
Special Collection:

\$2,335.00

April Money Counters: Freddie Sandel  
Buddy Frank

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK ST. MARY BASILICA / ASSUMPTION BVM

### MONDAY, March 31

- 7:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Line Dancing, FLC Youth Wing
- 10:00 a.m. Lent Book Study—*Interior Castle*, FLC

### TUESDAY, April 1

- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, FLC
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions / -12:05 p.m. Mass
- 12:35-5:20 p.m. Adoration, Basilica
- 5:20 p.m. Benediction
- 5:30 p.m. Lent Book Study—*The Lamb's Supper*, FLC

### WEDNESDAY, April 2

- 8:00 a.m. School Mass
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions / Rosary
- 12:05 p.m. Mass, Basilica
- 4:00 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, STH

### THURSDAY, April 3

- 11:30 a.m. Confessions / -12:05 p.m. Daily Mass
- 12:15 p.m. Finance Meeting, FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Becoming Catholic, Youth Wing FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting Class A (8-9th) FLC

### FRIDAY, April 4

- 8:30 a.m. Assumption Bible Study, Tuite Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions / -12:05 p.m. Daily Mass
- 12:30-12:45 p.m. Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows
- 5:00-7:00 pm KC Fish Fry, FLC
- 5:15 pm Stations of the Cross, Basilica
- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross, Assumption

### SATURDAY, April 5 STAPLES FOOD DRIVE

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

### SUNDAY, April 6 STAPLES FOOD DRIVE

- 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 p.m. Healing Hands, FLC



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

#### March 30

Sharon Mire  
Shannon Rojo  
Charles (Gene) Laird  
Margaret Wilson  
Jeanette Britt  
Robyn Gregg  
Damien Gardner

#### April 1

Todd Waycaster

#### April 2

Mary Gunning  
Donna Martello

#### April 3

Matthew Kaiser

#### April 4

Marie McCall  
Jane Bush  
Diane Golden  
Christian Burkley  
Brooklyn Rayborn  
Amy Depta  
Murray

#### April 5

Jean Biglane  
Paul Steckler



#### March 31

Ginger Cowart  
Charles Powers  
Regina Charboneau



**Envelopes are in the pews** at both St. Mary and Assumption for anyone who wishes to donate lilies for the St. Mary Basilica or Assumption BVM altar areas for the Easter season. These

plants can be donated in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

Please fill out the information on the envelope and drop the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the church office **before Holy Week.**



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.

Dennis Christian  
 Delphine Prestridge  
 Mary Eidt  
 Jolene Ortego  
 David Burns  
 Dot Bright  
 Joy Greer  
 Gwen McCalip  
 Will Hutchinson  
 Laura Sims Weems  
 Louis Dallalio  
 Dylan Pressgrove  
 Margaret Guido  
 Stacy Walters  
 Mickey and Donna Finn  
 David Smith  
 Ann Hollowell  
 Stephen Hicks  
 Mickey Rodriguez  
 Cindy Christian  
 Thomas Ricks  
 Jennifer Hicks  
 Dean Lazarus  
 Emma Whitehead  
 Eoin Maier  
 Johnny Hicks  
 Bailey Rose  
 Graning  
 Vicki Barlow  
 Levi Anderson  
 Taunton  
 Diane Golden  
 Harry and Betty Smith  
 Ami Scott  
 Georgine Robertson  
 Jack Aubic  
 Robyn Smith  
 Mike Depta  
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 Jack and Doris Kerwin  
 Brian Warren  
 Mary Gunning  
 Sonny Vance  
 Sissy E. Browning  
 Walter Maier  
 Ron Gaude  
 Freddie Baker  
 Jim Eidt  
 Eileen Maher  
 Lloyd McDaniel  
 Michael Piazza  
 Bobbye Dollar

Janie Bertelsen  
 Richard Baroni  
 Cathy Roberts  
 Judy Uzzetta  
 Beulah Dallalio  
 Janette Webb  
 Brian LeBlanc  
 Mary Ann Foggo-Eidt  
 Margaret Wilson  
 Audrey Odenwald  
 Marvin Littleton  
 Fr. Mike O'Brien  
 Bill Saxon  
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 Suellen Barnett  
 Mary Ruth Maier  
 John Barnett  
 Johnnie and David Galer  
 Ken Beesley, Sr.  
 Margaret Cooley  
 Gayle Anders  
 George and Anita Souderes  
 Charles Garrity  
 Clint and Elizabeth Smith  
 Carolyn Krueger  
 Chip McIntyre  
 Rose Borum  
 Frankie Case  
 Dane Mallette  
 Davin Burns  
 Clark Jackson  
 Lanny Brasher  
 Reynolds Atkins  
 Maureen Irby  
 Mark Glunz  
 Jean Smith  
 Father Leopold Keffler  
 Justin May  
 David Holloway  
 John Kennon  
 Donald Shupe  
 Robert Paradise  
 Donna Misita  
 Mike Chapman  
 Linda Brown  
 Cynthia Dollar  
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 J.W. Seibert  
 Barron Black  
 Cole Doughty  
 Phillip Mardis  
 Edna Rose Bellan

Ben Sandel  
 Midge Billingsley  
 Stan Burkley  
 Deanie Swain  
 Janet and Ricky Warren  
 Charlene Rushing  
 Dennis McDaniel  
 Paisley Mardis  
 Kenneth Langston  
 Nathan Gaudé  
 Colby Verucchi  
 Fr. David O'Connor  
 Jim Willard  
 Bernita Dunbar  
 Judy Williams  
 Jacque Stahlman  
 Rose Godfrey  
 Noreen O'Beirne  
 Bozeman  
 Becky Burns  
 Bryant Wilson  
 Glenn Middleton  
 Gail Rushing  
 Roseminette Gaudé  
 Priester Byrne  
 Mike Myers  
 Lillie Bertelsen  
 Pete Cantu  
 Pat Williams  
 Linden Cotton  
 Tommy Biglane  
 Boo Mims  
 Cayden Kaiser  
 Bently Carruth  
 Eugene Ashcraft  
 Jennifer Walker  
 Angie Tenner  
 Nicole Cutler  
 Butch Pitchford  
 Justin Gregg  
 Shane Ponthier

**Please contact the church office if a name is listed that no longer needs to be listed. Thanks!**



**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!*



## STAPLES FOOD DRIVE APRIL 2025

The first full weekend of every month, our parish collects staple food items to help feed the community's elderly needy. Next weekend, April 5 and 6, 2025, a box will be placed in the vestibule of the **BASILICA** for all food donations during the month.

**For April, we are in need of jelly, milk, peanut butter, meat, and fruit.**

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!



## Announcing a special opportunity for young men in high school ages 16-18!

*Fr. Tristan Stovall, Assistant Vocation Director, is leading a trip to St. Joseph's Seminary April 11-13. This is a fantastic way for young men to learn more about the priesthood, begin discerning their vocation, and connect with other teens who love their faith.*

Visit [jacksonvocations.com/e](http://jacksonvocations.com/e) to learn more and register. **Deadline April 3.**

### 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:**

**April 14, 2025 5:30 pm**

For more info call: 210-737-4759  
Jan and Pete Mills



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

**Thursday, April 3, 2025 6:30 pm**

Grace Methodist Church  
2 Fatherland Rd., Natchez, MS

For more information:  
Jan and Pete Mills, 210-737-4759



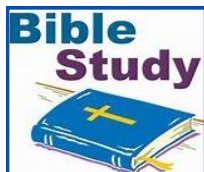
## Diocese of Jackson - Jubilee Rome Pilgrimage

Bishop Joseph Kopacz is leading a 10-day journey to Italy during the 2025 Jubilee from Oct. 25 through Nov. 3, 2025. Registration deadline: March 31, 2025.

For more information visit: [petersway.com/1310.htm](http://petersway.com/1310.htm).

## Catholic Relief Services Collection This Weekend March 29-30, 2025

Our parishes are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) this weekend **March 29-30, 2025**. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Envelopes are in your monthly contribution packets and are in the pews. We ask that you please give generously.



## Assumption Friday Morning Bible Study

The Assumption Friday Morning Bible Study is beginning a study of *ACTS*. The study meets at Assumption Tuite Hall every Friday at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to join this Bible study. Contact Roseminette Gaude or call the church office.

## 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, April 3, 2025
- \*Class B (Grades 10-12):  
Thursday, April 10, 2025

## HEALING HANDS SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 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, April 6, 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.

## Natchez Together: A Festival of Ideas

A symposium called *Natchez Together* will be held at the Natchez Convention Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2025, to honor the work of former St. Mary parishioner Marge Baroni and others who fought for the dignity and integrity of all God's children, regardless of race, creed, ethnicity, and nationality during the Civil Rights Movement.

Bishop Joseph Kopacz will be on the panel "Spiritual Influences on Race Then and Now" at 10:35 a.m. on this Saturday, April 5, event. Everyone is invited to attend this panel.

A Trail Marker will be dedicated to Mrs. Baroni during the symposium. The event is free and open to the public. Box lunches will be served. Call Alderwoman Valencia Hall at 601-443-1265 with any questions.

*During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.* —Pope Francis



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## The Boy from Milan | Trailer

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

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



**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 in Assumption Church. This is a great Lenten family activity. Please participate.**

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



Let the good times boil  
More Information to follow.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIDAY FISH FRY



*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, April 18.**

You may eat in or take your meal to go if you prefer. Drive thru is available.

The menu consists of delicious:

<b>Catfish dinners</b>	<b>Shrimp dinners</b>	<b>Combo dinners</b>
<b>\$12</b>	<b>\$12</b>	<b>\$14</b>

*Dinners include: Fries, Hush Puppies and Coleslaw.*

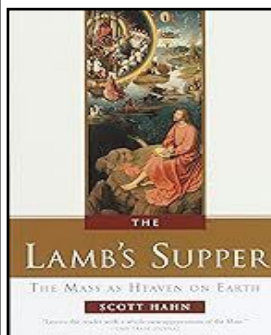
*A dessert table is available also.*

- For Grilled Catfish, please call 30 minutes ahead:  
Darren 601-597-2890  
Joe 601-431-7744

- Sorry No Children's Plates



## Two Book Studies This Lent At St. Mary Basilica

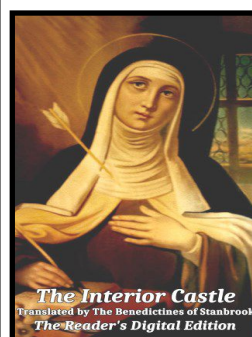


***The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth* by Scott Hahn**

Family Life Center  
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.



***An Introduction to the Interior Castle* by St. Theresa of Avila**  
***Spring Cleaning for the Soul***

Family Life Center  
Mondays of Lent at 10:00 a.m.

**Facilitator:** Dr. Beth Boggess

# ADAMS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



**Saturday, April 12, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Co-Lin Natchez Campus (11 Co-Lin Circle)**

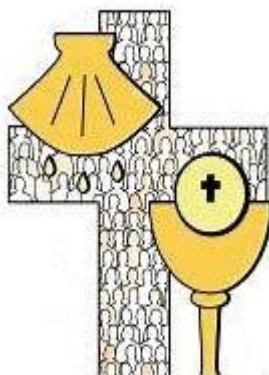
**Plants \$5      Hanging Baskets \$10**

**Houseplants, cacti, succulents, perennials, and more locally grown from the Master Gardeners' extensive plant collections.**

## WELCOME HOME: BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please pray for our **Catechumens** (those who will be baptized), and our **Candidates** (those already baptized in other Christian denominations), and our **Confirmands** (those who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation) as well as their godparents, sponsors, families, and the members of the OCIA team.

*They will receive the sacraments of initiation at the Solemn Easter 8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on April 19, 2025.*



### CATECHUMENS

Carter Austin  
Ace Sanderson  
Solace Sanderson  
Regan Singleterry

### INFANT BAPTISM

Harvey Cate Singleterry

### CANDIDATES

Gabriel McMillin  
Robert Phillips III  
Robert Phillips IV  
Rebecca Samrow  
Ella Samrow  
Derrick Sanderson

### CONFIRMAND

Denny Singleterry

## CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL



The Catholic Service Appeal offers a powerful way for our

diocese to come together and support ministries that are vital to our Catholic faith. One such ministry is our Evangelization and Communication Ministry, which helps spread the Gospel message through social media and our Catholic newspaper. If you have not yet made a gift, we invite you to consider contributing to help this ministry reach those in need, especially those who are homebound, with the message of hope and faith.

As of March 25, **St. Mary Basilica** has surpassed its **\$42,000.00** goal with pledges totaling **\$47,130.34**. **Assumption** has raised **\$2,377.00** of its **\$5,380.00** goal. We invite you to consider making a gift to the Appeal.

## 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. New children are always welcome.





# HOPE RISING

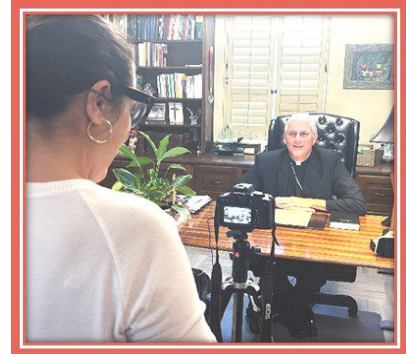
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## Evangelization and Communication

Acting as a voice for our collective experiences and keeping us informed about Catholic events at every level—from local to global, the Mississippi Catholic serves as a crucial tool for connecting us with our Catholic faith and community.

It goes beyond mere information, where connection is a central theme of every issue. Bishop Joseph Kopacz leverages this newspaper to evangelize more broadly across the Diocese of Jackson, while homebound Catholics depend on it to maintain their spiritual ties.

We encourage you to support the Catholic Service Appeal with prayerful consideration. By doing so, we can collectively spread the Gospel and celebrate our communities together.



*“To share the Gospel with our community, we must first communicate the heart of who we are as Catholics, celebrate the impactful work happening in our parishes, and extend an open invitation for others to grow in their faith.”*

*-Joanna King, Director of Communications*



SCAN TO GIVE

*Please give today!*

## 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, Family Life Center 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](mailto:parishprograms@stmarybasilica.org)

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

<b>April 3</b>	Purity of Heart (9-10 <sup>th</sup> Commandments)
<b>April 10</b>	Holy Week and the Easter Sacraments
<b>April 17</b>	HOLY THURSDAY
<b>April 18</b>	GOOD FRIDAY
<b>April 19</b>	THE EASTER VIGIL 8:00 p.m.
<b>April 24</b>	Celebration Potluck/ A Dynamic Catholic

## Lenten Reflection

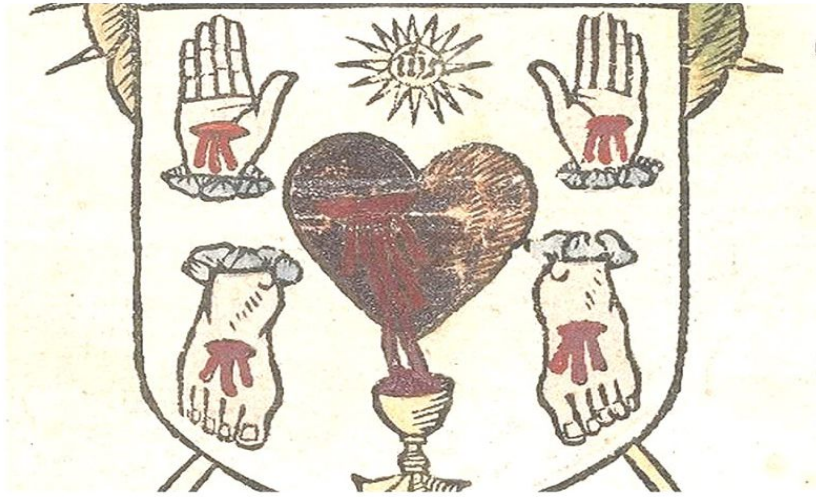
Fr. Luke LaFleur



The Five Wounds of Christ as  
Medicine for the 7 Deadly Sins

- What is the devotion to the 5 wounds of Christ?
- Which wounds address which deadly sins?
- Prayer in honor of the 5 wounds.

Wednesday, April 2, 2025  
5:30 pm during Adoration



St. Patrick Catholic Church  
601 Florida Avenue  
Ferriday LA 71334

*All St. Mary  
Basilica and  
Assumption  
Catholic  
Church  
parishioners  
are cordially  
invited to  
St. Patrick  
Catholic  
Church on  
Wednesday,  
April 2, 2025  
at 5:30 p.m.*



## ASSUMPTION BVM CATHOLIC CHURCH APRIL 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>
4/6/25	Bobby Smith	Vickie Stowers	Carolyn Verucchi	Anna Devening
4/13/25	Johnny Atkins	Lorraine Arnold	Vickie Stowers	Carolyn Verucchi
4/20/25	Bobby Smith	Benedict Udemgba	Anna Devening	Vickie Stowers
4/27/25	Johnny Atkins	Vickie Stowers	Pam Frank	Benedict Udemgba

**Sacristan for April** Pam Frank

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

# St. Mary Basilica APRIL 2025 Liturgical Roles


	April 5th Saturday 5PM	April 6th Sunday 10AM	April 12th Saturday 5PM	April 13th Sunday 10AM	April 19th Saturday 5PM	April 20th Sunday 10AM	April 26th Saturday 5PM	April 27th Sunday 10AM
<b>Extraordinary Ministers (1st to choir)</b>	Pat Tumminello Charles Garrity	Laura Laird Gabe Cassagne	Charles Garrity Connie Parker	Ginger Cowart Darren Cowart	Scheduled Separately	Scheduled Separately	Marty Seibert Jean Bigliane	JoAnn Waycaster Amy Gamberi
<b>Lectors</b>	Sam Tumminello Mary Lees Wilson	Sabrina Dore Manfred Eidt	Joe Wild Ryan Wingfield	Joey Gunning Eileen Maher			Charlotte Sanguinetti Bernita Dunbar	Todd Waycaster Denise Thibodeaux
<b>Ushers</b>	Kot Morris Philip Zuccaro Susan Nielsen Sam Tumminello	Lindsey Callon Dallas Morris Peter Burns Barry Isemlinger	Ryan Wingfield Julius Knotts Joe Wild Philip Zuccaro	Joey Gunning Pat Bigliane Walt Brown Kenny Decareaux			Philip Zuccaro Freddie Bigliane Paul Burns Kot Morris	Todd Waycaster Pat Bigliane Jay Gamberi Daniel Thibodeaux
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jack Aubic Thomas McKnight		Annette Burns John Zachary Wingfield					
<b>Greeters</b>	Janet Aubic Jan Wingfield	Jacqueline Biggs Eidt Melissa Vaughan	Annette Burns Melanie Kennedy	Lashon Brown Linda Bailey			Linda Bigliane Monica Mayo	Diane Golden Chuck Golden
<b>Sacristan (Mass Coordinator)</b>	Kot Morris	Lindsey Callon	Ryan Wingfield	Ginger Cowart			Philip Zuccaro	Todd Waycaster


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2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>STAPLES FOOD DRIVE</b> 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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	7:00 am Mass 9:00 am Line Dancing, FLC 10:00 am Lenten Book Study, FLC [Final]	8:45 am Archives Meeting, Rectory 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 5:30 pm Lenten Book Study, FLC	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 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 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 5:15 pm Stations of the Cross, Basilica 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross, Assumption	8:00 am Mass 4:15 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Anticipated Mass For Palm Sunday
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 13	<b>Holy Monday</b> 14	<b>Holy Tuesday</b> 15	<b>Spy Wednesday</b> 16	<b>Holy Thursday</b> 17	<b>Good Friday</b> 18	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 19
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 with Procession	7:00 am Mass 9:00 am Line Dancing, FLC	7:00 am Mass 11:30 am Chrism Mass, Cathedral of St. Peter, Jackson 5:30 pm Lenten Book Study, FLC [Final]  NO Adoration today	8:00 am School Mass 9:30-10:30 am Tai Chi, FLC 4:00-5:20 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, STH 6:00 pm The Office of Tenebrae	<b>RICE BOWLS</b> Church Office Closed at Noon 8:00 am The Office of Readings and Lauds 6:00 pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until 12:00 am	Holy Land Collection Church Office Closed 8:00 am The Office of Readings and Lauds 12:00 pm Stations of Cross, Basilica 6:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion followed by Adoration until 12:00 am	8:00 am The Office of Readings and Lauds 8:00 pm Great Pascal Vigil 
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
7:30/8:00 am Rosary / Confessions / Mass of the Resurrection, Assumption / Coffee & Donuts in Tuite Hall after Mass 10:00 am Solemn Mass of the Resurrection, Basilica	<b>DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT</b> Church Office Closed School Closed 7:00 am Mass	<b>DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT</b> Church Office Closed School Closed 12:30-5:30 pm Adoration	<b>DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT</b> 8:00 am School Mass 4:00-5:15 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, STH 6:00 pm First Communion Meeting, FLC	<b>DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT</b> 6:00 p.m. <i>Becoming Catholic</i> : Celebration Potluck, FLC Youth Wing 6:00 pm Class A (8-9th graders) Confirmation, FLC	<b>DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT</b> 8:30 am Assumption Bible Study, Tuite Hall	8:00 am Mass 2:30 pm Massagni- Therot Wedding, Basilica 4:15 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Anticipated Mass / 2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions
<b>Sunday of Divine Mercy</b> 27	28	29	30	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p><b>ST. MARY BASILICA and ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH</b></p> </div>		
7:30/8:00 am Rosary / Confessions / Mass, Assumption // 2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions / Coffee & Donuts in Tuite Hall after Mass 8:15 am St. Mary Adult Sunday School, Youth Wing 10:00 am Solemn Mass, Basilica / 2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions	7:00 am Mass 9:00 am Line Dancing, FLC	8:00 am School Mass 11:30 am Confessions 12:05 pm 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 PARISH DINNER, FLC			

 Masses for the Week	INTENTION	DONOR	INTENTION	DONOR
		12:05 p.m. Daily Mass Tuesday-Friday		
<b>March Monday, 31</b>	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass Larry Smith, Jr. (D)	Larry and Jackie Smith		
<b>April Tuesday, 1</b>	Robert Loomis (D)	Family		
<b>Wednesday, 2</b>	Benjamin Smith (D)	Larry and Jackie Smith		
<b>Thursday, 3</b>	Karen Hebert (D)	Maureen Irby		
<b>Friday, 4</b>	Louise R. Lambert (D)	Family		
<b>Saturday, 5</b>	8:00 a.m. Daily Mass Stephen Loomis (D)	Family	5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass Kurt White (D)	Jean Smith
<b>Sunday, 6</b>	8:00 a.m. Mass Assumption People of the Parish		10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass People of the Parish	

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