

**The Nativity of the Lord  
December 25, 2016**

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.— *John 1:5*



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Pastor**

**Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 P.M.  
Reconciliation Service at 4:30 P.M.**

**Sunday Mass at 9:00 A.M.  
Reconciliation at 8:30 A.M.**

**Daily Masses**

**Monday thru Friday, Mass at 12 Noon**

**Adoration - every 1st Friday of the month  
from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.**

**Anointing Mass - every 3rd Friday of the  
month at 12 noon.**

**CCD Classes, Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

**CYO, Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday -Thursday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

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**For Virginia Johnson 662-605-0323**

We extend our condolences to Bill Hood and his family on the death of his wife, Barbara. May her family be consoled with the celebration of her new life while resting in the bosom of our Lord.

**The World Apostolate of Fatima's  
Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace is  
underway and coming to our area!**

The historic tour, marking the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, will feature the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin statue, traveling worldwide for nearly 70 years. It will be at the following locations:

January 3rd St. Peter the Apostle in Grenada  
January 4th at St. Joseph in Gluckstadt  
January 5th at St. Alphonsus in McComb.  
Please contact the parish nearest you and join them that day to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. We bring the pilgrimage to you! Hundreds and favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special Statue (sculpted by Jose Thedim in 1947, based on Sr. Lucia's description of her encounters with Our Lady) is a great gift to our community. Contact St Peter the Apostle, Grenada, St. Joseph, Gluckstadt or St. Alphonsus, McComb for more information. Learn more about the tour and the statue at [www.fatimatourforpeace.com](http://www.fatimatourforpeace.com).

Several of our Parishioners have expressed any interest in attending the festivities in Grenda on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. There are copies of the schedule for that day in the vestibule. For more information, please see the bulletin board.

**LOVE**

Let those who never loved before,

love now:

Let those who always loved,

love the more.

—Anonymous

**Collections December 17th & 18th**

Regular Collection	\$3141.00
Parishioners Needs	\$ 141.00

**Lay Ministers**

**December 31st—5:00 p.m.**

**Lector: Martha Caskey**  
**Altar Servers: Thomas Borgioli, Aidan Henson**  
**Communion Ministers: Faye Michel,**  
**Susan Portera, Sue Thigpen**  
**Ushers: John Caskey, Joe Portera**  
**Gift Bearers: The Joe Portera Family**

**January 1st, 2017-9 a.m.**

**Lector: Vance Bristow**  
**Altar Servers: Corgan Elliott, Drake Flowers**  
**Communion: Paul Caskey, Cynthia Lyon**  
**Ushers: Adam Andresen, Charlie Dimino**  
**Gift Bearers: The Armando Ramirez Family**

**From the Pastor's Corner**

I wish each one of you a happy, peace-filled and Joyful Christmas celebration. My wish and prayer for you is that your heart be filled with the spirit of Christmas. Christmas is a feast of God's blessings to us. All those who experience God's blessing should become a blessing to others. To reach others, like God coming down to earth, we should also go down (humble) to reach others.

The feast of the Holy Family falls this year on Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of December. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families. Family life is very important for our healthy growth. Like the Child Jesus, the children are to be obedient to the parents and the parents are to give all the care, protection, formation and love like Mary and Joseph. The involvement and responsibility of the parents in our life cannot be relegated at point of our life. Parents are next to God and all their experience is invested in raising the children. Such great experiences of the parents should become life lessons for us even as adults. I wish all the families a very happy family life and may your family life become model family like the Holy Family.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Phillip Dimino	1	Moya Tamez	19
Anna Henson	2	Vanessa Collier	19
Hope Jennings	2	Martin Rodrigues	19
Father Basani	3	Doug Shaw	22
John Knighten	5	Frank Pokorny	23
Mary Dimino	6	Luis Tamez	24
Margie Burns	9	Lillian Ayema	25
Sergio Lemus	12	Victoria McTaggart	28
Susan Portera	17		
		Tony & Barbara Bader.....	26
		Ray & Stephanie Weeks.....	29

**Parish Events:**

**Father Basani will be out of town next week from the evening of 26th until January 6th. Mass will be celebrated Monday, the 26th. No daily Mass. Father Dore will celebrate Mass the 31st of December and Father Paul Stewart on the 1st of January.**

**The Parish Council Meeting will be on January 4th at 6 p.m. in the parish hall.**

**Christmas Offering Tree**

We have the Christmas Offering Tree in the vestibule. Ornaments will be available to hang on the Giving Tree each time you make a donation. We will also provide tags, which can be attached to your ornament if you are making a donation in honor of someone. You may use the envelopes next to the donation box to list the names of those you are honoring with your donation. All the funds collected throughout the Christmas season will be given to Father Basani's village in India.

A letter from the Food Pantry. In Oct. 20 items were received and Dec. 43 food items were received. Your congregations' generous support of this program will help us continue to provide food for the needy families of Clay County, MS. Thank you, Jane Scott, President.

**DON'T FORGET THE POOR**