



*Third Sunday of Advent*



*December 17, 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***

**NOTE**

Dear Family of Our Lady of the Gulf and Visitors,

**NOTE**

This year Christmas falls on Monday and is, as always, a Holy Day of Obligation. Christmas and Sunday are separate Masses. The Sunday Masses for next weekend include only the vigil (Sat 5 PM) and the two morning Masses (8 AM and 10:30 AM). The two evening Masses (5 PM and 7 PM) are Christmas vigil Masses and do not “count” as Sunday Mass. The readings, prayers, sermon and event the Church celebrates will be different between Sunday and Christmas. **BOTTOM LINE:** In order to fulfil your obligation to celebrate Holy Mass next weekend, you will need to attend Mass twice — including a Sunday Mass **and** a Christmas Mass. I pray that you see this as a loving invitation from Holy Mother Church to truly celebrate these “HolyDays” (Holidays).

Come let us

*Adore*

Him



## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Christmas Eve**

**Sunday, December 24th**

**5:00 pm (Confessions 4:30 pm)**

**7:00 pm (Confessions 6:30 pm)**

### **Christmas Day**

**Monday, December 25th**

**8:00 am (Confessions 7:30 am)**

**10:30 am (Confessions 10:00 am)**

**THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS  
ON CHRISTMAS DAY!**

**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.

The December “Sunday Connections” will not meet Monday Dec. 18th due to the OLG Advent Mission.

<b>FINANCES WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2017</b>		
Offertory:	Envelopes	\$ 5,023.00
	Loose	\$ 4,216.24
	Direct Debit	\$ 3,618.00
Extra & Other Donations		\$ 1,521.82
St. Vincent de Paul Society		\$ 205.00
Number of Identifiable Contributions . . . . .216		
<b><i>Thank you for your continued support!</i></b>		

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**Youth Directors,** Karli & BJ Corr.....228-332-0081  
**Secretary to the Pastor,** Jo Sharp.....ext. 301  
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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

**Local Parish Penance Service Schedules**

Most Holy Trinity - Mon., Dec. 18, 6:30-7pm  
 St. Ann - Tues., Dec. 19, 12 noon  
 St. Clare - Tues., Dec. 19, 6 pm  
 St. Rose de Lima - Wed., Dec. 20, 6 pm



Tuesday, December 19th

Holy Trinity Catholic School  
 Nativity Play Performance  
 Our Lady of the Gulf Church  
 8:00 a.m.

Our Lady Academy  
 Nativity & Choir Performance  
 Our Lady of the Gulf Church  
 1:00 p.m.

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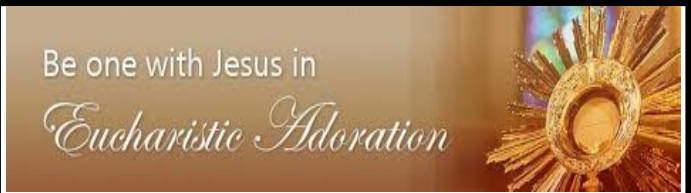
Our Lady of the Rosary Book & Gift Shop  
 Annunciation Church, Kiln, MS  
 Saturday & Sunday after Mass  
 Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Elaine Meyer

228-363-3093 cell elaine\_meyer@bellsouth.net

*“I am not the Christ....  
 I am the voice of one crying out  
 in the desert,  
 ‘make straight the way of the Lord’”*

**Please read this  
 Sunday’s Gospel:  
 John 1:6-8, 19-28**



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, Teresa Causin, Martha Chapin, Maci Clarke, Karen Compretta, Gretchen Cumberland, Rita Dahn, Natalie Duverney, Janelle Forstall, John Genin, Mark Gonzales, Amy Goscinski, Charlotte Hanley, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Haley Hellmers, Dayle Hille, Suzanne Hinton, Bob Hubbard, Tommy Kidd, Sandy Kolodziej, Fred Korndoffer, Willard Ladner, Celeste Lane, Denise Lartique, Evelyn Martin, Joan Mary, Paul Mary IV, Dave Moore, Delores Morreal, 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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, 12/18	7:00 a.m.	Lindsay Chacon
Tuesday, 12/19	7:00 a.m.	†Gail Thames
	6:00 p.m.	†Betty Bass
Wednesday, 12/20	7:00 a.m.	†Edith & Jack Chevis
	8:15 a.m.	NO MASS
Thursday, 12/21	7:00 a.m.	†Gail & Dick Thames
Friday, 12/22	7:00 a.m.	†Rev. Denis Harlow
Saturday, 12/23	7:30 a.m.	Anna Sharp
	5:00 p.m.	†Marian Garrity Hesler
Sunday, 12/24	8:00 a.m.	†Fr. J. P Grenham
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of OLG
Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m.	Mary Brothers
		†Thomas Hernandez & Gabriel Hernandez
		†Gerald Young
	7:00 p.m.	†Martin Fagot



With  
Fr. Steve Bruno

Monday, December 18th 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19th 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20th 6 p.m.

Confessions one hour prior each night and  
during Wednesday night mission.

(Please note that these confession times  
will take the place of our Advent Penance Service)

Thursday, December 21st 6 p.m.

Adore/Choir Christmas Concert

(See other side for information)



**Adore/Choir  
Christmas Concert**

**Thursday, Dec. 21st  
at 6 p.m.  
Our Lady of the Gulf  
Church**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH  
HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES  
TO FOLLOW IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER**