

Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2010



Our Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Gulf is a Catholic Community within the Diocese of Biloxi, with a tradition of faith and endurance since its founding in 1847. Inspired by this heritage, we accept God's call to us in our time to grow as a community of faith, love and compassion, modeled on the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Michael Tracey

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Ministries

Director of Music

Mr. Ed Grotkowski 493-9010

Holy Trinity Elementary 467-5158 www.holytrinitycatholic.net

Mrs. Janet Buras, Principal principal@holytrinitycatholic.net

Our Lady Academy 467-7048 www.ourladyacademy.com

Sr. Jacqueline Howard, President Mrs. Susan Goggins, Principal

St. Stanislaus College 467-9057 www.ststan.com

Bro. Ronald Hingle, President Mr. Paul Verlander, Principal

Religious Education: Elementary

Mr. Chris Austin & Miss Patricia LaFontaine

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m. (4:00 p.m. in Winter)

Sunday: 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. Saturdays: 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days: Vigil 5:30 p.m.; 7 & 9 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 4:30—5:30 p.m., before the Vigil Mass (after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in Winter) and other times by appointment. Communal Penance celebrations held during Advent and Lent.

OLG CALENDAR & INFO

Altar Society: Meetings held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the parish offices. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Novena of Perpetual Help: Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., in the new Parish Offices. Call 467-6509 for more information.

Choir Practice: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the church. For more information contact Ed Grotkowski, Minister of Music, at 228-493-9010.

Angel Ministry: Contact Jo Ann Hille for more information at 228-222-0209.

Adoration: The Eucharist is exposed for Adoration on Thursdays from 8 a.m.—8 p.m. at the St. Augustine Seminary Chapel. Call Yvonne Viguerie at 467-5560 to sign up for an hour or to be a substitute.

Electronic Transfer (Direct Debit): Forms are available at the parish office or our website home page.

St. Vincent de Paul: Next meeting date to be announced.

Additional Parish Information

New Parishioners: Welcome to Our Lady of the Gulf! Please call the parish office to register or download our parish registration form from our website.

Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the third Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Baptism classes for parents and godparents are held the first Monday of every month, 6:00 p.m., in the new parish office building.

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 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.

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. Mary Cemetery: A sacred enclosure to receive those who have lived within the faith. For information, call Ames Kergosien at 467-5402.

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.

Parish Community Center: For rental or schedule information, call the parish office at 467-6509.



The Baptism of Our Lord

Of the many miracles that accompanied the ministry of Jesus, none was greater than John's remarkable decision to stand aside so that Jesus could step forward."

~ Tom Ehrich



Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

David & Nell Baygents, Joyce Bermond, Raymond Bermond, Vernon Bermond, Zadie Bermond, Charlie Blaize, Geri Bleau, Otto Bourgeois, Warren Bourgeois, Camella Boyd, Julie Bradberry, Kale Bradford, Vincent Bradley, Kyle Brown, Carmelle Bufkin, Jeanine Burch, Wally Burns, Jessica Compretta Caillet, Lynnette Ladner Carbon, Brady James Cheramie, Ronald Chetta, Tyler Childs, Richard Collins, Judy Cooksey, Stephen Cooksey, Dot & George DiBenedetto, Cindy Barne Elliot, Jackie Garriga, John Gleeson, Jr., Orville Guseman, Kris Hearin, Brett Heitzmann, Watson Johns, Martha Kassis, Shirley Kelly, Jimmy Ladner, Venda Mae Ladner, Carolyn Langenbacker, Laura Main, Loretta Mary, Paul E. Mary IV, Kathryn McCauley, Jerry McCurley, Gene & Mary Alice Monti, Candy Murphy, Adam Osterholm, Mary Price, Mary Reed, Gloria Rosato, Sam Scafidi, Stuart Seal, Sue Sellier, Bill Shaw, Bryan Simolke, Susan Sotak, Susan Thigpen, Josie Thomas, Gert Toomey, James Travirca, Gary Treuil, Pennie Treutel, Chelsea Umbach, Roy C. Walton, Bea Williams, Mary Ybos, our shut-ins, and all others in our parish and community who are in need of physical 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. Names will remain on the list for one month unless we are otherwise notified.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 11, 7:00 a.m.	†Ruth Cazeneuve
Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 a.m.	†Dr. Fred Weems
Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 a.m.	†Mike Haas, Sr.
Wednesday, January 13, 8:15 a.m.	Jessica Compretta Caillet
Thursday, January 14, 7:00 a.m.	†Mae Chapman
Friday, January 15, 7:00 a.m.	†Lucia Tumolo
Saturday, January 16, 7:30 a.m.	† Edward & Betty Renz
Saturday, January 16, 04:00 p.m.	† Rosemary Hymel
Sunday, January 17, 8:00 a.m.	†David DeBlanc
Sunday, January 17, 10:30 a.m.	†William Lemmler

FINANCES WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2010

Offertory:	Envelopes	\$ 2,611.30
	Loose	\$ 3,623.72
	Direct Debit	\$ 1,335.00
	Hurricane/Rebuild	\$ 385.00
	St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 61.00
	New Year Collection	\$ 3,103.05
	All Other Contributions	\$ 491.00

Number of Identifiable Contributions245

Thank you for your continued support!

2010 Improvements

There are three major projects on tap for this year. First of all, we are entertaining bids for re-grouting and weather-proofing the church. This was done prior to Katrina washed away a lot of the grout. This will be an expensive project but a very necessary one. Having done this prior to Katrina held the church structure together much better. Secondly, we have to upgrade the pipe organ. We got a supply of pipes from St. Paul's Catholic Church in Vicksburg to replace the pipes that have and are corroding. We will do this in stages. Finally, the Facilities Committee have been meeting and brainstorming about the construction of a 24/7 Adoration Chapel to replace the one lost in Katrina. Also included in the planning stages are some meeting spaces for various groups in the parish to use. This is in its infancy stages and has to go through various stages of approval from the bishop and various diocesan committees.

We hope to publish a financial statement of the parish finances for the past year in the next few weeks. We thank you for your support and patience.

**Confirmation Meeting Reminder**

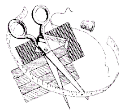
There will be an important informational meeting for parents and candidates of Confirmation **TODAY, January 10, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.**, in the Parish Community Center. Diocesan guidelines state that the Sacrament of Confirmation is offered in the 11th or 12th grade.

2009 Financial Contribution Statements

If you wish to receive a statement of your 2009 contributions to Our Lady of the Gulf, please call the parish office at 467-6509 or email Jo at olgchurc@bellsouth.net. Statements will be mailed out by the end of January.

**Military Prayer List**

We will begin a Military Prayer List for all our loved ones serving our country both at home and abroad. The list will be kept updated and can be picked up at the tables by the doors. Pick up a list and remember our military personnel in your daily prayers. To add a name to the list, please call Dot Kersanac-Burns at 467-5784 with the name, branch of military, and where they are stationed.

**OLG Angel Ministry Blanket Group**

Next meeting dates are **February 3 & 10**, 1-3 p.m., in the OLG Parish Community Center.

Pro-Life Rally

Saturday, January 30th, 11 a.m.—3 p.m. at Jack Reed Park in downtown Picayune, MS.

ARISE Weekend (Women's)**February 12—14, 2010—Dedeaux Hilton**

An ARISE Weekend is for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, those taking instruction in the Catholic Faith (RCIA), non-Catholics who are interested in looking into the Catholic faith, or for anyone looking for a thought-provoking and enjoyable weekend. For more information or to register, contact Angela Gombos at 228-365-0158 or Candace Atwood at 228-990-7823. To learn more about the ARISE program, visit this site:

http://cursillomovementofsouthmississippi.org/arise_home_page.html

Miracles Do Happen

Sister Brieger McKenna's book "Miracles Do Happen" is now available for \$12.00 by calling Jo Ann Hille at 228-222-0209. Please make check payable to: St. Clare Sisters Retreat Ministry.

**Vincentian Meditation for January 10, 2010**

"The fire of the Holy Spirit gives us the grace to be God's presence for one another: 'The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a mother, reverence; to your father, conduct that will make him proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all people, charity.' All that was precisely what Jesus Christ did. That, too, was what His Mother did. It was what St. Vincent de Paul and all God's saints did. May we be strengthened to do likewise." (McCullen, Deep Down Things, p. 728).

As January 2010 has five Sundays, we will be asking you to please consider giving, or continue giving, to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference at the end of the month. Our conference is a gathering of three parishes—OLG, St. Rose de Lima, and St. Clare—that assist those in need in Bay St. Louis and Waveland proper. Your generosity enabled our SVDP to meet once in December and once so far in January. Your continued support will hopefully enable SVDP to meet more than once a month. It is no exaggeration that the need in our communities is tremendous right now. Please give prayerful consideration to donating to our St. Vincent de Paul . . . YOU can make a difference!