



YAZOO – St. Mary Parish, First Communion, Sunday, April 28. (l-r): William Foster, Father Panneer Selvam Arockiam, Amelia Bennett. (Photo by Diane Melton, CRE)



BROOKHAVEN – St. Francis Parish, First Communion, Sunday, May 5. (l-r): Plez Smith, Emory Britt, Josie Townsend, Aubrey Mae Hemleben, Reece Robinson. Back: Father Vijaya Manohar Reddy Thanugundla. (Photos by Paige Anderson)



JACKSON – St. Richard Parish, Sunday, April 28. Top row (l-r): Nathan Carrington, Tripp Owens, Samantha Fede, Estephan Choufani, Maya Olivia, Will Fede, Caroline Tolsdorf, Kate Vollor, Kyra Longino, Levi Luckett, Edward Coco, Rivers Lee and Sarah Vanderloo. Middle row (l-r): Mamie Marshall, Alex Perez, Kate Donaldson, Annabelle Allen, Sarah Kate Crowder, Yahir Paniagua, Benedict Aristotle Jones, Megan Rappai, Madison Fair, Ben Compretta, Avery Toth and Cannon Anderson. Bottom row (l-r): Sarah Lunardini, Allie Schuetzle, Ruby Hospodor, Grayson Sullivan, Hank Harkins, Alexa Ward, Will Heslep, Samantha Cochran, Riley Ward, and Hills Ezelle. (Not pictured - Vincent Le and Charlee Matthews). (Photo by Ron Blaylock)



McCOMB – St. Alphonsus Parish, Confirmation, Tuesday, May 28. (l-r): Linda Penn, Mia Montalvo, Kevin Wedge, Wendy Blue, Tyler Alexander, Natalee Nathan, James Harris, Father Brian Kaskie, Bishop Joseph Kopacz, Nan Gatlin, Niki Gibson, Carly Adams, Sharon Kay Bradford, Bailey Shamis, Ethan Hebert, Konya Munson, John Hebert, Jimmy Vielee, Will Stewart, Chris Litman and Aaron Arguies. (Photo by James Harris)



SALTILLO, MEXICO – Rancho Garambullo, First Communion, Friday, July 12. Back center (l-r) Monsignor Michael Flannery, Bishop Louis Kihneman of the Diocese of Biloxi, Bishop Joseph Kopacz and Monsignor Michael Thornton Diocese of Biloxi. (Photo by Juliana Skelton)



PONTOTOC – St. Christopher Parish, First communion, From front to back (l-r) Evelyn Figueroa, Christopher Daniel Bernal, Kayce Emily Bernal, Christopher Daniel Hernandez, Giovanna Camila Hernandez, Larry Hernandez, Bryan Farfan, Elizabeth Farfan, Evelin Sanchez Salinas, Tomas Bryan Sanchez Salinas, Juan Pedro Alvarez, Larry Antonio Salinas Ramirez, Kailey Leslie Salinas Ramires, Ingris Perez, Anthony Almeida, Litzy Oliveros, Francisco Garcia Jr., Jovanny Vazquez, Jr., Juan Leonel Vazquez, Wendy Berenice Lopez, Adamari E. Camarzo, Raymundo Pena, Israel Trejo Segundo, Angela Esmeralda Segundo, Magdalena Segundo. Back row: Father Tim and Andrea Ramos (Catechist). Maria Mendoza, Leitica Ruiz and Maribel Sanchez (not pictured). (Photo by Juana Maria Lopez)



FOREST – St. Michael the Archangel Parish, First Communion. Thirty-six children received the Eucharist for the first time. (Photo by Frank Edmondson)



KOSCIUSKO – St. Therese Parish, First Communion. (l-r): Fatima, Kely, Libby, Felicity Henry, Alex, Tabitha Barrett, Father Odel Medina, ST and Marline Tully (Photo by Sarah Shannon)

OXFORD – St. John Parish, Confirmation, Tuesday, May 7.

Front row (l-r): Nora Clinton, Anne Elise Downs, Madison Cascio, Kyleigh McMullen, Mary Skylar Trost, Bishop Joseph Kopacz, Anna Katherine Trost, Alaina Addy, Jimmy Jubera, Father Joe Tonos Back row (l-r): Carolina Cassisa, Sarah Perry, Ada Grace Perry, Claire Hodge, Hayes Buchanan, Rhodes Clinton, Leland Koestler, Charlie Ligon, Jake Leary, Aiden Addy, Joe Buchanan, Jackson Newman and Ethan Buschlen. (Photo by Gene Buglewicz)





FOREST – St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Confirmation, Wednesday, May 29. Front row (l-r): Nhi Vu, Zully Garcia, Elsa Garril-Perez and Miguel Martinez. Back row (l-r): Father Binh Nguyen, Father Roberto Mena, ST, Deacon Andrew Nguyen, Jorge Antonio, Bishop Joseph Kopacz, Diem Mi Pham, Tommy Pham, Andrew Le, Casey Aguilar and Deacon Edwin Santos.

JACKSON – St. Therese Parish, First Communion with Monsignor Elvin Sunds, Pastor presiding. (Photo by Elsa Baughman)



FLOWOOD – St. Paul Parish, Confirmation, Wednesday, May 8. Front row: (l-r) Father Gerry Hurley, Lauren Flood, Frida Melo, Aubrie Mangum, Amy Nguyen, Bishop Joseph Kopacz, Hailey Borne, Courtney Head, Kaleigh Cohen. Back row: (l-r) Brian Heintzelman, Greyson Swartzfager, Christopher Walton, Thien Pham, Emma Ladner, Morgan Kaminski, Aysha Celestin, Chloe Fitzhugh, Grace Trouard. Catechists not pictured: Amber Earles, Ted Gray and Kevin O'Donnell. (Photo by Reba Heintzelman)



CHOCTAW – St. Therese Parish, First Communion, Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day. (l-r) Logan Isaac, William Dreifuss, David Hickman, Father Bob Goodyear, ST, Ariela Jefferson, Alessondra Jefferson. (Photo by Tina Routh)



GREENVILLE – St. Joseph Parish, Confirmation, Friday, April 12. (l-r): Father Aaron Williams, Brittian Virden, Lee Anne Spencer, John Bentley and Father Bill Henry. Back - Bishop Joseph Kopacz. (Photo courtesy of St Joseph Parish)



VICKSBURG – St. Michael Parish, First Communion, Sunday, May 5. Front row (l-r): Davis Farrell, Luella Lambiotte, Reeves Sadler, Ella Diaz, Peyton Meyer. Second row (l-r): Summer Mocknick, Lucas Robert, Father Robert Dore, Bailess Stewart and Patrick Southerland. (Photo by Jason Hopkins of Hopkins Photography)





BELZONI – All Saints Parish, Wednesday, April 10. (l-r): Riley Bellipanni (All Saints), Jhonna Tavera (St. Mary), Bishop Joseph Kopacz, Anna Fearon Yerger (St. Mary), Maya Byars (All Saints), Father Panneer Selvam Arokiam. (Photo by Diane Melton)



MCCOMB – St. Alphonsus Parish, First Communion, Saturday, April 27. First row: (l-r) Alina Tran, Michael Nguyen and Abigail Truong. Second row: (l-r) Kristyn Sclafani, Yojhan Gonzalez and Anistyn Henderson. Third row: (l-r) Alana Fortenberry, Owen Maddox, Rebecca Davis and Evan Gabler. Fourth row: (l-r) Father Brian Kaskie, Father Suresh Thirumalareddy. (Photo by Teresa Allred)



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CORINTH – St. James Parish, Confirmation, Friday, April 5. (l-r): Emir Carranza, Jonathan Pérez, Dominic Alvarez, Daniela Perez, Dayana Perez, Gracias Paola Leon, Juan Pérez, Axel Cortez, Jesús Magana, Rodolfo López and Luis Rosales. Two girls at front are altar servers. Back row (l-r) Father Mario Solorzano, Bishop Joseph Kopacz and seminarian Andrew Bowden. (Photo by Luis Rosales)



MERIDIAN – St. Patrick Parish, First Communion Sunday, April 28. Front row (l-r): Kalen Slutz, Helena Rutledge, Ashley Doss, Isabella Ratliff, Scarlett Cayer, Jayden Le and Jackson Spitzkeit.

Middle row (l-r): Juni Joyner, Victoria Ramirez, Katelyn Angermann, Carter Eakes, Luis Chavez-Quintana and Christopher Halbert.

Back row (l-r): Tenika Little, Sister Marilyn Winkel, Father Augustine Palimatam and Lynn May. (Photo by Morris Lee)

HOUSTON – Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, First Communion. (l-r): Adrian Gonzalez, Father Bob Dalton, Jose Gonzalez, Christopher Vazquez, Christian David Diaz, Violeta Solis, April Pachecano and Ashley Pachecano. (Photo by courtesy of Lorenzo Aju, LEM)



NATCHEZ – St. Mary Basilica, Confirmation, Tuesday, May 21. Front row (l-r): Pilar Della Ledford, Sophia Anne Bennett, Faith Anne Brown, Olivia Grace Moore, Elizabeth Carolyn Heatherly, Catherine Fisher Iseminger, and Olivia Claire Waycaster.

Second row (l-r): Jasin Neil Wesberry, Jr., Emma Brooke Whittington, Leia Elizabeth Wesberry, Kirsten Nors Sanguinetti, Bishop Joseph Kopacz, Father George Arujuchi, Kalia Merline Campbell, and Raylin Amari Prater.

Back row (l-r): Eliza Catherine Romero, Julian Britton Ledford, Father David O'Connor, Parker Kole Murray and Win Morgan Mardis. (Photo by Michael Murphy)





CORINTH – St. James Parish, First Communion, Saturday, May 4. First row (l-r): Luis Caballero Pascual. Second row (l-r): Cristian Gann, Ailyn Hernandez, Katelyn, Danni Hauser, Vanesa Hernandez, Jairo Lopez and Yayce. (Photo by Luis Rosales)



GREENVILLE – St. Joseph Parish, First Communion. Back row (l-r): Adelai Bradberry, Ashleigh Alexander, Lanie Sanders, Ann Leighton Maranto, Warren Signa and Father Bill Henry. Front row (l-r): Vincenzo Casavechai, Hadleigh Skelton and Ann Emile Causey. (Photo courtesy of St. Joseph Parish)



AMORY – St. Helen Parish, Senior Recognition. First Row (l-r) Savannah Legaspi, Mari Carmen Perez, Lesly Esquivel, Anna Trautman and Emily Alvarez. Second row (l-r): Ty Stallings, Samuel Leon, Joseph Axton and Peyton Allen. (Photo by Nancy Hoang)



YAZOO – St. Mary Parish. Confirmation was celebrated at All Saints in Belzoni with All Saints and St. Mary's candidates together, Wednesday, April 10. (l-r): Riley Bellipanni (All Saints), Jhonna Tavera (St. Mary), Bishop Kopacz, Anna Fearon Yerger (St. Mary), Maya Byars (All Saints) and Father Panneer Selvam Arokiam. (Photo by Diane Melton, CRE)