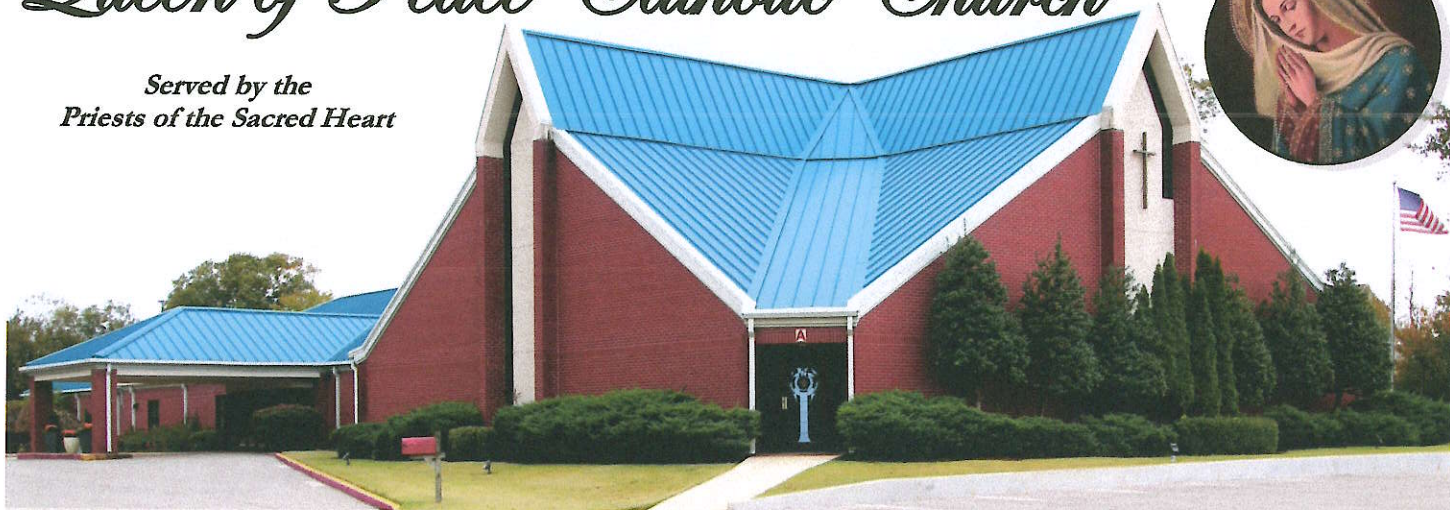


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MASS TIMES:

Monday, Tuesday

NOON

Saturday 6:00PM

Sunday 10:00AM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 5:30 pm
or by appointment

Offices are in the Fr. John Young, SCJ Center

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Fr. Hendrik Ardianto, SCJ, *Moderator*

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Mrs. Diana O'Rourke, *Food Pantry*

Rhonda Solomito and Kathy Hardy, *Thrift Store*

SACRAMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES & OTHER HAPPENINGS

BAPTISM: Classes required - contact parish office.

MARRIAGE: Contact parish office SIX months prior to planned date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Contact parish office to advise of need.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14051: Meet the first Monday of each month at 6:15 PM

MEN'S CLUB MINISTRY: Meet the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

WOMEN'S CLUB MINISTRY: Meet the second Wednesday of the month (August - May) at 11:00 AM in the Social Hall. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

CHOIR: Interested in being in the Choir? Contact the parish office.

THIS IS OUR FAITH: (RCIA) Interested in learning more about your faith? Contact the parish office.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH? Please pick up a registration form located in the Commons.

PREP Times: K - 5th Sunday, 8:30 - 9:45 AM
6th - 12th Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM

ROSARY: Mon, Tues, 11:30 am—Wed, Thurs, 9:00 am

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September 15, 2024 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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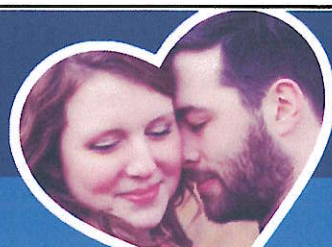
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September 15, 2024
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 14
Deceased Members of
Knights of Columbus Council 14051
Sunday, September 15
All Parishioners
Monday, September 16
Louis Schingle+
Req. Ed and Lisa Bell


Tuesday, September 17
Fred O'Rourke+
Req. Diana O'Rourke
Saturday, Sep 21
All Parishioners
Sunday, September 22
Flavio Gonzalez
Velazquez+
Req. Family

Our Parish Prayer List: Ann Bach, Donna Bach, Mike Bach, Suzy Benedetti, Jim Bills, Kris Birkenmeier, Glen Bryant, Rene Bucacz, Laura Carrigan, Angi Cooper, John Dorning, Tina Erber, Larry Etter, Brad Fair, Art Foster, Margaret Fouche, Steve and Teresa Foster, Ashley Giannini, Dino Vincent Grisanti, Beverly Hammond, Margaret Haney, Carl Hood, Larry and Shirley Jirek, Graham Keltner, Lisa Kovach, Fr. Terry Langley, SCJ, June and Mike Martin, Diane Horne, Nancy Mietsch, Gwen Mitchell, Tanya Passarella, Jerry Plumley, Edna Poletti, Amy Prior, Chuck Quill, Shawn Quill, Louella Rihm, John and Sarah Scruggs, Lorri Shadko, Stephanie Shaver, Paul Van Tassel, Victoria Walker, Charlie Weirich, and Robert Zachary. *Please contact the parish office to have names added to the parish prayer list.* 662-895-5007 or Queenop@shsm.org

In Loving Memory
The Altar Flowers this weekend are In Loving Memory of **Fred O'Rourke+** at the request of Diana O'Rourke.

Pray for our military: Pvt. Mary Grace Barraclough, US Army Airborne, Sgt. Charles Brown, USMC, Matthew Harrill, US Army, Daniel Logan USMC, Spc., Hailea Neville, US Army, Capt. Lacey Orians, USAF, Capt. Stephen Orians, USAF, Spc Vincent Parker, USAF, Anthony Webee, USMC, and Pvt Hunter Williams, USMC

Contributions September 8, 2024	
Contributions	\$6,864.30
Building Maintenance & Repair	340.00
Altar Flowers	50.00
Food Pantry	200.00


Online Giving—signing up is as simple as going to:
[Members.myeoffering.com](https://members.myeoffering.com) Call Gretchen in the parish office should you have any questions. 662-895-5007

Pray for the Dead
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The Bereavement Committee provides a meal for family and friends after a funeral at Queen of Peace. Bereavement Committee Members provide side dishes and/or serve at the luncheon. If you would like to be added to the rotating list of members, please sign up in the Commons area. Please contact Bridget Jackson should you have any questions at 901-412-9865.



Interested in Becoming Catholic or learning more about the process? It's not too late to join our current sessions if you are an adult who hasn't been baptized or were baptized in another Christian denomination. Please reach out to find out more to:
Val Kelly 901-603-2995 or
Meredith Talley 901-619-7040.



Queen of Peace is collecting, diapers, formula and gently used baby gear and clothing for infants/toddlers for the **Care Center in Southaven**. Please place items in the Commons. Thank you to all who have donated!!



AA Meets at Holy Spirit Catholic Church
545 E Commerce St., Hernando, MS in the Education Building **EVERY** Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

St. Giles Club is a special needs ministry that offers a place for children and youth to feel safe and cherished for who God made them to be. This ministry supports students with learning disabilities, language processing disorders, ADD/ADHD, Autism, intellectual disabilities, other neurodiverse needs and physical disabilities. Our Mission is to create a Catholic environment where our children feel supported and loved-and of course have FUN! We meet every other month on the 3rd Tuesday of that month. We meet at 6:00 pm at the Father John Young Center at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Olive Branch. Bring your own dinner and we supply snacks, drinks and activities. **We will meet on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:00 pm.** Questions: Contact Vickie Stirek 662-895-5007 or YouthCordMS6@gmail.com



Using the USCCB website is one of the easiest ways to get the daily readings, just scan the QR code.

BIBLE STUDY—Every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am here at Queen of Peace. All are welcome!!

Sacred Heart Southern Missions needs your help for its **MONTHLY MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**. DeSoto County's is held at Landers Center, 4560 Venture Dr., Southaven; and Holly Springs is held at the SHSM Social Service Office, 295 Francisco Ave. (Behind St. Joseph Catholic Church), Holly Springs. Mobile distributions are from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Please contact Kermit Gaddy to volunteer!! 662-342-3181 Email: KGaddy@shsm.org
Upcoming 2024 mobile distribution dates:
Holly Springs (Mondays): Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2
DeSoto County (Wednesdays): Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18.

Queen of Peace supports the **Olive Branch Emergency Food Ministry**. The pantry is always in need of nonperishable food, detergent, paper products, personal hygiene products and monetary donations. Please be generous. Please place items in the baskets located in the Commons. The pantry is located at 10947 MS-178, Olive Branch, MS. Contact Diana O'Rourke for more information at 662-893-2435.



Pick up your **FREE** copy of **The Rocking Chair Prophet** located in the Commons.

Recoja su ejemplar **GRATUITO** de El profeta de la mecedora situado en los Comunes.



We will celebrate the next Baptisms (for children under the age of 7) on October 26th and 27th. **Please call Deacon Ted for an appointment by October 1st.** Please contact Deacon Ted by phone at (662) 342-1073 or by email nwms.evangelization@gmail.com.



Check out our YouTube channel!
NWMississippiParishes
www.youtube.com/@NWMSCatholic



Queen of Peace Catholic Church is responsible for the Olive Branch Thrift Store in **NOVEMBER**. Please sign up in the Commons to volunteer. Questions? Contact Rhonda Solomito at 901-484-0892 or Kathy Hardy at 785-871-0479

SAVE THE DATES



Church Picnic—Sunday, September 22nd at 11:30 am—Sign up in the Commons.

Queen of Peace Men's Club Golf Tournament—Sunday, September 29th at 1:00 pm Wedgewood Golf Club \$125 per player (\$60 is tax deductible). Registration forms are in the Commons.

SSSF 150th Anniversary (Community of Sr. Rose)—Friday, October 4th Mass at 6:00 pm followed by a dinner—Holy Spirit, Hernando. Sign up if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

Christ the King Fall Fest—Saturday, October, 5th 10:00 am—4:00 pm. Christ the King, Southaven, MS

50th Anniversary of Deacon Mark's Ordination—Sunday, November 10th. Mass at 10 followed by a dinner. Sign up if you plan to eat dinner.



If you are 8 to 18 years old and would like to join this special ministry—Sign up in the Commons.
If you sang with us in the past or if you will be new to the group—we are happy to have you sing with us! We will sing at the Christmas Eve Mass here at Queen of Peace. Practices will be announced soon. Questions? Contact Cathy Weirich at 901-351-2171



Enjoy **POSITIVE, CATHOLIC** messages through **TABELLA!**
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September 18, 2024
11:00 AM
Italia Pizza Café
1306 Goodman Rd
Southaven, MS 38671
Sign up in the Commons.



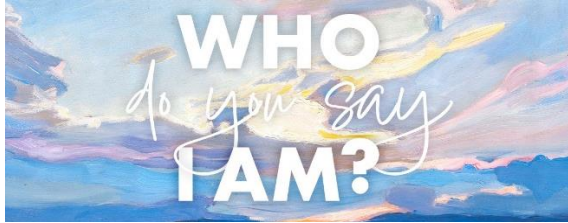
Cocktails and Catholicism
Friday, October 11, 2024
Liturgical Music
with Stacey Michaels
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
545 E Commerce St.
Hernando, MS
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Sign up in the Commons. Ages 21 and over.
BYOB



My Friends,
As I read the Gospel for this weekend I am aware of a familiar theme in Mark's presentation of the Good News... He is tough on Jesus' disciples. Mark does not present them in a flattering light; they seem to be ignorant and dull.
In the stories leading up to this event, they ask each other about Jesus "who is this?"; they mistake Jesus for a ghost. We know who Jesus is, but his disciples apparently were clueless.
However, don't breathe a sigh of relief too quickly thinking that Peter finally understands who Jesus is as we read his response in today's Gospel proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ. Peter exhibits his ignorance again when he rebukes Jesus as He tells Peter that He will suffer and be killed.
Jesus reminds Him and us that naming Jesus with a title does not define him. Nor does it reveal great faith in Him.

The self sacrifice, the daily suffering of Jesus for humanity will define who He is. Jesus did not suffer and die because suffering is good. His suffering and death came as the result of the way He lived.
His life was a daily carrying of the cross for the most marginalized, for those who were rejected... He paid no heed to the social or religious norms of His time.
Jesus' question to his disciples "who do you say that I am" is not locked in the past. His searing admonition "whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." spans the ages and confronts us. It is easy to proclaim Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Christ...
But the truth is revealed in the way we live... The way we are willing to suffer for others denying ourselves to follow Him. No words are required. What do you hear as you listen to Jesus' call to deny ourselves and pick up our cross and follow Him?

Do you think this is a one time response or a daily action?
Peace,
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Camino de Santiago

11 DAY PILGRIMAGE LED BY FR. LINCOLN DALL

Open to all young adults who will be sophomore in college (Fall 2025) through age 35.



May, 12-22, 2025
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For more information contact: Amelia Rizer Coordinator of Young Adult and Campus Ministries Diocese of Jackson, MS amelia.rizer@jacksondiocese.org



2024-2025 Diocese of Jackson Catholic Campus Ministry

- SAVE THE DATES**
Join Catholic Students from colleges around the diocese at the following events
- February 1, 2025—Campus Ministry Retreat at Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS
 - March 13-19, 2025 Campus Ministry Spring Break Service Trip to Sacred Heart Southern Missions
 - May 12-22, 2025—Campus/Young Adult Pilgrimage to the Camino de Santiago, Spain
- For more information Contact Amelia Rizer in the Office of Campus Ministries amelia.rizer@jacksondiocese.org

Queen of Peace Men's Club Golf Tournament



Wedgewood Golf Club
Sunday September 29th @ 1 PM
\$125 /Player.

Includes Golf/Cart/Mulligans/Closest to Pin/Putting Contest/Dinner/Beverages
For Questions & Sign up, Contact Tim Stocking at 901-515-8598



You Are Cordially Invited!
To
A Celebration of
the 150th Anniversary
of the School Sisters of
St. Francis



When: Friday, October 4, 2024
Where: Holy Spirit Catholic Church
545 E. Commerce St., Hernando
Time: 6:00 pm Mass with Bishop Kopacz followed by dinner in the Family Life Center
Who: Members and friends of the 6 parishes of Northwest Mississippi
Please RSVP on the sign-up sheets in church or online by scanning the QR code by **Sept. 20.** so that we can provide adequate food and seating.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



JOIN US AT OUR
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Sunday, September 22nd
11:30-2:30
Queen of Peace Catholic Church
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Olive Branch, MS 38654

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NOVEMBER 10TH,
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10:00 AM MASS
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FOLLOWED BY DINNER IN THE
PARISH HALL
Please RSVP by October 24, 2024
Sign up in the Commons
Or email: queenop@shsm.org



The Mass

As we continue our walk through the Offertory of the Mass, have you ever noticed that sometimes the priest is saying something you can't hear (or can barely hear)? As we have reflected on previously, there are moments in the Mass—such as before proclaiming the Gospel—where the priest prays a prayer silently or quietly. These prayers are to prepare the priests (or deacons) for what comes next; they provide a moment of reflection for the priest and open his heart.

Another one of these quiet prayers happens after the offering of bread and wine during the Offertory.



We offer ourselves...

After placing the bread and wine on the altar, the priest bows and says quietly, “With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.” As the Diocese of Peoria explains, “In this prayer, the priest silently speaks in his own

name and on behalf of all the faithful, asking that God accept the sacrifice and find us in humility and contrition” (A Study of the Mass, p. 12). The priest acknowledges the truth about how much we need God and that we at times fall short of living up to his standards. With that mindset, the priest is asking God to accept us and the sacrifice as we are, not faulty Christians who have given up and thrown in the towel, but honest Christians who admit our shortcomings and yet strive toward that perfection to which God calls us.



Reflecting on this prayer, Edward Sri invites us: “Notice how the sacrifice envisioned in this prayer is not some thing being offered to God, like bread and wine, but the people assembled: ‘May we be accepted by you...’ This theme, as well as the mention of a humble spirit and contrite heart, recalls the petition of the three Hebrew men thrown in the

fiery furnace in Daniel [Chapter 3]” (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 90). If you have read this interesting story, you know that these three faithful men would not worship a

false image made of gold by King Nebuchadnezzar. As punishment, they were thrown into a burning furnace, heated seven times more than normal. Instead of burning, the three men walked around unharmed and began singing a long hymn of praise to God. This hymn praises God for his goodness, recalls the many blessings he has given to his people, and then asks every part of creation to sing praise to God. Just before this last part, the three men say to God that they offer all they have (which is themselves) and ask him to accept them as if they were providing the best offering one could imagine (tens of thousands of rams, bulls, and fat lambs).



...and receive God himself.

Our prayer in the Mass, which echoes the prayer of the three faithful men, works in a very similar way. We have just said to God that we offer him the gifts of bread and wine, which are not much even by human standards. Along with the bread and wine, we have ourselves to offer, and we all know that

sometimes we are not very worthy offerings to God either. Yet, we ask God to accept what we offer as if it were good and pleasing to him. And what is God's response? For the last 2000 years of Masses, no matter how big or small the congregation, no matter how strong or how weak their faith, no matter how worthy (or unworthy) we think our offerings are, God accepts them. As if that weren't enough, God in his love and generosity does something unbelievable with our meager offerings. He changes them into the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ! God accepts the bread and wine from us and gives us back the gift of himself! What a generous exchange! What a great God we have!

For Reflection

1. Reflect on Daniel 3 and pray with the words of the three young men in the fiery furnace.
2. This prayer at the conclusion of the Offertory was at one time called the "Secret." Consider these words from the Book of Tobit: "A king's secret should be kept secret, but one must declare the works of God and give thanks with due honor" (Tob 12:7, 11). Reflect on the intimate values you hold in "sacred silence" within your own heart. Allow this sense of reverence and wonder at God's generosity to inspire how you participate in the Offertory prayer at Mass.