

John’s main aim is to elicit faith in Jesus and to show the effects of faith in him. ‘Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe.’ And the story ends with the words: ‘Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.’ Martha is presented as a model of faith. In defiance of the evidence, she makes a wonderful profession of faith: ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world.’ Jesus is the source of life, not just physical life, but the undying life of God. This new life is not a mere future hope but a present reality which physical death, despite appearance, does not negate. The key words in the story are: ‘I am the resurrection and the life.’ The delay in coming to Martha and Mary, and the fact that Lazarus has been dead for four days, serve to underline the point the evangelist is making, namely that Jesus is the Master of life and death.

Prayer Against Coronavirus: Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

–Pedro de la Cruz

Prayer of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



“You don’t know how to pray? Put yourselves in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ you can be sure you have already begun.” ---St. Josemaria Escriva

Jesus desire us to spend time with Him. He expressed His disappointment when the disciples could not stay awake with Him in the Garden and His Words ring true for us, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?” Lent is a great time to pick up the practice of Eucharistic Adoration, where we can put ourselves in the Real Presence of Jesus. However, if you’re unable to make it to the chapel or if your church/chapel is closed during these times due to the Coronavirus, offer a Spiritual Communion, and give Him an hour of your time at home. Jesus is with us always and everywhere.

“Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”. --St. Teresa of Calcutta

2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal: In 2019 did you know...353 families returned home again because of disaster assistance? 2,745 households received budgeting education, goal setting assistance and case management? 196 students completed 1,178 hours of adult education and English as a Second Language? 662 babies received items to help keep them strong and healthy? 539,428 were fed by the 2,436,767 pounds of food that was distributed by our food bank? This was accomplished in part by your generosity to last year’s Catholic Sharing Appeal. Please help us to continue to “Bring Christ to The World,” especially to our brothers and sisters in South Mississippi, by giving a gift to this year’s Catholic Sharing Appeal.

Your gift is very important. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Our parish CSA goal for this year is \$59,603. Please make all checks payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail directly to the Diocese.

We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MARCH 30
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11	
Private Mass	Dr. Malcolm Latour
Private Mass	Dr. Gilberto Patiño
TUESDAY	MARCH 31
Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30	
Private Mass	Ms. Shannon Moran
Private Mass	Mr. Mel Blevens
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 1
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42	
Private Mass	Ms. Jo Gill
Private Mass	Int. Mr. Alden Karp
THURSDAY	APRIL 2
Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59	
Private Mass	Int. Mr. James A. Foushee
Private Mass	Int. Ms. Anna Mitchell (100 th BDay)
FRIDAY	APRIL 3
Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42	
Private Mass	Special Intention
Private Mass	Mr. Patrick Gordon
SATURDAY	APRIL 4
Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56	
Private Mass	Int. Mr. Julian Galloway
	Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
	Mr. Gregory Hebert
	Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan
Private Mass	Mr. Harby Kreeger
SUNDAY	APRIL 5
Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66	
Private Mass	Congregation
Private Mass	Mr. Robin Gainey, Jr.
Private Mass	Mr. Anthony Goretski
Private Mass	Eunice and Albert Misko

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$3,143.00
Children’s Collection.....	\$ 4.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Walter Bolton, Bob & Ruth Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sarah Broussard, Sybil

Burchinal, Eileen Burkhardt, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Jackie Endt, Fr. Bernie Farrell, Loretta Foster, LaJuan Fowler, Carmen Gaethe, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Danielle Gundlach, Doris Haynes, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Ron & Mary Jo Hoogstra, Melissa James, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, Cheryl Megie, Bernie McGinley, Marie Meyers, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Shirley and Travis Norman, Michael Punziano, Sarah Robinson, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch and Thane Williams.

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ADDRESSING THE OUTBREAK OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

To the Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Biloxi: In the midst of this difficult Lenten journey as we strive to be instruments of God’s healing grace in this world, I want to extend the Lord’s peace to you. The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak was the occasion for meeting with the diocesan Presbyteral Council today, March 17, 2020. We considered the present circumstances and the urgings and recommendations of civil leaders and medical authorities. Effective tomorrow, March 18, 2020, and for the next thirty days, the Diocese of Biloxi will address the outbreak as follows:

- A dispensation from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays/Saturday Vigils is hereby granted to all in the Diocese of Biloxi;
- Public Masses are not to be celebrated;
- Priests may celebrate Masses privately;
- Gatherings for worship, prayer, devotional services, parish events, or meetings are to be rescheduled; virtual meetings are encouraged;
- Only Priests and Deacons, not Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, may bring the Eucharist to those in need, unless the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is a family member and the circumstances; greatest prudence should be exercised;
- The Anointing of the Sick should be administered only to those most in need; Priests should take every precaution in their contact with the sick;
- The Sacrament of Penance should be provided for individuals in need, with adequate distance and/or uses of a fixed grille; penance services should not be scheduled;
- Insofar as possible, Pastors/Rectors of churches are to provide that churches be unlocked for at least part of each day, especially on weekends; signage in the church should instruct people who may come for prayer to stagger their visits so that no more than ten people are in the church at the same time and they keep appropriate social distancing between them;
- Weddings that cannot be limited to ten or fewer in number will need to be rescheduled;
- Only graveside funerals are permitted at this time; Priests may offer a private Mass for the repose of the soul of the departed person;
- Parishes that have perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or that schedule a window time for Adoration are to do so in the largest space available, unless the number of those who come for Adoration is small;
- The faithful are encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (see the iBreviary app or Laudate app where a Breviary or *Christian Prayer* book is unavailable), the Marian Rosary, and other worthy devotions in their homes;
- Priests are encouraged to use virtual means to assist parishioners in their growth as intentional disciples, in their prayer life, and their connectedness to God and their parish;
- Parish outreach ministries and St. Vincent de Paul Conferences are encouraged to continue to offer food assistance, but distribution should be arranged so the distribution team is no larger than ten people, food is picked up or dropped off, and food recipients keep adequate distance from one another and do not congregate in groups larger than ten;
- Lenten fish fries and soup suppers, etc., if scheduled, are to be take-out or delivery, and the number of persons preparing the food, doing cleanup, etc., is not to exceed ten;

- The diocesan Office of Communications will publicize links for live-streamed Masses, supportive videos, and other resources on the diocesan website, www.biloxidiocese.org;
- The Paschal Triduum should still be celebrated privately in parishes. For special circumstances, please contact the Bishop’s office;
- Salaried staff are to continue to be paid; the presence of volunteers in parish offices is discouraged at this time;
- Any member of the clergy who should contract COVID-19 is to notify the Vicar General immediately.

Please be assured of my prayers and a remembrance in my daily private Masses. Let us remember in prayer those who have died, those who are sick, and all who are anxious and hurting at this time.

Given at the Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Biloxi on March 17 A.D. 2020, the Memoial of St. Patrick.


Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman
Bishop of Biloxi

Bishop Kihneman celebrates Mass Monday through Saturday at 11:30 a.m. each day and the Mass is live streamed on Catholic Diocese of Biloxi Facebook Live. Beginning Thursday of this week, those Masses will be celebrated for our Catholic Schools. Following is the schedule for the Masses that will be celebrated:

Thursday, March 26	Sacred Heart Elementary and High, Hattiesburg
Friday, March 27	Resurrection Elementary and High
Saturday, March 28	Nativity BVM
Monday, March 30	Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday, March 31	St. James
Wednesday, April 1	St. Alphonsus
Thursday, April 2	St. Vincent de Paul
Friday, April 3	St. Patrick
Saturday, April 4	Sacred Heart D’Iberville
Monday, April 6	Our Lady Academy
Tuesday, April 7	St. Stanislaus
Wednesday, April 8	St. Charles Borromeo
Thursday, April 9	Holy Trinity

The Pastoral Center, a Catholic company, has 4 excellent resources that can be downloaded for [free](#) and sent by email to families. Here are the links:
<https://pastoral.center/worship-at-home>
<https://pastoral.center/sending-faith-home>
<https://pastoral.center/a-faith-response-to-the-coronavirus>
<https://pastoral.center/faith-at-home-bundle>



Congratulations to Wanda Humphrey (fifth winner pulled by Shane Hodges) **and Ann Gollott** (sixth winner pulled by Syrena Smith) of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Milton Roe, father of Melissa (Jeremy) Menard of this parish, who passed away March 13th in Seattle.

Howard Tirrell, brother-in-law of Mary (Carl) Brochard and Alice (Charles) Goff of this parish, who passed away March 21st.

We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant the eternal peace.

Pray for Vocations