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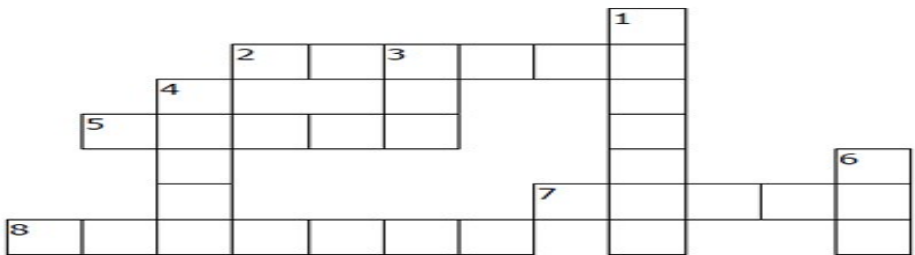
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Keep On Forgiving

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 18:21-22



ACROSS

- A statement given in reply to a question
- The number that is equal to six plus one
- The Son of God
- To pardon someone for doing something wrong

DOWN

- A male with the same parents as someone else
- To break God's law
- A fisherman who became one of Jesus' disciples
- To seek an answer to a question



SEVEN BROTHER	ASK FORGIVE	PETER ANSWER	JESUS SIN
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 14, 2014

Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross

REFLECTIONS

Glorify the Lord by Your Life!

By Leona Rudolph



Life is a series of ups and downs. It is a journey of hills and valleys with storms and sunshine. Everyday may not be a good day, but there is good in everyday; it is all in our perception and expectation of what is to come. Our perception and expectation of what is to come is driven by our faith in God. No matter what we may go

through it is our responsibility as Christians to expect God to be there and carry us through. It is not always easy from our natural perspective because most times we cannot see past the hurt, illness, disappointment, or loss. However, it is our duty as a witness for Christ to not look like what we are going through by standing strong in our faith and the will of God.

Most importantly, it is necessary not to complain about an occurrence in our journey. Instead, we should encourage ourselves to keep going and occupy our time with challenging ourselves to become stronger while in the valley. The truth is no one wants to hear complaining day in and day out; not even God himself. In the first reading taken from the Book of Numbers 21:4b-9 it is written, "With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food! In punishment the Lord sent among the people seraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died". Similarly, in our own lives we as the people mentioned in this scripture overlook God's presence while in the valley. Although while on their journey from Egypt, the people were brought to a desert where food and water were scarce, it is shown in verse 5 that God still met their need for nourishment as the people stated that they were "disgusted with this wretched food".

Therefore, it is important to distinguish that the people mentioned in the first reading were clearly weak in their faith as their perception was misguided and their expectation of God's goodness and grace was depleted. Consequently, it is critical that we recognize God's presence in our own journey. God is always there even when he appears to be absent. It is in those times that He challenges us to seek Him the most; not to complain about our valleys but seek guidance and affirm to Him that we need Him to make it through. So that when the trial is over and we transition to our next height, we are able to glorify Him in the people that we meet, the people who know our journey, and those who have yet to know Him and His grace and mercy. In conclusion, life is a series of ups and downs, hills and valleys, storms, and sunshine; the outcome of your journey is determined by your perception and your expectations of God. Expect God to be with you as an elder once said to me, "through and through" (through good and bad) and glorify the Lord by your life!

WELCOME HOME, FR. SOHE!

Thank God, everything went well. We are happy to have you back home. Our prayers continue for you and your family.



PASTORAL STAFF

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil4:30 PM
Sunday Mass9:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday5:30 PM
Thursday & Saturday.....7:45 AM
Holy Days Of Obligation6:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday8:45 – 9:15 AM
(or by appointment)

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SundayFor 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

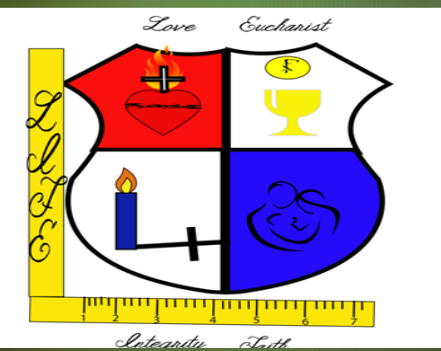
Friday:.....6:00 PM

LEGION OF MARY

Thursday8:30 AM

Media & Public Relations Committee:

Greg Cyprian.....President	
Thomas Whittaker	Anita Lott
Tiffany J Barnes	Marva Carter
Ruth Pettaway	Ruth McKitric
Rosemary Austin	Brandon Barnes



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
Media & Public Relations.....	Greg Cyprian
Parish Council.....	Thomas Whittaker
RCIA.....	Deacon Ronnie Hathorne
Religious Education Dir.....	Tiffany J. Barnes
St Joseph School Alumni.....	Shawn Bivens
Stewardship.....	Keith Brewer
Technology/IT.....	Michael Smith
Youth Activities & Family Life.....	Tara Evans

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

•TODAY – September 14–

Lectors.....	;.....Ruth Pettaway Barbara Mitchell
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....	
.....	Rita Hathorne
	Yvette Smith
Altar Servers	Jessica, Matthew, Pat

•Next Week– September 21

Lectors.....	Sheila Mosley Pavia Dewberry
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....	
.....	Keith & Claudia Brewer
Altar Servers	Brandon, Ashley, Azure

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.
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Weekly Collection – \$1914.00

(August 31, 2014)

Attendance - 110
Communion - 82
Blessings - 14



An Overview of RCIA Pt. I

By
Deacon Ronnie Hathorne

Parishes welcome new members into the Catholic Church through a process of education, faith sharing, and rituals known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This process includes several stages marked by prayer, study, and discussion. Included in the process are several Rites, which take place within the context of the Mass. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) describes the RCIA as a process in which participants "undergo . . . conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments . . . The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the Church and was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the normal way adults prepare for baptism." □ □ The RCIA is structured over a series of

ceremonial steps and periods of learning, and the timing of these may vary for each individual. One may take as much time as he or she needs in the initiation process before becoming ready for full initiation through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Initiation within the Church is a journey of conversion that is gradual and ongoing and suited to individual needs. It is a process rather than an educational program and this process takes place within the community of the faithful, the local Church. □ □ The RCIA process can be adapted to meet the specific needs of children and youth.

Who is welcome to begin the RCIA Journey?

All people who are open to discerning their personal experience of faith and to learning more about the Catholic Church are welcome to begin the RCIA process. Many people come to an awareness of their desire to learn about membership in the Catholic Church in various and different ways. Often it may be a personal faith experience, overcoming personal difficulty and tragedy, or a relationship or discussion with a person of faith which leads one to begin this exciting journey. All that is truly required is a sincere desire to learn, to grow, and to develop one’s relationship with God. The RCIA process can be applied to the following 3 groups:

Unbaptized: persons (age of discretion: 7+ years) who have never been baptized and who need a process to help them grow in awareness to God's call to conversion as well as ways to respond to that call. They are considered catechumens.

Baptized in Another Christian Church: Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. They are considered candidates. For baptized Christians interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church, the process will vary depending upon the depth on one's religious and spiritual readiness.

Baptized but uncatechized Catholic Adults: persons who were baptized as infants and not given any religious instruction in the Catholic faith. These adults will be prepared to celebrate the sacraments of penance, confirmation and Eucharist. They are also considered candidates.

Beginning the Journey □

For many people interested in becoming Catholic or entering into full communion with the Catholic Church, the process can be somewhat confusing or intimidating. After all, this is a major decision in one’s life. The decision to join the Church is exciting and will lead to a deepening of personal faith and relationship to God, others, and self. No matter what has brought you here, the fact that you are interested in taking the next step shows your openness to God and God’s call in your life. Many people have come through the RCIA program and are living lives of service, faith, and love. Perhaps you are asking where to begin the journey. The answer is that you have already begun! Welcome to your faith journey! The next step is to contact Deacon Ronnie Hathorne or speak to Fr. Sohe, They will be happy to help you move ahead in your discernment process.

RCIA registration immediately after mass today.
Classes will begin Thursday, September 18, at
6:00pm in the Rectory.

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	

(Please sign the Healing Prayer Book to list ill parishionrs).

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 15– September 14



MON 15	First Reading: 1Corinthians 11:17-26,33 Gospel: John 19:25-27 Luke 2:33-35
TUE 16	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a Gospel: Luke 7:11-17
WED 17	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 Gospel: Luke 7:31-35
THU 18	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel: Luke 7:36-50
FRI 19	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Gospel: Luke 8:1-3
SAT 20	First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 Gospel: Luke 8:4-15
SUN 21	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Gospel: Matthew 20:1+6a



Parish Announcements

CASINO BUS TRIP TODAY!!!!!! – 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. Join the Knights of Peter Claver Council/ Court #210, at the Imperial Palace Casino in Biloxi.

Condolences to Marshae Blackmon on the loss of your Uncle, Samuel Coleman. St, Joseph’s Church family is praying for you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

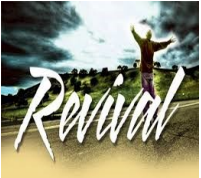
Anyone interested in serving on the planning committee for the Christmas Celebration/Fundraiser please sign up on the list in the back of the church, or see Marshae Blackmon

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.

ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS!! The Department of Catholic Education Kick-Off Day (formerly Catechist Celebration Day) will be on September 20th, in Daphne at Christ the King Parish. Please contact the DRE, Tiffany Barnes for more information.

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!



Inter-Parish Council 2014 Revival!

Theme: "Doing the Will of the Lord",
Revivalist- Fr. Vernon Hughley
St. James Catholic Church,
927 W Prichard Ave.
September, 28, 29, 30 & October 1



MAYSVILLE GOSPEL FEST 2014

October 11—Church Grounds
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Theme: Fishers of Men