

# THE BASILICA of SAINT MARY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
APRIL 6, 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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 6, 2025

*Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.  
—Ps 43: 1-2*



**Anticipated Mass**  
**April 12, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m. Saturday**  
**St. Mary Basilica**

<b>Lectors:</b>	Joe Wild, Ryan Wingfield
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Charles Garrity, Connie Parker
<b>Greeters:</b>	Annette Burns, Melanie Kennedy
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ryan Wingfield, Julius Knotts, Joe Wild, Philip Zuccaro
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Annette Burns, John Zachary Wingfield
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Ryan Wingfield

**Solemn Mass**  
**April 13, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. Sunday**  
**St. Mary Basilica**

<b>Lectors:</b>	Joey Gunning, Eileen Maher
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Ginger Cowart, Darren Cowart
<b>Greeters:</b>	Lashon Brown, Linda Bailey
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joey Gunning, Pat Biglane, Walt Brown, Kenny Decareaux
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>To be assigned by Father Aaron</b>
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Ginger Cowart

### **PASTOR'S CORNER** by Father Aaron William **Preparing Ourselves for Mass**

When I was growing up, I was taught that when you enter into church, you bless yourself with holy water, genuflect, then enter your pew and kneel down to pray in silence. Only after all that is done did you sit down, and then after that you stayed quiet until you left the church, first by genuflecting when you exit the pew, and blessing yourself with holy water on your way out. Any breaking of this ritual resulted in getting yelled at by Sister Donata, whom we feared more than God.

Jokes aside, these small acts taught me a lot about how to reverence the church building. People who come to Church come to meet the Lord Jesus, and so it is meant to be a sacred place of prayer. The Church is not a gathering space for us to catch up with our friends. It is a place where we meet the Lord of all creation and adore him.

Lately, I have been noticing an increasing amount of loud conversation before Mass begins, particularly at the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass. I can understand why. People who attend this Mass tend to be more senior members of our community who may not often get a chance to see one another. It is a good thing to desire to catch up with our friends. But, even good things can be an issue if they are out of place.

The time before Mass is not a time for socializing. It is a time for prayer in silence. Loud conversations are disruptions to those who are trying to get their heart and mind disposed for the worship of God. We need to respect their prayer, and pray ourselves, so that we can also benefit from the graces of the Mass. After Mass is over, there is plenty of time to remain behind and speak with people while also sharing the graces of our prayer together.

#### ALTAR WORKERS

**April 11: Virginia McDaniel**

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

**April 12: Palm Sunday**

### **ST. MARY BASILICA**

<b>PARISH INCOME March 29/30, 2025</b>	<b>Weekly amount anticipated to meet budget</b>	<b>Amount received last weekend</b>
<b>Weekly Envelopes:</b>	\$14,521.83	\$12,044.00 (119)
<b>Loose Contributions:</b>	\$423.08	\$577.00
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Relief Services</b>	<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>	\$1,570.00



# 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 13, 2025  
8:00 a.m. Sunday  
Assumption BVM

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

Vickie Stowers  
Carolyn Verucchi  
Johnny Atkins  
Lorraine Arnold

## ASSUMPTION BVM PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND

Sunday, March 30, 2025 **\$1,993.00**  
Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services **\$200.00**

April Money Counters: Freddie Sandel  
Buddy Frank

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

### MONDAY, April 7

-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 8

-8:45 a.m. Archives Meeting, Rectory  
-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 9

-8:00 a.m. School Mass  
-11:30 a.m. Confessions / Rosary / -12:05 p.m. Mass  
-4:00 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, STH  
-6:00 p.m. First Communion Meeting, FLC

### THURSDAY, April 10

-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 B(10-12th) FLC

### FRIDAY, April 11

-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 [Final]  
-5:15 pm Stations of the Cross, Basilica  
-5:30 pm Stations of the Cross, Assumption

### SATURDAY, April 12

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

### SUNDAY, April 13 PALM SUNDAY

-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 with Procession, Basilica



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

### April 6

John Frasier  
Lyn Latimer  
Loretto Sanguinetti  
Mollie Anderson  
Emma Goodman

### April 8

Janet Warren  
Cam Huff  
Caroline Nobile  
Clara Poole

### April 11

Lamont Rowe  
Lizzie Verucchi

### April 12

Suzanne Guido  
Johnny Hicks  
Monica Mayo

### April 7

Kot Morris  
Addison Laird  
Matthew Carter  
Steve Medina

### April 9

Avery Atkins  
Connor Roberts

### April 10

Robert Green  
Susan Scruggs  
Laurie Tuccio



**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.

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  
 Butch Pitchford  
 Justin Gregg  
 Shane Ponthier  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 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

**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.

Tyler Wheeler	Matthew Henderson	Buddy Frank
Andrell 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	Ryan Carney
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!*

# COMING SOON - Mary's House Catholic Bookshop

Located in the historic St. Therese Hall below the Basilica Church, Mary's House will provide devotional items and gifts to visitors and locals alike, along with books and articles specific to the Basilica parish and its history. The entrance to the new bookshop will be located on the Main Street side of STH. A section

of the shop will be dedicated specifically to goods made by the monks of St. Joseph Monastery in Natchez, with the proceeds of these sales going to support the lives of the monks.

**A \$10,000 raffle is being held to cover the start-up cost of the shop. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Winner receives \$10,000.** Tickets may be purchased from Cathedral High School students or from the church office in the Family Life Center.

<b>Mary's House</b>	
Help us open a Catholic bookstore in Natchez. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Winner receives \$10,000.	Name:
\$100.00	Phone Number:
	Address:
	#52

## Second Collection:

**April 26-27, 2025**

### Catholic Home Missions

The *Catholic Home Missions Appeal* contributions help to

strengthen the Church at home. Your generosity will provide catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses throughout the United States.

Envelopes are in your monthly contribution packets and will be in the church pews.



## 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

## 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 this **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.

## Fraud Prevention Hotline

The Diocese of Jackson's Department of Temporal Affairs has engaged Lighthouse Services to provide an anonymous financial fraud, compliance, ethics, and human resources hotline. This hotline allows for an appropriate method to report occurrences related to the temporal administration within parishes, schools and the chancery office.

[www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese](http://www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese)

English speaking USA: 888-830-0004

Spanish speaking USA: 800-216-1288



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## 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. This weekend, April 5 and 6, 2025, please leave all food donations in the vestibule of the **BASILICA**.

**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!



### 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 B (Grades 10-12):  
Thursday, April 10, 2025
- \*Class A (Grades 8-9):  
Thursday, April 24, 2025

***Nothing, how little so ever it be, if it is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God.***  
—Thomas a Kempis

### First Holy Communion



*There will be a First Communion Student Session Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center for all children who plan to receive these this sacrament.*

Facilitator is Katherine Callon.

**First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers: *Barrett Brown, Mollie Best, Colette Costa, Landry Gaude, Emma Williams, Tatum Johnson, Linley Biglane, Adalynn Vegas, Frances Martin, Emeri Geoghegan, Whitney Christian, Sophia Nguyen, Destin Nguyen, Caroline Roberts, Frederick Ragan III, Reynolds Leon Atkins IV, Evan Milliken, John Cooper Willard, Sydney Morris.*

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.



The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war has made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world. PLEASE BE GENEROUS. Envelopes are in your monthly contribution packets. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org)

**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.



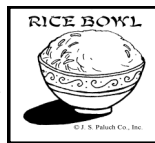
**Fast:** Catholics fast (eating only one full meal) on Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025) and Good Friday (April 18, 2025). Catholics 18-59 years old are bound by this obligation.



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.**

**RETURN YOUR FILLED LENTEN RICE BOWLS**

Please remember to return your filled Rice Bowls to the Basilica or Assumption Church on or before Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025. You may drop them by the church office, put them in the collection basket at any Mass, or bring them to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening.



Your loose change can help so many people in need. Please be generous.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLY WEEK/EASTER**

The St. Mary Basilica and Assumption of the BVM Church office, 613 Main Street, will be closed on Thursday, April 17, 2025 (beginning at noon) through Easter Tuesday, April 22, 2025. The office will reopen Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at the usual time.

**FUNERALS DURING HOLY WEEK**



No funeral Masses are permitted in the Catholic Church on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week. Funerals without a Mass are permitted during the morning hours of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week.

**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>

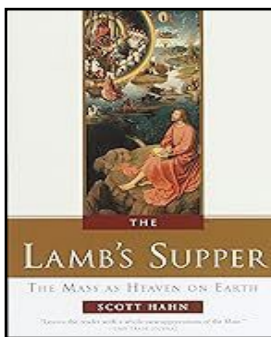
*Dinners include: Fries, Hush Puppies and Coleslaw.*

*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**

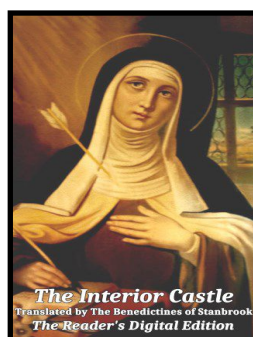


*The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth* by Scott Hahn

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

**Final session Tuesday, April 15, 2025.**



*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

**Final session Monday, April 7, 2025**

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST. MARY BASILICA

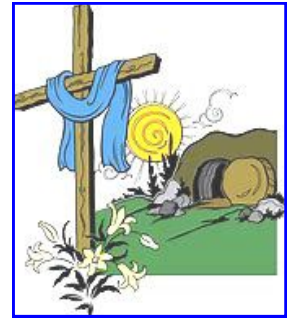
**SPY WEDNESDAY April 16, 2025**

**6:00p.m. The Office of Tenebræ**

**HOLY THURSDAY April 17, 2025**

**8:00 a.m. The Office of Readings & Lauds**

**6:00 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until midnight**



**GOOD FRIDAY April 18, 2025**

**8:00 a.m. The Office of Readings & Lauds**

**12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

**6:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion**

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 19, 2025**

**8:00 a.m. The Office of Readings & Lauds**

**8:00 p.m. The Great Paschal Vigil**

**EASTER SUNDAY April 20, 2025**

**8:00 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection, Assumption BVM**

**10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass of the Resurrection, Basilica**

### SCHEDULE CHANGES DURING HOLY WEEK:

- Daily Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:00 a.m. There will be no 12:05 p.m. Mass on this Tuesday. Father Aaron will be at the 11:30 a.m. Chrism Mass in Jackson.
- There will be **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.
- There will be no daily 12:05 p.m. Masses celebrated on Spy Wednesday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday April 16, 17, 18, 2025, and no 8:00 a.m. daily Mass on Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025.
- Stations of the Cross will be prayed at the Basilica on Good Friday, April 18, 2025, at 12:00 noon.



### SPECIAL NOTICES:

- Please turn in all filled Rice Bowls on or before Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025.
- Please turn in your Holy Land Collection envelope on or before Good Friday, April, 18, 2025.
- Father Aaron and all diocesan priests will be on Retreat the week of April 21-25, 2025. There will be **NO** daily Masses at St. Mary on Tuesday-Friday of this week. There will be a School Mass on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. at the Basilica.

## April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child Abuse Prevention Month during the Easter season is no better time than to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children.

Child abuse is an unthinkable crime; hurting, wounding and molesting our society's most vulnerable and innocent population. April is the national month to learn more about prevention and education and how we can protect all of our children and young people. During this month we recommit to giving every child a safe, stable and nurturing environment that is free from abuse and neglect.

The Diocese of Jackson remains committed to helping survivors and their families heal and find peace. If you believe you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse by a Church employee or volunteer, please contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator, Ms. Erika Rojas at 601-326-3736. Erika is available to help and support.



## John Kerwin Receives Award



On Thursday, March 27, 2025, Mr. John Kerwin was named Knight of the Year (2024) for the Bishop R. O. Gerow Knights of Columbus Council 1034, St. Mary Basilica.

Mr. Kerwin is pictured above with Past Grand Knights Ricky Warren and Darren Cowart and Knights John Kennon and Larry Smith.

## ADAMS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



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

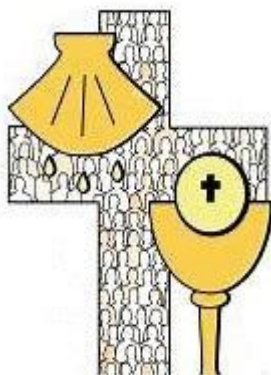
**Plants \$5**  
**Hanging Baskets \$10**

**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

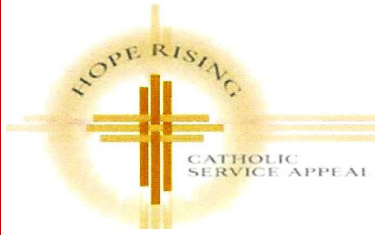


For the past 14 weeks, we have prayed for the

ministries supported by the Catholic Service Appeal. Today, we pray for all of our Campus Ministry programs and college students, that they may connect with their local parishes and live out their Catholic faith through this vital ministry. Your support of the Appeal makes it possible for us to sustain these 14 ministries that are essential to our Catholic 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 if you have not yet given.

## 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.



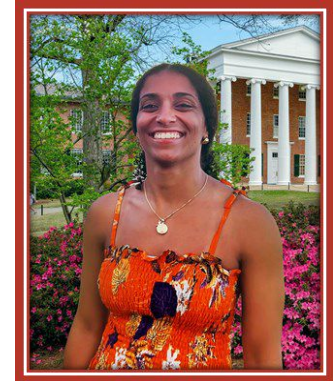
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## Campus Ministries

Contributions to the Catholic Service Appeal fortify Campus Ministry, an essential resource that helps students connect with their parish, address their spiritual needs, and build friendships with other faithful individuals.

By supporting the Catholic Service Appeal, you provide young adults with opportunities to live their Catholic faith underscoring their role as leaders in the Church.



*"I love that CCM is student-led, because it represents a realistic perspective to other students on campus. CCM has allowed Christ to work through me to reach others on campus and has changed my heart and eyes to mirror the Lord's more every day."*  
-Elizabeth Basha

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## WELCOME HOME: Becoming Catholic

(Formerly RCIA) A study of Catholic beliefs and practices including the Church Creed, sacraments, worship, prayer, morality, commandments. No charge.

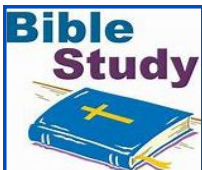
**Every Thursday, Family Life Center Youth Wing**  
**6:00-6:30 p.m. Light Supper,**  
**6:30-7:30 p.m. Presentation / Discussion**

**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 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



## Assumption Friday Morning Bible Study

The Assumption Friday Morning Bible Study has begun 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.

 Masses for the Week	INTENTION	DONOR	INTENTION	DONOR
		12:05 p.m. Daily Mass Tuesday-Friday		
<b>April Monday, 7</b>	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass Joan Hicks Brown (D)	Chip and Marion McIntrye		
<b>Tuesday, 8</b>	Dane Mallette (L)	Family		
<b>Wednesday, 9</b>	John Loomis (D)	Family		
<b>Thursday, 10</b>	Jared Frederick (D)	Family		
<b>Friday, 11</b>	Colin Mattard (D)	Tumminello Family		
<b>Saturday, 12</b>	8:00 a.m. Daily Mass Gerald Boelte (D)	Kem Ducote	5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass Gene Loomis, Sr. (D)	Family
<b>Sunday, 13</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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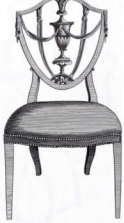
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