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vertise your business or special message to contact anyone on the Relations Committee.

**When Someone Hurts You**  
"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. Matthew 18:15a (NIV)  
Based on Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday Vigil .....4:30 PM  
Sunday Mass .....9:30 AM  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday .....5:30 PM  
Thursday & Saturday.....7:45 AM  
Holy Days Of Obligation .....6:00 PM

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**  
Sunday .....8:45 – 9:15 AM  
(or by appointment)

**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**  
Sunday .....For the People of the Parish

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
Religious Education Class – After Sunday Mass  
Bible Study -Monday.....5:00–6:00 PM  
RCIA Classes -Thursday ... Resumes Sept. 11.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
Friday.....6:00 PM

**LEGION OF MARY**  
Thursday .....8:30 AM

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**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*September 7, 2014*

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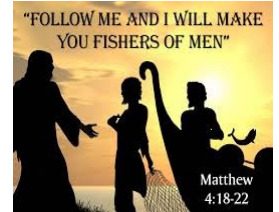
**A FAITHFUL WATCHMAN**  
*God holds us accountable to be faithful "watchmen" to those in whose midst He places us.*

What makes you, and your family, feel safe and secure in your home? What do you trust as an alarm, and/or security measure to protect you, your family, and your valuables? Is it ADT? The Sentinel? The Guardian? Is it smoke detectors? Or do you just have a loveable, tail-wagging pooch that you call your watchdog?

Today's first reading, from the OT Book of Ezekiel, allows us to listen in on some of the words spoken by God to the prophet. Because of their sinfulness and idolatry, God had removed His chosen people from their homeland and allowed them to be taken captive in Babylon. God is telling Ezekiel about his role to his people during this dark period in their lives. God uses the term "watchman" to describe Ezekiel's role. In those days, it was the task of the watchman to position himself on a high wall of the city, watch carefully to see if an enemy was approaching, then blow his trumpet to warn the people. His service was a matter of life-and death. If he failed to see the enemy, or failed to blow the horn, many people would perish. But if he was a faithful watchman and succeeded in warning them, many lives would be spared. A watchman had to be trustworthy, faithful, alert, and had to understand the significance of his purpose. He had to give himself fully to his task as watchman; he had to be utterly committed to his duties. God calls Ezekiel to this most sobering, and serious task. He was appointed by God to be the "spiritual watchman" to his people. He was called to blow a warning that the people did not want to hear.

God is also calling us to this task of watchmen. What kind of watchmen will we prove ourselves to be? Will we prove to be faithful to our call? We have a watchman-like duty to perform towards those who profess the name of Jesus Christ and who claim to be his followers.

**"Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins" (James 5:19-20).**



**MAYSVILLE GOSPEL FEST 2014**  
October 11—Church Grounds  
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Theme: Fishers of Men

Gospel Fest 2014 is patterned after Jesus; preaching, teaching, healing, and feeding the multitudes in the book of Matthew. The gospel of Jesus Christ will be presented in words, preaching the gospel, in testimony, with evangelism teams giving witness to the gospel, and gospel music will be sung by church choirs, gospel groups and through praise dancing. There will also be a health fair, games, food and music.



MINISTRIES

Altar Servers.....Brandon Barnes  
Altar Society.....Patricia Reed  
Bereavement.....Pamela Barnes  
Bible Study.....Ruth McKitric  
Bldg. & Grounds Mgr. ....Walter Battles  
Choir Director.....Lillie Key  
Finance Chair..... Robert Pettaway  
Hospitality & Ushers.....Sharon Malone  
Legion of Mary.....Hilda Carroway  
Liturgical.....Ruth Pettaway  
Liturgical Dancers.....Yvette Smith  
Male Choir.....William Frazier  
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Parish Council.....Thomas Whittaker  
RCIA.....Deacon Ronnie Hathorne  
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St Joseph School Alumni.....Shawn Bivens  
Stewardship.....Keith Brewer  
Technology/IT.....Michael Smith  
Youth Activities & Family Life.....Tara Evans

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

•TODAY – September 7—YOUTH SUNDAY

Lectors.....Patrick Hawthorne  
Jessica Stevenson  
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....  
.....Lee & Dee Rudolph  
Altar Servers .....Kai, Kiimara, Lance

•Next Week– September 14

Lectors.....  
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....  
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Altar Servers .....Jessica, Matthew, Pat

SEPTEMBER CELEBRANTS

BIRTHDAYS

02.....Denise Cyprian  
08.....Matthew Hawthorne  
13.....Willie Lott  
14.....Joyce Williamson  
15.....Kayla Fuller  
15.....Marcus DuCloux  
16.....Pavia Dewberry  
16.....Tiffany Barnes  
19.....Ruth McKitric  
19.....Willie Key  
23.....Thomas Whittaker  
23.....Tara Evans  
24.....Walter Battles  
25.....Akeem Haughton  
25.....Blakely Davis  
25.....Alice Diaz  
27.....Jade Womack  
29.....Jean Carleton

ANNIVERSARIES

30.....Johnny & Hilda Carroway—34 yrs.

Weekly Collection – \$2010.00

( August 31, 2014)

Attendance - 131  
Communion - 82  
Blessings - 36

Understanding the Bible

By Mary Elizabeth Sperry, Associate Director for Utilization of the New American Bible.



The Bible is all around us. People hear Scripture readings in church. We have Good Samaritan (Luke 10) laws, welcome home the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), and look for the Promised Land (Exodus 3, Hebrews 11). Some biblical passages have become popular maxims, such as "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you (Matthew 7:12)," "Thou shalt not steal (Exodus 20:15), and "love thy neighbor" (Matthew 22:39).

Today's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

- 1. Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.
- 2. Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.
- 3. Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.
- 4. The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.
- 5. Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.
- 6. The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.
- 7. The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.
- 8. You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.
- 9. What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?
- 10. Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective."(Hebrews 4:12).

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PARISH ACTIVITIES



**RCIA** will begin Thursday Sept. 11, 2014 at 6:00pm. Meetings will be held in the rectory or in the convent. See Deacon Ronnie Hathorne for more information.



*The church is providing us with an opportunity to help with the new “Sound System” by making a donation in memory of your loved ones, living or deceased.*

THOUGHTS & REMINDERS

Keep In Prayer Our...

Ill & Homebound Parishioners

Mrs. Delores Isom	Mrs. Reola Juzang
Mrs. Theresa Gulley	Ms. Josephine Betton
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hickman	Mrs. Ireola Frazier
Sr. Jose’, Delores Lewis	Mrs. Katie Peters
Sis. Rita Washington	Mr. John Austin
Mr. Patrick Rankins	

SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Parents desiring baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the pastor at least two weeks in advance to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and godparents.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Any parishioner seeking marriage must contact the Pastor at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.

**Mass of Christian Burial:** When a funeral is to be celebrated, please contact the Pastor before contacting the funeral home. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

READINGS FOR MASS  
Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time  
September 8– September 14



MON 01	First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a Gospel: Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
TUE 02	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 Gospel: Luke 6:12-19
WED 03	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Gospel: Luke 6:20-26
THU 04	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38
FRI 05	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22b-27 Gospel: Luke 6:39-42
SAT 06	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 Gospel: Luke 6:43-49
SUN 07	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9 Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel: John 3:13-17



Parish Announcements

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sharon Malone, for winning August’s 50/50 drawing!

**CASINO BUS TRIP** - The Knights of Peter Claver Council/ Court #210, will sponsor their monthly trip to the Imperial Palace Casino in Biloxi , MS on September 14, 2014. Grab a buddy or two and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Donations—\$15.00 per person, refreshments are served on the bus.

**GOSPEL FEST** Planning Meeting will be held at Forest Hill Baptist Church on Tuesday at 6pm.

**REFLECTION WRITERS NEEDED!** Parishioners we are still in need of writers for our **REFLECTIONS** on the Sunday readings! Your reflection will be published in our weekly bulletin. Please see Thomas Whittaker for more info. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Diamond Jubilee** meets the 3rd Thursday of the month. Our next gathering, Game Day, is September 18th, 2014. We will meet in the church hall at 10am. All seniors are welcome. So husbands bring your wives. Wives bring your husbands. And single seniors bring your buddies. For more information, please contact Tara Evans at 654-3859 or Sheila Mosley at 621-1947.

**St. James Major Catholic Church** will hold its Annual Fall Festival October 11, 2014 from noon until 7:30pm at their Parish Center. Raffle books are available if you wish to sell or purchase, see Fr. Sohe, Pam Barnes or Ruth Pettaway.

**14th Annual Archdiocese of Mobile BLUE MASS** at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 12:10 p.m.The Blue Mass is to thank, honor, and bless all police officers, fire fighters, first responders and other safety personnel for their ongoing dedication to the communities thy serve. all are invited!

**Mobile Deanery Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women** fall meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall. Registration begins at 9:15 am with the meeting starting at 10:00 am. Mass will be celebrated at 11:15 am by Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi with a luncheon to follow. Cost of the luncheon is \$12.00. Reservations deadline is Monday, September 15th. Please contact Beth Cain 973-1126, or bethrcain@bellsouth.net. Open to all Catholic Women!