



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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St. Francis Mass: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
Confessions: By appointment
Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

All times subject to change

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 11, 2010



...What does Jesus' story tell us about true love for one's neighbor? First, we must be willing to help even if others brought trouble on themselves through their own fault or negligence. Second, our love and concern to help others in need must be practical. Good intentions and showing pity, or empathizing with others, are not enough. And lastly, our love for others must be as wide and as inclusive as God's love. God excludes no one from his care and concern. God's love is unconditional.

So we must be ready to do good to others for their sake, just as God is good to us.

Jesus not only taught God's way of love, but he showed how far God was willing to go to share in our suffering and to restore us to wholeness of life and happiness. Jesus overcame sin, suffering, and death through his victory on the cross. His death brought us freedom from slavery to sin and the promise of everlasting life with God. He willingly shared in our suffering to bring us to the source of true healing and freedom from sin and oppression. True compassion not only identifies and empathizes with the one who is in pain, but takes that pain on oneself in order to bring freedom and restoration. Jesus truly identified with our plight, and he took the burden of our sinful condition upon himself. He showed us the depths of God's love and compassion, by sharing in our suffering and by offering his life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins upon the cross. His suffering is redemptive because it brings us healing and restoration and the fullness of eternal life. God offers us true freedom from every form of oppression, sin, and suffering. And that way is through the cross of Jesus Christ. Are you ready to embrace the cross of Christ, to suffer for his sake, and to lay down your life out of love for your neighbor? *Used with permission, <http://www.dailyscripture.net/>, Don Schwager*

Religious Education Registration: Registration forms for Religious Education need be filled out for each child who will be attending Sunday School classes in the 2010-2011 academic year. Forms (in both English & Spanish) are located on the table in the narthex. **Deadline for registration is July 31, 2010.** Classes will begin after Mass on Catechetical Sunday, September 19, 2010.

Monthly Utility Costs average \$555.03. Your tithe and parish support donations help us cover this cost and much more. We began a new fiscal year on July 1 and the parish budget, just like your home budget, goes up. We will be trying in the weeks ahead to help the parish understand the extent of our need and the areas where we are using your donations.

The **Parish Prayer Journal** is being reset this month and names will be put in the bulletin once again. If you have any family or friends that need to stay on the list, please place their name(s) in the book located in the narthex.

Habitat for Humanity volunteers are needed to help with the new home being built in Booneville at 900 Brown Road, just off of 9th Street. If interested, please contact James Horn at 720-8820 or Ray Vuncannon at 728-9263.

In August of 2005, **Mission and Ministry in Mississippi** completed a planning process involving all parishes and missions of the diocese. They were guided by six commitments expressed by Bishop Latino:

- I. All parishes, large and small, will share in the burden of the priest shortage.
- II. We will keep parishes and missions as viable faith communities open as long as possible.
- III. We will provide Eucharist in all parishes and missions as frequently as possible.
- IV. We will support lay ministry and make ministry training a diocesan priority.
- V. We will protect the health of our priests by not placing more demands upon them than they can reasonably handle.

We will follow the regulation in Canon Law which allows a priest to offer two Masses on weekdays *for good reason*, and three Masses on Sunday, *if required*.

Consulate Information: The **Mexican Consulate** will be at St. James in Tupelo on Saturday August 14th. Appointments need to be made two weeks in advance through Mexitel at 1-877-639-4835 (toll-free). The **Guatemalan Consulate** will be at St. James in Tupelo on Saturday & Sunday, October 16-17 and see people on a first-come, first-served basis.

NEMCC Orientation: Susan Brackeen and Sheila will be at the Student Union on Thursday, July 15 and July 22, welcoming students coming for orientation. Stop by and say "hello" even if you are not a student!

Finance Committee will be meeting in the Parish hall on Thursday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Have you moved or changed your phone number? If so, could you please let the office know! Do we have your eMail address? If not, please eMail it to stfrancisbv@att.net so we can reach you easily. Thank you!

In July we pray for...Richard H. McIntosh, Blakely family, CJ & Mark McCoy, Olga Green, Dunn Family, Ed Porter, Helen Brueckner, Helen's granddaughter Amanda and Brenda Hastings.

Parish Ecology Action: "...Modern society will find no solution to the ecological problem unless it *takes a serious look at its life style*. In many parts of the world society is given to instant gratification and consumerism while remaining indifferent to the damage which these cause. As I have already stated, the seriousness of the ecological issue lays bare the depth of man's moral crisis. If an appreciation of the value of the human person and of human life is lacking, we will also lose interest in others and in the earth itself. Simplicity, moderation and discipline, as well as a spirit of sacrifice, must become a part of everyday life, lest all suffer the negative consequences of the careless habits of a few." *Pope John Paul II, 1990 World Day of Peace Message*

COLLECTION

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 4, 2010**

Envelopes	\$755.00
Loose	24.00
Total	\$779.00
Candles	10.00
Gift	100.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 18, 2010**

Lector 1	Mary Frelichowski
Lector 2	Susan Brackeen
Euch. Ministers	Cindy & Charry
Intercessory Prayers	Jim Goo
Gift Bearers	Sam & Marla