

MASS INTENTIONS
Sat, Aug 16.....+Freddie and +Vera Lusk
Sun, Aug 17.....For the people
Tues, Aug 19.....Brian, Savannah, Carter, & Jane Kozlowski
Wed, Aug 20.....Special Intention
Thu, Aug 21.....Special Intention
Fri, Aug 22.....+Nick & +Olga Alambar

IN OUR PARISH

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS If you have received your first Holy Communion please fill out the following form using the QR code.

Altar
Server
Sign up



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are selling raffle tickets for 2 Shimano Rod and Reel Combos; 1 for inshore and 1 for offshore. Tickets are \$10 each or a book of 11 for \$100. See a KoC member to purchase tickets. Proceeds to benefit SVdP. Drawing is August 31. Another way to help is donating canned food items in the month of August. Please leave your non-perishable donations in the collection basket located in the church's vestibule.

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like a Mass said for a special intention contact the church office to get on the calendar.

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Tue Aug 19 Jgs 6:11-24a, Mt 19:23-30
Wed Aug 20 Jgs 9:6-15, Mt 20:1-16, Sir 15:1-6, Jn 17:20-26
Thu Aug 21 Jgs 11:29-39a, Mt 22:1-14, 1 thes 2:2b-8, Jn 21:15-17
Fri Aug 22 Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22, Mt 22:34-40, Is 9:1-6, Lk 1:26-38
Sat Aug 23 Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17, Mt 23:1-12
Sun Aug 24 Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7, 11-13, Lk 13:22-30

MINISTRIES: God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters, and Altar Society members. Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The SVDP provides a food pantry each Wednesday from 10—11 am. We value your time and your donations! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need.


STELLA MARIS EXPLORERS homeschool ministry serving catholic children grades PK3-12th with a Thursday morning program in the FLC. If you're interested in dropping in for a club meeting or to get more information, please visit our website (StellaMarisExplorers.com).

OCIA The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge in the Roman Catholic Church. The O.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. We will begin OCIA classes again in the Fall. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Family Life Center. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.

WEEKLY OFFERING
Aug 9 & 10.....\$5589.01
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
August 15.....St. Michael Parish
August 16 & 17.....SVDP

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES

Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



THE FLOWER INTENTIONS
ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MATTHEW PRESTON GARCIA

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday's Readings

First Reading
Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10
Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 40:2-4,18
A prayer for God's help

Second Reading
Hebrews 12:1-4
Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.


Gospel Reading
Luke 12:49-53
Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

Background on the Gospel Reading
Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: “Master, now you may let your servant go in peace.” Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division.

Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters. The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships. We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

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JOINING FORCES TO RAISE AWARENESS, FOOD & FUNDS FOR ST. MICHAEL FOOD PANTRY, WHICH BENEFITS OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN NEED IN EAST BILOXI, WE ARE HOSTING A FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST. BELOW IS A LIST OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD/HYGIENE ITEMS THAT ARE STOCKED IN OUR FOOD PANTRY. PLEASE REMEMBER: NO EXPIRED FOOD OR GLASS CONTAINERS..

Peanut Butter	Macaroni & Cheese	Peanut Butter Crackers	<u>HYGIENE PRODUCTS:</u>
Jelly	Canned Soup or Stew	Vienna Sausage	<u>(TRAVEL SIZE)</u>
Canned Tuna/Chicken	Ramen Noodles	Potted Meat	Toothbrushes/Tooth paste
Spaghetti Pasta/Sauce	Jiffy Cornbread Mix	Pop Tarts	Soap
Oatmeal/Grits	Jello	Granola/Protein Bars	Shampoo
Canned Vegetables	Kool-Aid	Instant Mashed Potatoes	Deodorant
Canned Fruit	Beanie Weenies		Hand Sanitizer/wipes
Rice	Tuna Snack Packs		Chapstick
Dry or Canned Beans	Fruit or Pudding Snacks		Sunscreen
			Band-aids
			Rain ponchos
			Combs