



July 23, 2017 • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

These are the weeks of parables, and although we have heard them all many times, they never lose their freshness, for always, if we look, we can perceive a new angle.

The parable of the weeds and the wheat, so simple on its surface, is puzzling enough for the disciples to ask Jesus for an explanation. In our own gardens, we tend to yank up the weeds all through the growing season. But in the parable, the weeds and the wheat are allowed to grow together until the harvest. If the good people and the evil people remain mixed throughout life, it puzzles us sometimes: why are people who do bad things not punished? How is it that God allows bad things to happen to good people?

THOSE TINY THINGS

Our God is indeed a God of might; yet that might leads not to vengeance, but to forgiveness. Everyone is offered an opportunity—many opportunities—for forgiveness. Even a little good can blossom into something wonderful. The mustard seed of the Middle East is so tiny that one can barely pick one up with one’s fingertips. (Those familiar with the Catechesis

of the Good Shepherd know about this wonderful parable, and the tiny dish of mustard seeds that is kept in the atrium for the children to contemplate.) Yeast makes the dough rise to be baked into delicious bread. All of these wonders come from tiny beginnings, if we are ready to hear and understand these mysteries.

Our prayer too is heard by God, even if we do not really understand what we are praying for: “for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit . . . intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit” (Romans 8:26–27).

So if our small prayers are offered with a sincere heart, they are heard by God, even if we don’t always know what it is we do when we pray. Are we praising, blessing God, asking for something? The Spirit knows and intercedes for us.

Today’s Readings: Wis 12:13, 16–19; Ps 86: 5–6, 9–10, 15–16; Rom 8:26–27; Mt 13:24–43 [24–30]

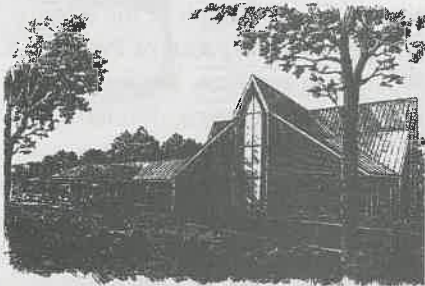
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SACRAMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES & OTHER HAPPENINGS

Sacrament of the Sick: Contact parish office to advise of need
The Rosary: Each weekday morning at 8:30 am. All are welcome!
This is Our Faith: (RCIA) Interested in learning more about your faith?

Reconciliation: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm Saturday or by appointment
Marriage: Contact parish office SIX months prior to planned date.
Baptism: Classes required - contact parish office.

*Considering becoming a Catholic?
Contact the Parish Office*

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Those who are just must be kind.

— *Wisdom 12:19*

**NEW MASS TIMES
Beginning in August**

(Confessions: Saturday 5:30-5:45 p.m. or after Mass)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.

MASS TIMES	MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, Tuesday 9AM	<u>Saturday, July 22nd</u>
Saturday 5 PM	Joe O'Brien+
Sunday 10:30 AM	Req. Sue O'Brien
Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:15-4:45 PM. or by appointment.	<u>Sunday, July 23rd</u>
	All Parishioners
	<u>Monday, July 24th</u>
	Joe and Cilla Toman
	Req. Mary Jerkins and Mary Bailey
	<u>Tuesday, July 25th</u>
	George Bailey+
	Req. Mary Bailey
	<u>Saturday, July 29th</u>
	Don Hobart+
	Req. Irene Hobart
	<u>Sunday, July 30th</u>
	All Parishioners



The Altar
Flowers this
weekend are
In Memory of
Kenneth Jackson+ at the
request of Jack and Bridget
Jackson.



Please remember in prayer Teresa Lewis+ who passed away on July 16th. Teresa is the mother of Karen Bobbitt and Diane Harper. Please also remember Don Hobart+ who passed away on July 19th. Don is the father of Irene Hobart. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace and may their families be consoled.

**July 15-16, 2017
(197, 334)**

Contributions	6,377.53
Bldg Maintenance & Repair	100.00
PREP Programs	760.00
Re-imbusement	858.84
Fall Fun Fest Booth Rental	25.00

Pray for Our Military: Captain Andrew Arbogast Army, Cpl Joseph Arbogast USMC, LCpl. Jeff Bailey, FA Davis Durden, USCG, Master Sgt. Phillip Durham, Air National Guard, PFC Matthew J. Harrill, Lt. Cmdr. Kathryn McMahon Hermsdorfer, USA, Steven Kaste, USAF, Spec. 4 Bill Lane, USA, AB Sean M. Lafferty, Col. C. Scott Leith, USA, E-4 Benjamin Menger, USNR, Sgt. Wesley Patrick, LCpl. Edward Phair, USMC, SSgt. Joseph Phair, USAF – 1st Lt Ryan Rausch, USA, Capt. David Simons, USAF Reserve, Cpl. Jimmy Suggs, USA, Pvt. Jacob Waldrop, Army, WO Nathan Waltman, USA, SSgt. Andrew Wilder



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Our Parish Prayer List:

Linda Anderson, Ashley Arnold, Shelly Bailey, Lisa Schingle Bell, Genoveva Boerschmann, Sonny Bogle, George Bonner, Reveda Boyd, Betty Brotherton, Jeannine Bryant, Edna Capps, Elizabeth Chiasson, Becky Cloud, Alison Cooper, Vic Crain, Louis DeGruy, Ron Delaney, Karen and Doug Dickey, Taylor Dorning, Larry Etter, Will Farris, Pervis and Nelma Fontenot, Teresa Forbis, Bill Forney, Mary Ann Gervell, Mary Ann Giannini, Rose Gill, Erling Hammarstrom, Marian Hanes, H. John Hardebeck Jr., Robert Harmon, Jacob Harrill, Chelsey Hensley, Pat Herberich, Don Herin, Don Hobart, Pat Hoven, Dorothy Holtz, Karen Turner Hope, Willene Hunter, Mike Johnson, Brandi Johnston, Ray Keller, Tim Kemp, Antonietta Kennedy, Kathleen Lunamand, Bill King, Jeanette Kirk, Samuel Marley, Charles McGinnis, Cathy Meggs, Chuck Mitchell, Amory Moore, Jim Nicholson, Jim O'Brien, Nikki O'Brien, Lawton O'Brien, Roberta Cloud Padgett, Jim Pendleton, Pete Reyes, Pam Rossley, Georgia Sage, Donna Searles, Louis and Lucy Schingle, Reed Scruggs, Lee Siegfried, Jimmy Sharp, Olivia Springer, Dorothy Sitton, Raines Sojourner, Marie Souder, Janet Stracener, Sr. Julene Stromberg, Daniel Terry, Doris Thompson, Doyle Venson, Joe Voss, Ann Wall, Victoria Walker, Marasia Walton, Maureen White, Diane Widgeon, Monta and Wallace Whittington, Douglas Wright and Marilyn Youd



Are you registered in the Parish? If you did not receive a 2017 guide book in the mail, you are not registered. Please contact the parish office at 662-895-5007, gretchenqopcc@gmail.com or pick up a registration form located in the Commons. Please indicate if you would like to receive offering envelopes.



STAINED GLASS

The addition of the stained glass here at Queen of Peace serves as an uplifting inspiration to our prayer space. Donations are greatly appreciated **Envelopes are located by the display.** This is also a wonderful opportunity to create a memorial for a friend or loved one.



FR. CHARLES YOST, SCJ, died July 8th at Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake in Franklin, WI.

Fr. Yost was 85.

Fr. Yost did parish ministry at Holy Spirit in Hernando (1993-94) and served as spiritual director of the Sacred Heart League (now Sacred Heart Southern Missions) from 1998-2004.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Hernando will host a Memorial Mass on Wednesday, July 26th at 6:30 p.m.



Sacred Heart School

Sacred Heart School is a Catholic environment dedicated to developing young people whose actions reflect knowledge, respect, and integrity.

Sacred Heart School, a PreK-8 Catholic elementary school operated by Sacred Heart Southern Missions located in Southaven, MS seeks to fill the following position for the 2017-2018 school year.

Aftercare Worker -This is a part-time position with work hours from 2:15 pm – 6:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Job entails supervising children during after-school program activities.

Requirements: 1 to 2 years working with children, and a willingness to support the values of Sacred Heart School. \$9.00 per hour.

Please send a letter of interest and resume in confidence to: Principal, Sacred Heart School, 5150 Tchulahoma Rd, Southaven, MS 38671; fax: 662-349-0690; or email: shsjobs@shsm.org.



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A FEW SPOTS STILL REMAIN—HURRY!!
PreK through 8th grade.

The school is fully accredited by AdvancED (formerly SACS), the Mississippi Department of Education, and the National Catholic Education Association. We offer a state-of-the-art campus, small class sizes, advanced technology instruction, before school care and after school care, enrichment and athletic programs, cultural diversity and service-oriented faith formation. To set up a private tour or receive additional information, please contact Principal Bridget Martin at 662 349-0900 or email her, bmartin@shsm.org



FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST - The normal years to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion are the first and second grades. All children are welcome to prepare for the sacraments. Please register for Parish Religious Education classes.

PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA EUCARISTIA - Los años normales para prepararse para la Primera Reconciliación y la Primera Comunión son el primer y segundo grado. Todos los niños son bienvenidos a prepararse para los sacramentos. Por favor regístrese en las clases de Educación Religiosa Parroquial.



CONFIRMATION - Candidates, including our Catholic High School students, wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must be in high school and must complete the parish Confirmation Program. Confirmation will be held in October of the third year. Families must be registered in the church and the candidate must have a Catholic Baptismal Certificate.

CONFIRMACIÓN - Los candidatos, incluyendo a los estudiantes de Escuelas Católicas, que deseen recibir el Sacramento de Confirmación deberán ser estudiantes del grado 9 al 12 y completar el Programa de Confirmación de la Parroquia. La confirmación se realizará en octubre del tercer año. Las familias deben estar registradas en la iglesia y los candidatos deben de tener un Certificado Católico de Bautismo.



WELCOME ---- Please welcome **Fr. François Tsanga, SCJ** who will be serving temporarily here in northern Mississippi with our six parishes. Father comes to us from Cameroon. Welcome him with a big southern hello and help to make his stay feel like home.



Dedication of the Fr. John E. Young, SCJ Center
By Bishop Joseph Kopacz
Saturday, October 21, 2017
After 6:00 p.m. Mass



Parishioners News Flash
There is space available on the back of our bulletin for parishioners, relatives, friends, and colleagues to advertise their business or service in our bulletin. The cost is very

reasonable and it covers the cost of the bulletin to the church. Please contact Terry Paulson at J.S. Paluch Co. 901-413-4039 Sponsors of our bulletin recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our church family, who in turn respond by supporting our sponsors!



When planning a wedding or a funeral, the **FIRST CONTACT** you need to make is your church, to see when the church space is available and when the priest's schedule will accommodate

your need. Given the fact that we have many celebrations scheduled already, the sooner you contact the church, the better. For a wedding, six months in advance gives time for proper preparation. For a funeral, please contact the church before arranging with the funeral home. We want to make sure a priest is available for you and your family.

Have YOU Thought About BECOMING CATHOLIC?

RCIA REGISTRATION IS OPEN- Call Sr. Emily for more information
662-342-1073
ctkse Emily@aol.com



Sr. Emily will do a daytime RCIA Workshop for those who did not have the opportunity to attend last year. This is a **REPEAT!** Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 14th and 15th, at Queen of Peace from 9:45 a.m. to Noon Please sign up in the Commons so we can have materials ready.

Retreat!

RCIA CATECHISTS RETREAT on August 20, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Queen of Peace for all RCIA

catechists and anyone who would like to be involved with RCIA. Sponsors are welcome, also. The theme of the retreat will be the topic of **CONVERSION, How the Holy Spirit works, helps and hindrances.**

BACKPACK BLESSINGS FOR SHSM

We are collecting Backpacks for Sacred Heart Southern Missions. **Please bring a backpack (no rollers) to Queen of Peace by MONDAY July 24th.** Please be generous. **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED ON SATURDAY, JULY 29TH FROM 9:00 A.M.—NOON TO**



DISTRIBUTE THE BACKPACKS at Social Services in Olive Branch (9607 Hwy 178), Walls (6144 Hwy 161 N) or Tunica (1335 Main St.). This is a perfect opportunity for service hours. Please sign up in the Commons or call Lois Harrison with Sacred Heart Southern Missions at 901-626-5432 (no texts please)



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of obligation.

The Masses are scheduled as follows:

Monday, August 14th: (Vigil)

- 5:30 p.m. at St. Gregory, Senatobia
- 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, Holly Springs
- 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd, Robinsonville
- 7:30 p.m. at Queen of Peace**

Tuesday, August 15th:

- 8:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit, Hernando.
- 9:00 a.m. at Christ the King, Southaven.
- 9:00 a.m. at Queen of Peace,**
- 7:00 p.m. Christ the King, Southaven. (**Bilingual Mass**)
- 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit, Hernando.



Yes, the two go together! All Catholics have the obligation and privilege of attending Sunday (or Saturday) Mass to adore and give thanks to God

and to pray for safety! So, even on vacation, we look first for where we will attend Sunday Mass! Pull up 'Mass Times' on your smartphone before you leave home.

RIDES WANTED: Would you like to bring someone to church? If you can offer a ride please call the office 662-895-5007.



FALL CLASSES INTRODUCTION TO OLD TESTAMENT

This class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. at Queen of Peace beginning on August 15th, ending October 3rd. This is a ten session course. Required reading: *Old Testament* passages and the text book: **Reading the Old Testament** second edition by Lawrence Boadt Paulist Press. You can get new or used copies on Amazon. Sr. Emily will teach the course. Sign up by July 30th so we can get materials ready.

WHAT DID VATICAN II REALLY SAY? This class will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. at Christ the King beginning on August 10th, ending September 28th. Text: **the documents of Vatican II** (These can be read online) and one other text (TBA). Sr. Emily will teach the course. Please sign up by July 30th in order to get materials ready.



**FR. JOHN E. YOUNG, SCJ
CENTER**

The Center will provide classrooms for our PREP program and space for retreats and other activities throughout the year. If you would like to donate to the Fr. John E. Young, SCJ Center, please use the offering envelopes located in the Commons next to the

display. All gifts are greatly appreciated. This is also a wonderful opportunity to create a memorial for a friend or loved one.

WOMEN'S CLUB RELIGIOUS ARTICLES CABINET-The Women's Club will be selling religious goods on the 2nd weekend of each month.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 14051**

Meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please see any Knight with a blue name badge after Mass for more information.



PREP: We are in need of teachers, assistants and substitutes for the upcoming 2017-2018 PREP.

Please contact Vickie Stirek, at 662-895-5007 or vsstirek.qop@yahoo.com if you are interested.

REGISTRATION FORMS for Parish Religious Education Program can be found in the Commons of the church. Please leave completed form in the office. All children and teens are expected to attend PREP throughout their grade school and high school years. Children and teens are not eligible to receive the sacraments if they have not attended PREP for at least one year prior to the sacrament and throughout the year of sacramental reception. Families are asked to make a donation to help with the cost of the program.

Cost for the year is \$30.00 for one child, \$55 for two and \$60 for three or more. **Classes start Sunday, August 13th at 8:30 AM and Wednesday, August 16th 7:00 PM**



ICE CREAM SOCIAL to celebrate the beginning of a new school year will be held after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 6th



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS --- A special blessing for all students will take place at all the Masses on **Saturday, August 5th and Sunday, August 6th**. All are asked to bring their backpacks to Mass and join in the entrance procession; please be in the Commons 15 minutes before Mass.



OLIVE BRANCH FOOD BANK-Please drop off nonperishable food items anytime in the baskets located in the Commons.



PREGNANCY CARE CENTER-Queen of Peace is collecting gently used baby gear, diapers, formula and clothing for infants/toddlers for the

Pregnancy Care Center in Southaven. Please place items in the crib located in the Commons.

FUNDING FACTORY AND ALUMINUM CANS-Queen of Peace is recycling empty inkjet and laser printer cartridges and old cell phones. Please place them in the box located in the Commons. We are also collecting aluminum cans. Please place your bagged cans in the trailer beside the playground.



THE NURSERY is open during the 10:30 AM Mass (**10 AM beginning August 6th**). Accepting Children Ages 3 and under. If you would like to join our group of **ADULT VOLUNTEERS** (serving once every six weeks), please contact Michelle Perry at 901-378-2786



We need your help for our Fall Fun Fest!!! If you are interested in helping with our Fall Fun Fest to be held on October 14th, please

contact Raymond Joe at 901-692-3357 or qopccob.fallfest@gmail.com Vendors contact Carolyn Pendleton at 901-246-5847 Volunteers may also sign up in the Commons. **NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 7PM**

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