

Dear Parishioners and Visitors of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Vancleave and Christ the King Mission in Latimer:

January is the time to make our annual New Year's resolutions. Every Catholic should add to our list a few spiritual resolutions designed to help us climb that mountain of faith.

Let the freshness of the new year be your motivation to make new strides on your journey with God. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Increase Your Marian Devotion.
The way to turn back to God is the same way that God came to us - through the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the new year, commit yourself to increasing your Marian devotion, so that She may lead you to a deeper conversion. Pray the rosary daily with your family, or attend Tuesday morning Mass at Holy Spirit Church, where we honor and pray to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. That will allow you to increase your faith and deepen your relationship with the Mother of God.
2. Make more time for spiritual readings.
Your best bet is to stick to the classics written by Catholic saints known for their practical spiritual wisdom, such as Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales, Therese of Lisieux, and John of the Cross. The four gospels and the letters of St. Peter and St. Paul are also excellent choices, as they are the inspired Word of God.
If you struggle with finding the time to read, make a list of books that you would like to complete this year and pray that God will show you how you can find the time to read them.
3. Share your Catholic faith with others.
Nowadays, so many people stay far away from God, His Church, and the Sacraments. Generally, there is a vast and real hunger for God and His Truth. So, you don't have to be loud or overbearing about your faith, just focus on doing simple things, such as being joyful in your walk with Christ, invite people to come to Mass with you, or invite them to join our Church by taking a Journey of Faith (RCIA). These acts of your faith will show God how much you care for Him, love Him, and love His Church here on earth.
4. Bring back regular penances - at least twice a year.
Living a penitential life, even outside of Advent and Lent, is the Catholic way of life. All of the Church's saints performed penances regularly, either internally

or externally, and today they invite you to do the same.

I know that the Sacrament of Confession is not pleasant at first, but the graces that come from this sacrament are a true blessing and relief for our souls. So, do not forget to visit a confessional as often as possible.

5. Attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
Mass is not only the source and summit of our faith, it is also the source and summit of our very life. If you cannot attend Mass at your own Parish because of your work or other obligations, then check all of the Parishes in your area for their Mass times, and find out where you can worship Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Remember that Sunday Mass is your Holy Obligation as a Catholic and as a child of God. Jesus loves you so much, and He does a lot for you, so do not miss the opportunity to celebrate Him once a week.

6. Pick a new saint buddy.
We have so many wonderful Saints that we venerate in the Catholic Church. Why not take on the tradition of choosing a Catholic Saint as a special patron this year? Pray about the New Year and the goals you have for your spiritual life for you and for your family. Choose a patron saint whose virtues you would like to emulate in 2022, and entrust your year to his special intercession. Through your devotion, ask your saint to be your guide for this New Year, because with him by your side, it will be easier for you to deal with the difficulties in your life, as well as reaching your New Year's goals.
May God bless you all abundantly in 2022.
Fr. Peter

End of Year Statements

If you would like an end of year offering statement, please email the parish office and request one. It would be helpful if you would also state which church you attend. Thank You☺

Next weekend is the Diocesan Collection for the Saltillo Mission and Latin America

Bible Study

Please join us for our next Bible Study, **Romans: The Gospel of Salvation**. Holy Spirit Parish will begin *Romans* on **February 8th at 6:30—8:00**. Participants will meet every Tuesday evening to view an engaging video presentation by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff

Cavins, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register contact Deacon Johnny at jjennings@biloxidiocese.org. Signup sheets are also on the table in the foyer. Workbooks are \$32 each. We hope you can join us!

Worldwide SYNOD 2021-2023: Please take note of the insert in this week's bulletin. You will find an explanation of a two-year Synodal initiative that was inaugurated by Pope Francis this past October. The insert contains the three focus areas that we, the people of God, need to reflect on and respond to. Note that the italicized bullet points below the questions are meant to be some clarification of the breadth of the focus areas. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with this very important exercise that the Universal Church is seeking feedback from all of us to strengthen the life and mission of the Body of Christ. The Insert also contains a link to the Diocesan website and the Gulf Pine Catholic articles that outline this initiative.

Stewardship			
Date	Holy Spirit	Christ the King	
1/9	2,151	1,173	Offering
	616.09	350.75	Tornado
	421	118	Age & Infirm
	80	15	Building

CYO

Our next CYO meeting for January will be on *January 23rd*. The CYO will have a bake sale on February 13th after the 9:15 Mass at Christ the King and after the 11:00 Mass at Holy Spirit.

Mardi Gras Ball

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone to come join us in our annual Mardi Gras Ball on Saturday,

MASS	LECTOR	Altar Servers
Sat Jan 22 4:00 p.m. CK	Owen Trochesset	
Sat Jan 22 6:00 p.m. HS	Doris Santa Cruz	Joseph Cook
Sun Jan 23 9:15 a.m. CK	Mary Smith	Daniel Yennie
Sun Jan 23 11:00 a.m. HS	Loren Vickrey	Addison Smith
Sun Jan 23 6:00 p.m. HS	Katherine Rushing	

February 19. Tickets will be sold after masses or you can contact one of our Knights. To help keep social distancing we will be limiting sales to 160 tickets so don't wait.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. Peter is available for Confession every day, before daily Mass and after, or by appointment.

CK & HS COMBINED ACTIVITIES

CYO : (6th-12th) 7:00pm to 8:00pm 1st & 3rd Sunday – Parish Hall

Youth Ministers:

RCIA: Wednesday. 6:30pm-8:00 pm – Parish Hall

K of C Meeting: 1st Wed. of the month at 7pm.- KC Hall

Parish Charity: Tuesdays- 4:30pm.-5:00pm C.K.

Boy Scouts Troup 826: Michael Rosas -Tuesdays- 6:30pm- HSCC

HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITIES: 6705 Jim Ramsay Road, Vancleave, 39565

Altar Society – Margaret Brenke, President
Maintenance – Mark Hopkins

CCD Director: Jessica Maddox

CCD Grades K-9 – Sunday 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

CCD Grades 10 & 11 – Wed. 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. HSCC

Bible Study – Wed. after 8:00am Mass and Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Holy Spirit Community Center.

CHRIST THE KING ACTIVITIES

10601 Daisy Vestry Rd, Latimer, MS 39565

CCD Director: Shirley McCusker

CD: Grades K – 11th- Sunday 10:15am-11:15am

Parish Council: 2nd Tuesday at 6:45pm

Altar Society/Flowers – Tina Shoemaker, President. Please contact her at (228) 238-3791.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life. Please pray for our seminarians: Michael Johnson, Chris Collins, John

Olivier, Adam Frey, Christian Baca, Marcelo Gois, Jacob Lott, **and permanent deacons; our Service Men & Women:** Chad Parker, James Griffith, Scott Fisher, Patrick Ekhlās, Josh Iler, Michael Ferencak, Bruce Spearmock, Kris Moe, Joshua Cook, Adriana Hill-Cook and Matthew Ekhlās; **those in nursing or assisted living homes and those who are ill:** Maria Kmiecik, Pete Dacri, Joe Martin, Garrett Windham, Bryleigh Brochard, Albert Santa Cruz, Thomas Newman, Sandra Hill, Beverly Reese, Mary Osterman, Nell Kieff, Judy Salinas and Miguel Saavedra.