

Catholic Charities of South Mississippi

is working with Catholic Charities of Jackson as they respond to the needs of the people of the Diocese of Jackson affected by the devastating tornado. Donations may be made online at our website, www.biloxidiocese.org, via Catholic Charities USA at <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org>, Catholic Charities Jackson at <https://jacksondiocese.org/>, or donations may be mailed to Catholic Charities of South Mississippi, 1450 North Street, Gulfport, MS 39507 with a notation that it is for "Tornado Relief."

Today we have a special collection for the affected people

<u>50/50 RAFFLE</u>	<u>Prayer Request</u>																														
Annunciation Parish Ladies Club will be having their annual 50/50 Raffle. Tickets will be available in the Vestibule after each Mass. Drawing will be at the BBQ Dinner in May.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Donna Battaglia</td> <td>Donald Koenenn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emily Battaglia</td> <td>Sandy Ledford</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Harlon Bennett</td> <td>Denyse McGovern</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brandon Boudreaux</td> <td>Timothy Odom</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gene Breazeale</td> <td>Paul Parker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Will Crain</td> <td>Anne Petrucelli</td> </tr> </table>	Donna Battaglia	Donald Koenenn	Emily Battaglia	Sandy Ledford	Harlon Bennett	Denyse McGovern	Brandon Boudreaux	Timothy Odom	Gene Breazeale	Paul Parker	Will Crain	Anne Petrucelli																		
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The CYO is Raffling a Basket of Goodies to raise money for its members to attend 2023 summer trip to Steubenville. Tickets are \$1.00 and will be sold at the Coffee Shop on Sunday mornings, and after 10:30 mass. Tickets are also available from Juanita Curet, Kelly Schwartz and CYO members.	<p style="text-align: center;">Please note</p> <p>Beginning July 1st Prayer Request names will be deleted and start anew. Please call the office to add names of family members needing prayers. Will delete every 3 months</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Team 2 this week</p>																														
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	<u>CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER</u>																														
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	You give us every good gift, O God of the covenant. Help us to see in the food spread before us another outpouring of your grace. Be with us as we share this meal and keep us ever mindful of the hungry. Bless us and the food we are about to receive. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.																														
	<u>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</u>																														
	Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29																														
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Deacon

APRIL 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter

Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8am, 10:30am

Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel)
(Monday-Friday, Rosary after)

First Tuesday
(of the Month) Anointing of the Sick & Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(after 8am Mass)

First Friday:
(of the month) 8:00am(Chapel) Mass & Devotion To Sacred Heart

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Sunday: 7:15 - 7:45am
9:45 - 10:15am
(Other times by Appointment)

Adoration

Tuesday: 8:00am-6:00pm

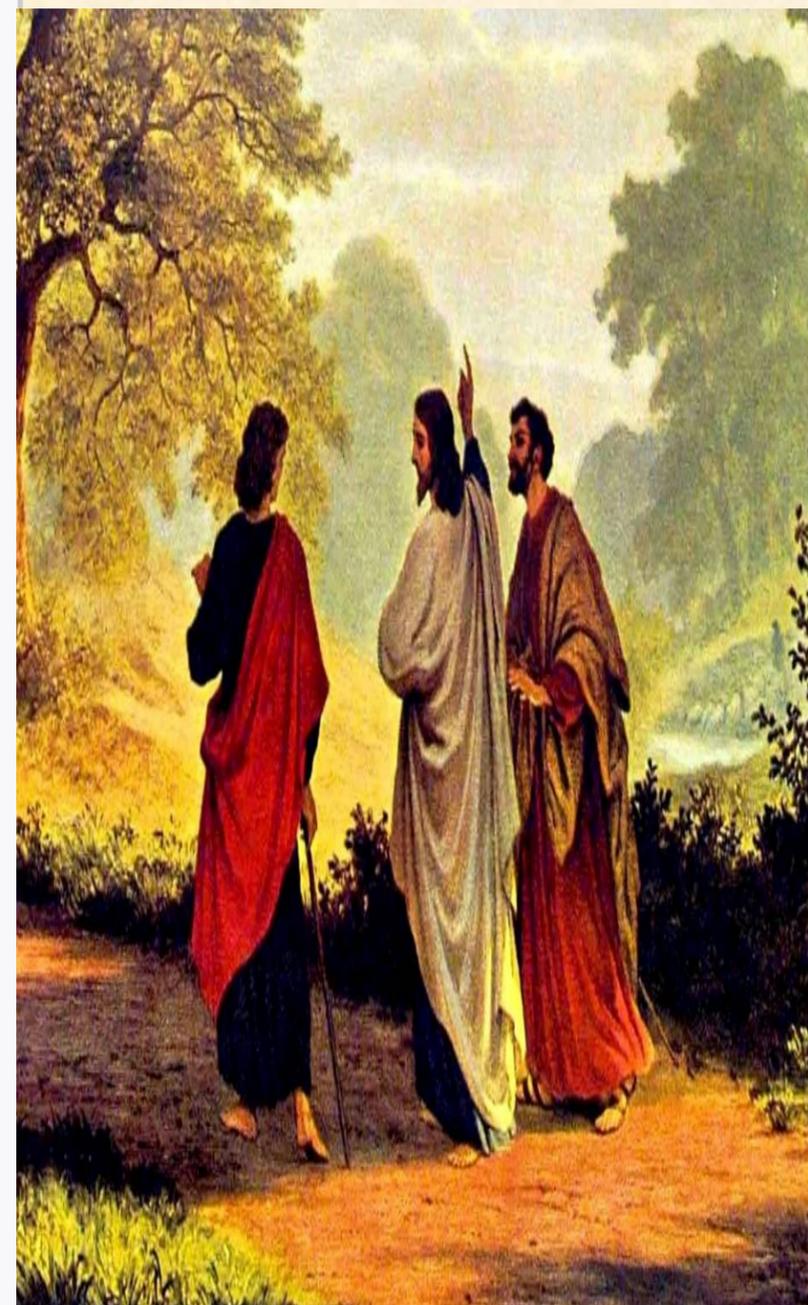
Friday: 8:30am-9:30am

Office Hours

Mon-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday 8:30am-12:00pm

Secretary Linda Bellocq



TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading (Acts 2:14,22-33)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence. "My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

Psalm (16:1-2,5,7-8,9-10,11)

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you." O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

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I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

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Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

Second Reading (1 Peter 1:17-21)

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel (Luke 24:13-35)

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

Gospel Reflection

The disciples’ encounter with the Risen Lord on the road to Emmaus is one of the most beautiful gospel pages. Emmaus is a village twenty miles from Jerusalem. Cleophas is St. Joseph’s brother and the other could be anyone who recognizes the Risen Jesus and confesses Him as Lord. Both these travelers could not recognize Jesus in the stranger. Here Jesus was not hiding behind a disguise, but that their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

In this story, we see all elements of the celebration of the Eucharist. There is the entrance of the celebrant (“Jesus himself drew near and walked with them”), then the Liturgy of the Word (“beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures”), ... and an excellent sermon (“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way?”), and finally, the breaking of the bread (“while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.”) In fact, Jesus officiated the full celebration of the Eucharist with these two disciples.

The disciples’ eyes opened only at the time of the breaking of the bread and they realized that the Risen One was in their midst. Without the breaking of the Word, they would not have discovered the Lord in the Eucharistic bread.

The two disciples are sad because their dreams about a glorious Messiah were collapsed and their plans were shattered when Jesus was crucified. They were taught that the Messiah would rule Israel forever. But he was dead. “Our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. ... it is now the third day since this took place”. Therefore, they consider His death as final.

These two disciples of Jesus made grave mistakes in assessing the situation back in Jerusalem. First, they left Jerusalem while the other disciples continued to search for an answer of Jesus’ resurrection. Second, they preferred to go off on their own way with the conviction that Jesus was truly dead. But Jesus does not abandon the people who choose the roads that lead to sadness. He becomes their companion on the journey.

The way that the Risen Lord leads the people is through the Scriptures: It is the Word of God that reveals the mystery of God. These two disciples could not understand Jesus’ teaching. They were reasoning in the natural way. They could not see with the eyes of God what happened. For this, Jesus reminded them: “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”

The way of the cross is inconceivable and absurd for people. They did not have faith in Him because they did not believe in his resurrection, which cannot be scientifically verified. The consequence of this incomplete knowledge is sadness. Those who have no faith in the resurrection, the end of life is death but those who read the scripture, discover that God is eternal and gives life to everyone who believes in him. We should read and understand the Word of God. Now He is present in the sacraments and in the word of God even if our physical eyes cannot see him. And finally, the disciples who recognized Jesus on the road rush to announce their discovery of Jesus’ resurrection to their brothers and sisters and with the proclamation of their faith: “The Lord is truly risen”.

***Catholic Sharing Appeal
You are the Light of the World***

The forms the Diocese sent to parishioners, please fill out and return along with your pledge to the Diocese.

Those who have not yet made the Pledge, collect the forms from the Vestibule.

Today’s Second Collection is for the Tornado affected people Of Jackson Diocese	Special Collection Next weekend for Catholic Home Missions Appeal
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Financial News		If you are unable to come inside the Church, sit in your automobile and listen to our Broadcasting on 91.1 Fm. You can also listen to a Portable radio in Church if you have trouble hearing.	<i>Pray for our Troops</i>
Insurance			\$64,983.79
Diocesan Support	\$14,524.68		Darrell Little _____ US Army
School Supplement	\$28,609.38		Devin Nelson _____ US Army
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$138,968.38		Brandan Witt _____ USAF
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$247,086.23		Evan Cameron _____ USAF
Amount needed each Week	\$4,751.66		David Arceneaux _____ USAF
Last Sunday Collection	\$4,621.59		Lance Cuevas _____ USAF
YTD Needed	\$78,465.41		Christopher Abney _____ US Navy
YTD Collected	\$59,066.55		
YTD Shortfall	\$19,398.86		

Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

COFFEE SHOP
Come by and enjoy Coffee, Breakfast & Fellowship after 8am Mass. Donations are accepted