



**December 24, 2017**



# **Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church**

**228 South Beach Boulevard ~ Bay St. Louis, MS 39520**

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**Podcast Site: <http://olgpastor.podbean.com/mobile/> ~ [formed.org](http://formed.org) (Parish Code: WX8YKK)**

***Pastor: Reverend Michael P. O'Connor***

***Deacons: Mike Harris & Eddie Renz***

## **Our Mission Statement**

**Our Lady of the Gulf Parish was established in 1847 for the Salvation of Souls (Matthew 6:20) and the Greater Glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).**

***Come to worship—leave to serve!***

## **Confession Schedule**

- ◆ One hour before Saturday Vigil Mass
- ◆ 30 minutes prior to all Sunday Masses
- ◆ 30 minutes prior to the Tues. evening Mass
- ◆ 30 minutes prior to Saturday morning Mass
  - ◆ Other times by appointment

*Communal Penance celebrations held during Advent and Lent*

## **Mass Schedule**

- ◆ Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Every Weekday: 7:00 a.m.
- ◆ Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Saturdays: 7:30 a.m.

Dear Family of Our Lady of the Gulf,

Merry Christmas and a most blessed and joy-filled New Year! Thank you all for your kindness, generosity and love. Over and over again I have been touched by the warmth and care of this beautiful community of faith, and this is especially so during this joyous season of giving. Allow me to remind you with absolute sincerity that the gifts I appreciate most are your prayers and your love of God and neighbor (including me ☺).



Speaking of gifts, the Incarnation is the greatest gift one could ever receive - Emmanuel - God with us - “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”. We say in the Creed that “by the Holy Spirit [Jesus] was *incarnate* of the Virgin Mary and became man”. Jesus is God “in *carne*” that is in the “flesh”. God comes to us as a child. Jesus teaches us His love for us by actions of humility and sacrifice. The love of God in Jesus is what we celebrate above all on Christmas day! “Keep Christ in Christmas” is calling us to ponder and bask in the warmth of God’s greatest gift. It is not the time to take down the Nativity or tree - it is time to meditate on the child Jesus and renew our commitment to a life in Christ. Merry Christmas!

**New Parishioners:** To register call the parish office and request a parish registration card.

**Baptisms:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the third Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. At least one parent or guardian must be (or become) a regular attending member of OLG parish. Non-parishioners who wish to have their child baptized here must provide a letter from their pastor. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a “baptism class”. (Visitors may attend class at their home parish). We offer the class the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center or by appointment. Godparents must be at least 16 years old, confirmed Catholics, who practice the faith. At least one Godparent is needed.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** Those who are seriously ill should be given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as soon as possible. Communal celebrations are held during Advent and Lent.

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:** The First Communion program of OLG parish is now a 2-year program (1st and 2nd grades). Please contact Kathleen LeBlanc for info or questions.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements for weddings must be made at least six months ahead of time. A pre-marriage preparation program and individual counseling with the parish priest are required for all. Our Wedding Guidelines Packet is available on our web site at [www.olgchurch.net](http://www.olgchurch.net) or upon request at the parish office.

**House Calls:** Please notify the parish office of the names of any who desire to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation at home.

**St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel:** We welcome you to visit our chapel as a guest or a committed adorer. Call the parish office for questions or to sign up for an hour.

**St. Mary Cemetery:** A sacred enclosure to receive those who have lived within the faith. Contact: Joe Monti 228-216-7409.

**Continuing the Church:** Please remember Our Lady of the Gulf Parish and its schools in your will.

**Church Support:** Parishioners are encouraged to base their giving on the principles of stewardship and sacrifice. Please use your envelopes or sign up for Direct Debit.

**Office closing:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25th and 26th. We will reopen for regular office hours on Wednesday, December 27th.

**FINANCES WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2017**

Offertory:	Envelopes	\$ 3,958.00
	Loose	\$ 6186.19
	Direct Debit	\$ 1,720.00
Extra & Other Donations		\$ 3,378.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society		\$ 479.00

Number of Identifiable Contributions . . . . .192  
*Thank you for your continued support!*

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**Youth Directors,** Karli & BJ Corr.....228-332-0081  
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**MINISTRIES & CONTACT INFO**

- Altar Servers:** Mr. Ivo Prikasky [veryluckydad@yahoo.com](mailto:veryluckydad@yahoo.com)  
**Altar Society:** Meets Second Monday of every month 5:30 pm in Christian Life Center. Kathy Donner 363-1838  
**Angel Ministry & Groups:** JoAnn Hille 467-6169  
**Annulment Counseling:** Deacon Eddie Renz  
**Booking of Parish Facilities:** Jo Sharp  
**CCD & Religious Education:** Kathleen LeBlanc, Chris Austin, and Karli & BJ Corr  
**Choir Practice:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the church  
**Crab Festival:** Pamela Metzler 467-6509  
**Electronic Transfer (Direct Debit):** Jo Sharp  
**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (PreK3-6):**  
 Mrs. Desiree Lizana, Principal  
[dlizana@holytrinitycatholic.net](mailto:dlizana@holytrinitycatholic.net)  
 467-5158 [www.holytrinitycatholic.net](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.net)  
**For Better & For Ever Marriage Prep:** Deacon Harris  
**K of C Ladies Auxiliary:** Sue Brocato 342-2902  
**Knights of Columbus:** Mak Kersanac 228-216-2442  
**Ladies’ Prayer Group:** First Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center  
**‘Sunday Connections’ Prayer Group:** Third Monday of month at 6:00 pm in the Christian Life Center.  
**Men’s Night Out with Deacon Eddie Renz:** Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center  
**Novena of Perpetual Help:** Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.  
**OUR LADY ACADEMY (Girls Grades 7-12):**  
 467-7048 [www.ourladyacademy.com](http://www.ourladyacademy.com)  
**Perpetual Adoration:** James San Fillippo 228-671-1835  
**Praise & Worship Music:** Shea Ladner & Miles Ladner  
**Prison Ministry:** Deacon Mike Harris  
**Rabboni (Bereavement) Ministry:** Suzi Lee 493-3449  
**RCIA, RCIC:** Deacon Mike Harris  
**Sacramental Preparation:** Kathleen LeBlanc  
**ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE (Boys Grades 7-12):**  
 Bro. Barry Landry, President—Mr. Gary Blackburn, Principal  
 467-9057 [www.ststan.com](http://www.ststan.com)  
**St. Vincent de Paul Conference:** Call 228-342-1545 on Mondays from 9-11:30 am to make an appointment.  
**St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy:** Meets in Bay St. Louis on the 1st Monday of each month. Call 228-374-9097 for information.  
**Wedding Coordinators:** See Wedding Guidelines Packet at [www.olgchurch.net](http://www.olgchurch.net).  
**Youth Ministry:** Karli & BJ Corr 228-332-0081

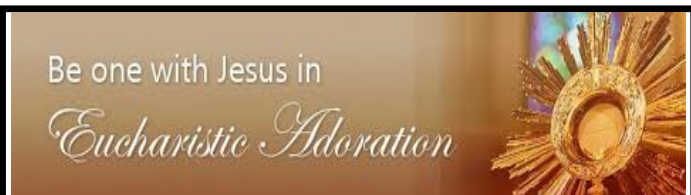


**Christmas Flowers**



Special thanks to all who made donations for Christmas flowers and for those in memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Austin, Irene Baird, Aline & Marion Beal, Sam & Geraldine Benigno & families, Mary & Harry Benjamin, Pete & Betty Benvenuti, Beth Benvenuti, May Beyer, Edna Richoux Bischoff, Irvin Bontemps, Margaret Burns, Edith & Jack Chevis, Donald A. Cuevas, Lloyd Cuevas, Monroe Cuevas, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Cuevas, Sr., John C. Dahn, Jr., Henry Dana, Deceased members of Favre, Faucetta & Scianna families, Roy & Violet Dedeaux & families, Thomas & Marie Egloff, Melissa Ann Estrade, Ava Katherine Estrade, Mr. & Mrs. D. B. Estrade, Jr., LuAnn Favre, Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Frederick, Michael B. Frederick, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Himel, Mr. & Mrs. Woodrow LaFontaine, Joann Legendre, L. P. Madere family, Mr. & Mrs. Emile Manieri, Sr., Roger McGeeHee, Edward & Oceanie Millet & family, Fr. Pete Mockler, Eddie Moran, Eddie & Beryl Murtagh, Cherriel Favre Necaïse, George, Chris & Daniel Proulx, Joseph & Gail Rudolph, Christopher A. Russ, Mr. & Mrs. James A. Ryan, Arlin Schaap, Charles, Beverly & Peter Scianna, Clarence & Lillian Schindler, Erin Stechmann, Gail Thames, Donald Turner, August & Edna Vassalli, Irene & Edward Wisniewski.



Be one with Jesus in  
*Eucharistic Adoration*

We invite you to spend an hour with Jesus in our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at 107 Union Street. Contact James San Fillippo at 228-671-1835 for questions or more information.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Dawn Adams, Brent Anderson, Jr., Ronnie Artigues, Sr., Melvin ‘Cuz’ Barnes, Donnie Bennett, Hank Benvenuti, Dewey Bobinger, Mae Capdepon, Mike Carson, Fr. Ronald Caulkins, Martha Chapin, Maci Clarke, Karen Compretta, Gretchen Cumberland, Rita Dahn, Natalie Duverney, Janelle Forstall, Mark Gonzales, Amy Goscinski, Charlotte Hanley, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Haley Hellmers, Dayle Hille, Suzanne Hinton, Bob Hubbard, Tommy Kidd, Sandy Kolodziej, Fred Korndoffer, Celeste Lane, Denise Lartique, Evelyn Martin, Joan Mary, Paul Mary IV, Dave Moore, Delores Morreal, Agnes Bourn Necaïse, Alicia Neubauer, Eddie O’Connor, Richard Ostenson, Fred Petrie, Rick Reynolds, Valerie Reynolds, Dr. J.D. Rutherford, Jim Sager, Anna Sharp, Jo Richey Sharp, Barbara Smith, Susan Smith, Bill Taylor, Ted Ursu, Kent Weidie, Evelyn Yarborough, our shut-ins, and all others in our parish and community who are in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing.

**For our parishioners entering the hospital at any time, please inform the hospital that you are a member of OLG for visitations.**

*“Do not be afraid...”*

**Please read this  
Sunday’s Gospel:  
Luke 1:30**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, 12/25	8:00 a.m.	†Charles & Bernice Poolson
	10:30 a.m.	Jo Richey Sharp
Tuesday, 12/26	7:00 a.m.	Mark Gonzales
	6:00 p.m.	†Pam Cure
Wednesday, 12/27	7:00 a.m.	Stacey Couture
	8:15 a.m.	NO MASS
Thursday, 12/28	7:00 a.m.	†Bernice Weinberg
Friday, 12/29	7:00 a.m.	†OdilePeranich
Saturday, 12/30	7:30 a.m.	†Beryl & EddieMurtagh
	5:00 p.m.	†Charles Smith
Sunday, 12/31	8:00 a.m.	†Andy & Carol Martinolich
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of OLG
	5:00 p.m.	†John Breedan
		†James “Bucky” Wright
		†OdilePeranich