



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 3, 2018

The cup of salvation I will take up,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.
— *Psalm 116:13*

Saturday Vigil Mass June 9, 2018 5:00 p.m.	Lectors:	Carrie Lambert, Jarrod Lambert
	Eucharistic Ministers:	Jean Biglane (E), Weasie Mallory (PB), Patricia Murphy (PB), Melinda Laird (Handicapped)
	Greeters:	Jackie Eidt, Pat Ray
	Ushers:	Ryan Wingfield (H), Freddie Biglane (C), Tommy Biglane (C)
	Gift Bearers:	First Communicant and Family / Chosen by Head Usher or Mass Coordinator
	Cross Bearer:	Philip Zuccaro
Sunday Mass June 10, 2018 10:00 a.m.	Servers:	Charles Garrity, Ty Bertelsen
	Mass Coordinator:	Bonnie Woodward
	Lectors:	Ricky Warren, J.W. Seibert
	Eucharistic Ministers:	Julie Riley (E), Pam McCann (Choir/Handicapped), Marty Seibert (PB), Betty Lou Hicks (PB)
	Greeters:	Margaret Searcy, Janet Warren
	Ushers:	Gabe Cassagne (H), Dallas Morris (C), Pat Biglane (C)
Gift Bearers:	First Communicant and Family / Chosen by Head Usher or Mass Coordinator	
Cross Bearer:	Jay Gamberi	
Servers:	Lesley Martinez, Joey Gunning	
Mass Coordinator:	Gabe Cassagne	

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The origins of today's solemnity lie in thirteenth-century Belgium. In those days, people seldom received Holy Communion, and never from the chalice. A nun in a troubled convent, Juliana of Liège, devoted her life to stirring up love for the Eucharist, lobbying for a feast day to honor the Blessed Sacrament with Masses and processions.

Juliana may have been inspired by the Ascension Day processions in nearby Bruges. Crusaders brought a treasure home to Bruges from Constantinople in 1204: a reliquary said to contain a cloth from Joseph of Arimathea with which he had helped prepare the body of Jesus for burial. The stain on the cloth was said to be the holy blood itself, and so the people of Bruges built a great basilica to house the relic. Bruges became a great center of pilgrimage because of this treasure, and the procession of the Holy Blood is still one of the greatest festivals in Belgium today. The bishop carries the relic through the narrow streets, and the people wear medieval costumes and act out scenes from the Bible.
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ALTAR WORKERS

June 8: Virginia McDaniel

FLOWER GUILD

June 9: Buckner/Tyra Wedding

CARPENTER'S CUP (10:00 am Mass)

June 10: Jennifer Bunch

PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND	Weekly amount anticipated to meet budget	Amount received last weekend
Weekly Envelopes:	\$11,057.70	\$6,676.00 (134)
Loose Contributions:	\$326.93	\$349.31
Children's Contributions:		\$0.00 (0)

Mississippi Catholic, 2018: To date, 115 paid subscribers.

Special Collections:

Budgeted weekly amount for 2017-2018 fiscal year is \$11,096.16 (\$577,000.00 for the year)

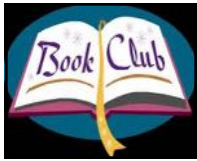
AN AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILATOR (AED) IS LOCATED IN THE BULLETIN ROOM ON THE ELEVATOR SIDE OF THE BASILICA. USHERS AND MASS COORDINATORS ARE AWARE OF THE LOCATION.

APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTOR

Our pastor, Father David O'Connor, will leave for Ireland on Monday, June 18, 2018, for his summer vacation to visit with his family there and to lead a tour group through Ireland.

Individuals who need to meet with Father O'Connor before he leaves are asked to call the church office as soon as possible to schedule an appointment with him.

ST. MARY BOOK CLUB TO MEET



St. Mary Book Club will meet this Tuesday, June 5, at 6:00 pm in the O'Connor Family Life Center. The study is facilitated by Ruth Powers.



The following friends and members of our parish need our prayers. Please add these names to your prayer list. Contact the church office 601-445-5616 to have names added to the prayer list. Names will be removed after four weeks.

Henry J. Barnett
Logan Byrne
Angeline Gibson
Wanda Mulvihill
Cathy Helmrich
Mary Brasher
Johnnie and David Galer
Lewis Vance
Karen and Larry Gardner
Fr. Antoine Lynch
Charlene Rushing
Philip Callahan
Louis Dallalio
Bobbie Drane
Matt Souderes
Russ Simonton
Lisa Screeton
James Young
Anne Giadrosich
Dinah Ricks
Daniel Miller
Virginia Whitehead
Donnie Verucchi
Mary Faggione
Bobby McLean
Phillip Mardis
Roxie Miller
Audley and Lorna Case

Leona Uzzetta
Joe Eidt
Speedy Wilson
Father O'Connor
Willie Rymer
Diane Golden
Luke Janette
Erin Eidt Myers
Laura Davis
John Petermann
Gwen McCalip
Bob McWilliams
Doug Boggess
Durrell Epperson

Barbara Burke
Paisley Mardis
Rolland Golden
Dennis Christian
Connie Louviere
Ann Martello
Spitchley
Aaron Hunter
Cole Doughty
Ricky Wilcox
Jennifer Daste
Crowder
Lynda Doughty
Carolyn Eidt
Myers
Elsie Evans

John and Dara McDaniel

Christine LeBlanc
Judy Clements
Ann Thompson
Brian Warren
Lance Gaude
Mary Warren
Esther Shaifer
Mary Gunning
Clarene Guercio
Bernice Martello
Markia Sullivan
Suellen Barnett
Tommy O'Beirne
Ben Butler
Sissy Eidt Browning
Loveta Byrne
Katie Sims

CHURCH ON THE MOVE

The final meeting of *The Church on the Move* study group will take place on Monday, June 4, at 6:00 p.m.. We will gather at the O'Connor Family Life Center and move to St. Therese Hall if necessary due to Vacation Bible School setup.

WEEKLY CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- **Adult Sunday School** -We are currently enjoying the Ascension Press Bible study program of the Book of James. Please join us! We meet at 8:30 in the O'Connor Family Life Center every Sunday morning before 10 o'clock Mass. [Karen Verucchi, Class Facilitator (601)870-5388]
- **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**
Come to a quiet place where you can be with Jesus every Monday following Mass, from 8:30 am-5:30 pm in St. Mary Basilica
During Eucharistic Adoration hours, someone must be in Church at all times. When you enter church, please sign on the blue sheet that you are there and how long you intend to stay.
The Blessed Sacrament can never be left unattended for any amount of time! Please consider committing to an hour with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday.
- **Choir Practice** -All singers, teens through adults, are welcome to join the St. Mary Basilica Choir regardless of music background. A positive attitude, glad heart, and the ability to climb 28 steps is all that's required. Choir is currently on summer break, but those wishing to cantor are always welcome. Please call Lisa Screeton in the parish office or email her at Musicdirector@cableone.net

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY and LAW ENFORCEMENT



We pray for those listed below who serve in the military or in law enforcement at this time, especially any of those who are serving in Iraq or in other dangerous areas of the world.

Contact the church office at 601-445-5616 to have names added.

Bob Loyed Lively	Matt Bounds	Bruck Krafft
Russell Fleet	Richard Walcott	Josh Jackson
Palmer Taylor	Russ Williams	Matthew Voss
Sarah Foggo	Brandan Bordelon	Xander Miller
Michael Stevens	Christopher Shaidnagle	Priester Byrne
Ashley Bennett	Marcus Estes	Mike Chapman
Kyle Aldrich	Aaron Moore	Ben Hewitt
Tyler Wheeler	Matthew Henderson	Travis Patten
		Josh Gamberi

Grief and Loss Support Group

WHEN: Second Monday of the Month
5:30 pm

WHERE: Compassion Care Hospice Suite A
113 Jefferson Davis Blvd. Natchez



Open to the Public
Next Meeting—
June 11, 2018

CATHOLICISM By Bishop Barron

Bishop Barron, the foremost teacher / preacher on Catholicism in this country, has published an excellent DVD series on Catholicism.



A group of St. Mary parish members has decided to meet every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. this summer to view and study Bishop Barron's presentations. *The group will begin meeting this Wednesday, June 6, 2018, in the O'Connor Family Life Center.* Everyone is invited to participate in this series.

DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART



During the month of June, St. Mary Basilica promotes special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The statue of the Sacred Heart is displayed on the communion rail in the church, and we encourage everyone to try and make special visits to church to pray one of the prayers of the Sacred Heart during the month of June.

Statue of the Sacred Heart is a gift of William Henry Elder, Archbishop of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1883. In 1874 while Bishop of Natchez, 1857-1880, he consecrated the diocese to the Sacred Heart.

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please join in prayer to honor and praise him.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

I give you thanks and praise for all your many gifts and blessings, especially the love you shower upon me. Be with me each moment of this day. Help me to be mindful of your never ending love and inspire me to show my love for you by responding generously to the needs of others.

May I become your eyes, your ears, your hands, your voice in a world which hungers for love and forgiveness. In all that I say, in all that I do this day, may I do it for you. Be with me, Lord, and bless me.

Amen.

Charity

Charity is that with which no one is lost, and without which no one is saved.

—St. Robert Bellarmine

SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 6th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our parish will celebrate the 6th anniversary of the dedication of the O'Connor Family Life Center on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The guest speaker for this occasion is Dr. Tom Neal. This program is scheduled from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Please mark your calendars!



HEALING HANDS and PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you knit, crochet, tat, quilt, do needlework, the St. Mary Healing Hands and/or the Prayer Shawl Ministry would like you to join them this **Sunday, June 3, 2018, from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Family Life Center.** Bring your latest project and a snack to share. Relax with friends and enjoy the healing power of handwork.



Miss Lou Support Group for those grieving loss due to suicide Meets on Thursdays, June 7 and 21, 2018. The sessions begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Grace United Methodist Church
2 Fatherland Rd., Natchez, MS**

If you have any questions,
please contact: Jana and Pete Mills,
601-431-4818.



Staples Food Drive THIS Weekend, June 2 and 3

During the first weekend of every month, our parish collects staple food items to help feed the needy elderly in the local area. A box has been placed in the vestibule of the church for all food donations. *If you prefer, you may use the specially marked envelopes that are in the pews this week to make monetary donations.* Please drop all cash/check donations in the collection basket or bring by the church office. Make all checks payable to St. Mary Basilica, 107 South Union St., Natchez, MS 39120.



Your help is greatly needed. We thank the loyal St. Mary parishioners who have donated food and money for this worthy project each month. The prepared boxes of food are distributed throughout the month by Catholic Charities to those in need. PLEASE DONATE TO THIS CAUSE.

Standard Staples Box Items: *We are currently in critical need of powdered milk, canned fruit, and rice.* Other items are grits, oatmeal, flour, sugar, corn meal, dried beans, jelly vegetable oil, macaroni and cheese, canned meat, canned vegetables, and peanut butter.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers on the altar in St. Mary Basilica this weekend, June 2 and 3, 2018, are donated in loving memory of *Joan Vance* by *Sonny Vance*.

VBS Kids At Mass On June 9!

Children attending the St. Mary Basilica Vacation Bible School *Shipwrecked* will perform their theme song as a musical prelude for the Vigil Mass next Saturday, June 9. The Castaways also will have a special post-Communion song at this Mass.



KEEP FIT AND HEALTHY JOIN ONE OF OUR CLASSES

[Classes continue throughout the summer.]

QiGONG / TAI-CHI CHUAN is taught every Wednesday 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the O'Connor Family Life Center. Great for seniors or anyone! We also have Tai-chi in a chair for those who want to take it easy!

YOGA is offered every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the O'Connor Family Life Center. Babysitting available.

LINE DANCING is offered every Monday morning 10:00-11:00 at Assumption, Tuite Hall (10 Morgantown Road) Everyone is welcome!



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of *Leona Burns Carter* who died on Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

May God be with this family in its time of grief, and may He grant *Leona* eternal life and peace.

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

Thank you for your gift to the Catholic Service Appeal that supports important ministries of our diocese.

As of Friday, June 1, 2018, our parish has had 97 households pledge \$36,330.00 of our \$37,000.00 goal for this appeal!

For information about the Appeal or for information on online giving, please visit www.jacksondiocese.org.

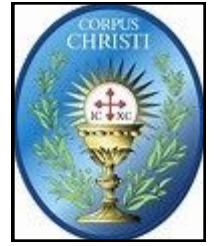
SUMMER REMINDERS

Summer time is fun time for children and youth and some free time for parents. We pray that parishioners have a safe, happy summer. We encourage families and children to attend Mass every Sunday whether at home in Natchez or away. We also ask our parishioners who may be away from Natchez some weekends to remember to send in their regular donations to help our parish meet its weekly operating costs (either mail or use the office drop box).



THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

This weekend the Church celebrates The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, most commonly known as the Feast of Corpus Christi. Unlike Holy Thursday, which celebrates the institution of the Sacrament of Eucharist by Christ at the Last Supper, this feast celebrates one of the most core beliefs of the Catholic Church—the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine. With this Feast Catholics re-state their belief that Christ is present in a real, not symbolic or spiritual, way in the Eucharist. This belief is called transubstantiation. We believe that at each Mass Christ gives us a completely unearned gift through His grace and the work of the Holy Spirit. Although the bread and wine do not change in outward appearance or in a scientifically measurable way, they do indeed become Christ Himself physically present on the altar. At the Last Supper Jesus did not say “This represents my Body” or “This symbolizes my Blood”, he said “This IS my Body” and “This IS my Blood.” He also tells us that his presence will be more than a symbol in John 6: 22-71, called The Bread of Life Discourse.



St. Juliana of Leige in Belgium (1193-1258) was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist, to which she had a great devotion. After many years of trying, she finally convinced the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, where none had existed before. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264. Pope Urban commissioned a Dominican friar, St. Thomas Aquinas, to compose the Mass and Office for the feast of Corpus Christi. Aquinas' hymns in honor of the Holy Eucharist, *Pange Lingua*, *Tantum Ergo*, *Panis Angelicus*, and *O Salutaris Hostia* are the beloved hymns the Church sings on the feast of Corpus Christi as well as throughout the year during Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

In addition to the Mass of the Feast Day, Corpus Christi is traditionally celebrated throughout the Catholic world with public processions of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and sometimes Adoration. Even when formal adoration is not held, Catholics are encouraged to make short visits to the church during the day to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

ST. MARY YOUTH PROGRAMS CALENDAR



ITEMS TO DONATE FOR CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

We would greatly appreciate your choosing a special item that you will **donate** for our use during Catholic Heart Work Camp (June 15-June 22) from our CHWC board in front of the church steps before & after both Masses THIS weekend. There will be boxes at the bottom of the stairs in St. Therese Hall labeled “CHCW” for the donations to be deposited in.



SPONSORSHIP LETTERS – THANK YOU!!!

The Youth mailed out all their Sponsorship Request letters to parishioners. Your donations continue coming in and we cannot thank you enough for your gifts! We appreciate all the love and support you show us throughout the year. If you haven't had a chance to send your gift in yet – not to worry – we are definitely still in need of donations and welcome all that we receive. No gift is too small and prayers are always welcome! Again, thank you all very, very much!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – June 4-8

Please be sure to register. See the insert inside this bulletin.

JCYO (8 Graders) and CYO (9-12 Grades)

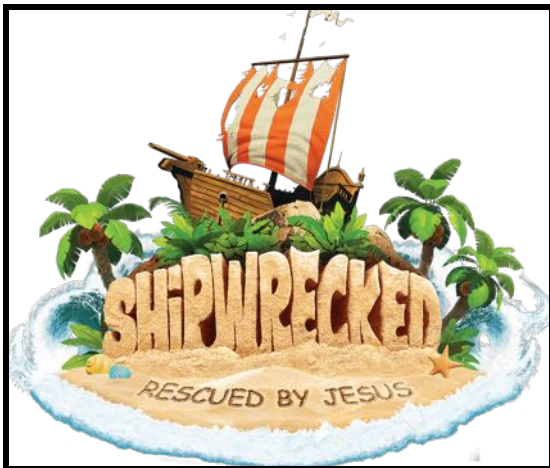
Please see the insert in the bulletin about Vacation Bible School. We really need as many 8th-12th Graders to help as possible – without your help VBS staffers would not be able to do all that they do!!! Students receive service hours for their work as volunteers at VBS.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

ST. MARY BASILICA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Each day at Shipwrecked VBS, kids travel through faith-building rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures!

COORDINATOR this year is Jessica Stubbs (jessicastubbs@gmail.com), assisted by members of the Children's Family Life Ministry Commission.



WHERE: O'Connor Family Life Center
613 Main St.

WHEN: THIS WEEK!!

- Monday—Friday June 4-8, 2018
8:00-11:30 am
- 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 9,
with 2 songs from VBS performed by our
VBS kids. Our music director Lisa
Screeton will lead the VBS participants.

WHO: Ages 3 (must have completed PreK3)
through 6th grade.

Link to register online (all volunteers and participants should register online this year):

<http://vbspro.events/p/events/stmarynatchez>

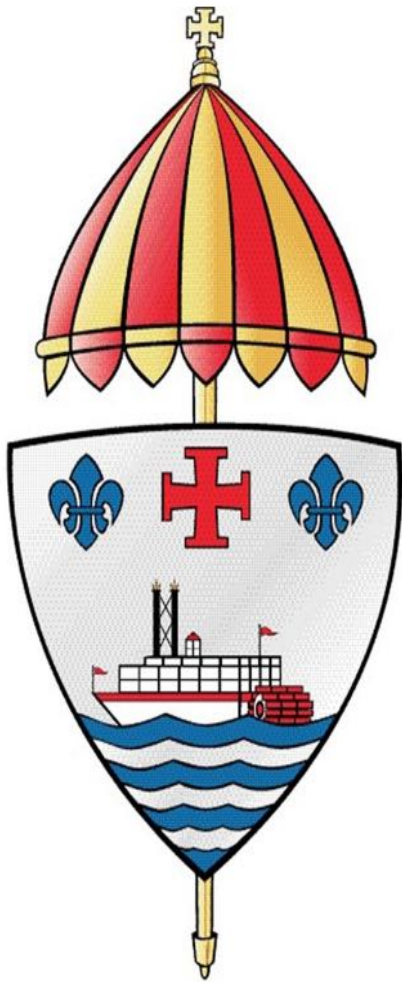
(Contact Jessica Stubbs at 225-614-7712 if you are not able to register online. You may also register and pay Monday morning, June 4, when you bring your children to VBS.)

Fees: \$20/child and \$10 for each additional child to be paid on June 4th if you have not brought your fee by the church office before June 4th

-Fee includes snack and t-shirt



Cantate!



Summer Choir Camp
July 16-20, 2018
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.


Cost: \$25 per child

Let your child learn the joy of song
in the context of children's choir!

Students also will complete
a visual arts project and
serve as music ministers
for the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass
on Saturday, July 21.

Register online at stmarybasilica.org

For more information, email Musicdirector@cableone.net

 Masses for the Week	INTENTION	DONOR	INTENTION	DONOR
	8:00 a.m. Mass			
Monday, 4	Christy Brosnahan (D)	Father David O'Connor		
Tuesday, 5	Communion Service			
Wednesday, 6	Ann Janette (D)	Kansas Janettes		
Thursday, 7	Marilyn Jackson (D)	Jennifer, Meghan, Kayden Martin		
Friday, 8	Communion Service			
Saturday, 9	Communion Service		5:00 p.m. Vigil Joan Vance (D)	Sonny Vance
Sunday, 10			10:00 a.m. Sunday People of the Parish	

MEETINGS THIS WEEK ST. MARY BASILICA

SUNDAY, June 3 CORPUS CHRISTI

STAPLES FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ELDERLY

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, FLC
- 10:00 a.m. Mass / Procession and Benediction
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. Healing Hands / Prayer Shawl Ministry, FLC

MONDAY, June 4

- 8:00 -11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School, FLC
- 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 5:30 p.m. Building and Maintenance Meeting, FLC
- 6:00 p.m. *The Church on the Move* final study session, FLC

TUESDAY, June 5

- 8:00 -11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School, FLC
- 8:45 a.m. Archives Meeting, Rectory
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga, FLC Youth Wing
- 6:00 p.m. Parish Health Ministry, STH
- 6:00 p.m. Book Study with Ruth Powers, FLC

WEDNESDAY, June 6

- 8:00 -11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School, FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Bishop Barrons' DVD Series on Catholicism, FLC

THURSDAY, June 7

- 8:00 -11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School, FLC

FRIDAY, June 8

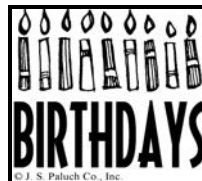
- 8:00 -11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School, FLC

SATURDAY, June 9

- 4:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Buckner-Tyra Wedding

SUNDAY, June 10

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, FLC
- 10:00 a.m. Mass



Parishioners, please contact the parish office if your birthday is not listed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 3

Deborah McDonough
Kenneth Burnette

June 4

Virginia Whitehead
Caroline Downer
Angela Patterson

June 5

Edward Zuccaro
Chase Brooks
Leona Adams

June 6

None

June 7

Maureen Irby
Lance Adams

June 8

Justin Johnson
Rick Easterling
Susan Marlow

June 9

John Kerwin
Elizabeth Turner
Katrina Maier
Dottie Rainer



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12
- Tuesday:** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday:** 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34
- Friday:** Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
- Saturday:** 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51
- Sunday:** Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13 — 5:1; Mk 3:20-35