



ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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E-Newsletter 4/2/2026

Blessings to you all in Holy Week! In this season of reflection, we present your weekly news.

Easter Sunday



Celebrate Easter with us this Sunday! We'll begin with a beautiful service, and childcare will be available—just drop your little ones off in the parish hall before the service begins. Afterward, join us for a festive gathering with mimosas, breakfast casserole, sausage, croissants, and delicious desserts. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and share the joy of this special day. We can't wait to see you

there!

This Week at St. Paul's:

Sunday, April 5th -

9:00am - Enquirers/Confirmation Class

9:30am - Choir Practice

10:30am - Holy Eucharist

11:30am - Coffee Hour



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Good Friday Liturgy

We will be hosting a Good Friday Liturgy at noon on April 3rd. This somber service will commemorate Jesus's crucifixion, death, and burial as we look towards Easter Sunday.

Creation Care Upcoming Events

Join us for free monthly gatherings on Zoom featuring mentors and leaders on Creation Care and the intersections of evangelism, discipleship, and justice. These occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month (April 9th), 6:30-8 pm CT.

To sign up for meetings, click [here!](#)

Episcopal Creation Care Gathering Network
deep dive

JOIN US FOR AN INSPIRING AND INFORMATIVE GATHERING

Thursday, March 12
7:30 PM ET

Mentor Presenter:
• The Rev. Rachel Field, Creation Care Path with The Rev. Heather Barta, Host

REGISTER NOW!

Discovering THE PATH project

Free Registration! episcopalcreationcaregathering.org



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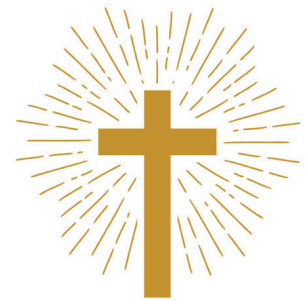
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Committees

You are invited to join one of these committees of prayer & work. The purpose is to pray for ten or so minutes with others who share your area of interest. This needs to be done monthly and the purpose is to put our interests into prayer and listen. The Spirit will show you things from time to time, and your task then is one of reflecting together and putting into action what is shown. If you pray together, the work will emerge. This can be an easy addition to prayer discipline and will enable you to further serve your community and faith.



Signed,

Father Nick+

Vestry Committees

1. Building/Grounds - Chris Petersen
Plans and carries out maintenance of the church property.
2. Christian Education - Rachael Rutherford/ Wendy Bracey
Explores and provides ways to nurture both children and adults in the Lord.
3. Lonnie Smith Memorial - Rachael Rutherford
Establishes repetitive remembrance.



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4. Outreach - Emma Cufu
Reaches beyond the parish/parishioners to render aid.
5. Worship - Father Nick+
Plans & organizes worship under the guidance of the Priest.
6. Parish Life - Craig Hopkins
Plans & organizes parish-wide events that build community and celebrate our life together.
7. Creation Care - Kristin Kingsley
Directs our attention towards activities & literature that will nurture our planet & environment.

Additional Groups

1. Altar Guild - Caleb Petersen, Dolly Kingsley, Kristin Kingsley
Cares for and prepares the altar and sanctuary.
2. Pastoral Care Team - Jason Dean
Includes Eucharistic ministers, Institutional visitors (hospitals, etc.), Pastoral visitors (parishioners, etc.).
3. Office - Rose Schmidt (clerk of vestry), Elizabeth Petersen (e-news and bulletin).
4. Choir - Susan Burns



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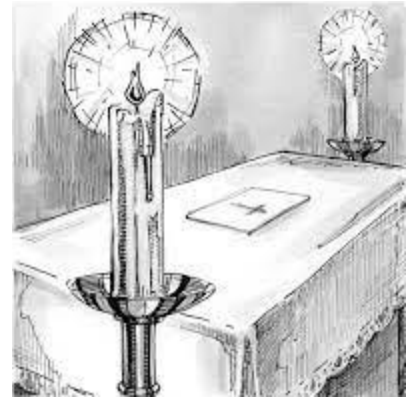
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Lay Ministry

At St. Paul's, our Lay Ministry is a vital part of our worship life. Lay Ministry includes readers, ushers, acolytes, singers, and altar guild in service to God and our congregation. If you feel called to serve in one of these roles, please speak with Jason, who will gladly guide you toward the ministry that best suits your gifts.

Your participation is a meaningful way to share your talents and deepen your connection to our parish community.



Holy Communion

Holy Communion, the sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood, is offered to all baptized Christians. While denominations may shape how we govern ourselves, they do not define who we are in Christ. In addition, gluten-free hosts are available for those who prefer them—simply inform Fr. Nick or an usher if you require one.



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Confirmation/Enquirers Class

This class is open for anyone seeking to learn more about the Church, and for those seeking confirmation. Confirmation is the laying of hands by our Bishop and prayer for the Spirit of God to enter that person. It is also the way to join this branch of the Church if one was baptized elsewhere. Further, confirmation serves as a right of passage into adult Church membership for those baptized as infants.



The class is free-wheeling with rich discussion of life and religion. It is designed for those who are new to the church or seeking to learn more about being a Christian.

For inspiration. For information.



More News!



Scan here to sign up!

If you would like to receive news on the diocesan level, scan the QR code to the left! There, you can sign up for both The Mississippi Episcopalian, which focuses on stories of churches and the bishop throughout the diocese, and TME-News, which focuses on events occurring throughout the diocese.



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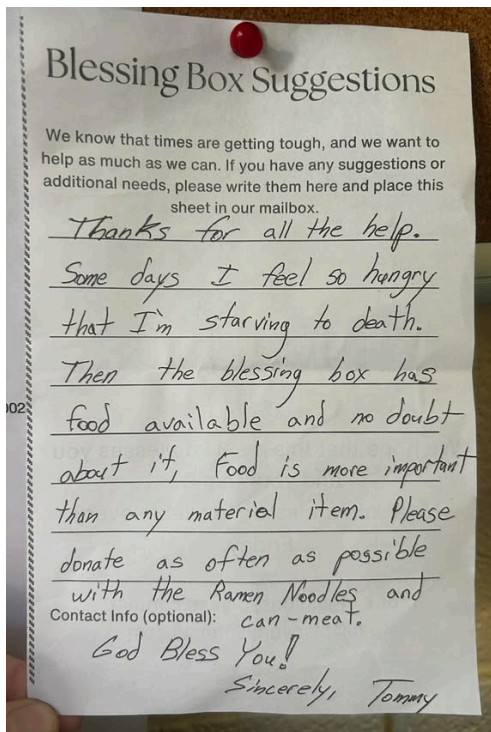
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Scouts BSA Troop 5/Venture Crew 5

Troop 5 would like to extend a huge thank you to those who have donated to the blessing box in the past week!



Currently, we especially need **toothbrushes**. For more ideas, check the printed sheets in the back of the church or visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#) to donate.

We have received our first blessing box suggestion sheet, and it truly shows how much this program has helped our community. It is your support that helps us keep the blessing box stocked, and we thank you so much for it. We never would have gotten where we are now without your help.

Image Transcript: Thanks for all the help. Some days I feel so hungry that I'm

starving to death. Then the blessing box has food available and no doubt about it, food is more important than any material item. Please donate as often as possible with the ramen noodles and can-meat. God bless you! Sincerely, Tommy.



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Picayune
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SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE

Located at the Ed. Building on Tuesdays and Fridays, 10-11 am. Open to all, no prior signup required. We look forward to seeing you!

AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

- 1ST-12TH GRADES
- SUBJECT EXPERTS
- SNACKS PROVIDED
- PLAYTIME AND ACTIVITIES

COST \$0 (FREE)

Mon-Thurs
4pm-6pm Weekly
Starting
Sept. 1, 2025

1421 Goodyear Blvd., Picayune, MS 39466
youthempowerment1970@gmail.com
(601) 590-8983

Enrollment in our free afterschool tutoring is officially open! The program is available for children in 1st grade all the way to 12th. The program occurs Mon-Thurs, 4-6 pm.

For more information or to apply, call us at 601-590-8983.