



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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 18, 2010

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.”
Luke 10:38-42



Martha is doing what was expected of a good Jewish woman of her day - preparing food for her family and guest. Her sister Mary, also a good Jewish woman, plops herself down at the feet of Jesus and absorbs every word He says. Martha finally confronts Jesus, “Lord, make her help me!” Jesus knows that Martha is not doing anything wrong. She is doing what she believes is expected of her. And she is doing it very well. Jesus suggest she should not be so concerned about what others expect of her, but should spend time to discern what God expects of her. What God expects of us can be quite different than what the world expects of us. We discern God’s will for us in prayer - prayer that is not about what we say to God, but about what we are willing to hear from God.. Do we pray? What is our prayer?

Catholic Diocese of Jackson, Office of Stewardship Development

You may have noticed some additional financial information in this week’s bulletin. In the near future, we will be hosting meetings to talk more about the changing needs of St. Francis. Your continued generosity will ensure our financial independence.

Eucharistic Ministers will have a meeting after Mass on Sunday, August 1. If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister or are interested in becoming one, please join us.

On Sunday, August 8th, Father Rich will give a blessing to all returning students and teachers. If you are a student or a teacher (including homeschoolers), we invite you to come forward for the blessing.

Mississippi Catholic: Bishop Latino asks us to send *Mississippi Catholic* to every family in the parish. Please help us by remitting \$20 to the parish to help defray the cost. *Thanks!*

This week’s bulletin attachment, *The Christian Family and the Evangelization of Children,* is to help us prepare for Catechetical Sunday (September 19th) and to help us reflect on the importance of marriage & family for us Catholics.

Habitat for Humanity volunteers are still needed to help with the new home being built in Booneville at 900 Brown Road, just off of 9th Street. We already have some parish members

involved in Habitat and would like to see more. If interested, please contact James Horn at 720-8820 or Ray Vuncannon at 728-9263.

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 (**by July 31st**) 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 once again be at the Student Union Thursday, July 22, welcoming students coming for orientation. Stop by and say “hello” even if you are not a student!

Choose Life: “I’m against abortion, but I don’t want to impose my morality on someone else.” What? How can you be against the killing of the unborn in one breath and then justify this by not wanting to tell others what to do? “The problem is we are allowing abortion to fall into a different category than every other act of homicide. But abortion is not a different act; it is a different method of the act of homicide in which one person kills another.” *Bryan Kemper of Stand True Ministries, The Southern Cross, February, 2010*

Sheila will be out of town from late Thursday, July 22nd until Thursday, July 29th.

Ministry Schedule: We’re going to try doing the ministry schedule on a month to month basis to see how that works. The schedule included in this bulletin will cover the month of August.

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.

In July we pray for...Richard H. McIntosh, Blakely family, CJ & Mark McCoy, Olga Green, Dunn Family, Ed Porter, Helen Breuckner, Helen’s granddaughter Amanda, Brenda Hastings, Nate Causey family, and Juan Marquez.

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 11, 2010	Actual	Needed
Envelopes	\$564.00	\$1279.00
Loose	14.10	29.00
Total	\$578.10	\$1308.00
Candles	13.00	10.00
Building Fund	35.00	39.00
MS Catholic	0.00	13.46

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 25, 2010	
Lector 1	Jim Goo
Lector 2	Carolyn Lenske
Euch. Ministers	Charry & Margarita
Intercessory Prayers	Mary Williams
Gift Bearers	Edsel & Bobbie