



We love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck. You are forever in our hearts.



Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, | Lola Broussard Derouen, ictoria 'Tori' Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard. Aldo & Anna Caprari, orise Boudreaux Broussard Wayne Kopszywa, & Cyrus A. Broussard 



In Loving Memory Berniece Louise Dec. 8, 1932—Dec. 22, 2022

#### NEW TO THE PARISH:

If you are a recently registered new parishioner or if you are interested in joining our community – we extend a very warm word of "Welcome!" to you. We would ove the opportunity to speak with you! Please contact the Office at 228.435.5578 and leave your name and contact information so we can contact you. We are delighted that you are with us!



In loving

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Have you downloaded this app yet? It's a one stop shop for real time information about St. Michael via your cell phone. Consider downloading today and select our Parish after opening.

#### WE ARE ALL GIVEN TALENTS TO SHARE.

The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of

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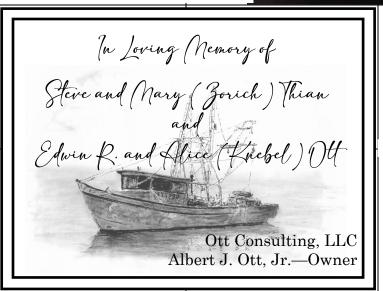


#### **HOST AN EXCHANGE** STUDENT!

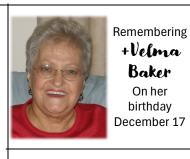
Open your heart, home, and family to a foreign exchange student for the 2025-2026 school year! International Cultural Exchange Service is looking for loving families to host students from across the globe. If you would like more information contact Emily Aldrich at 228.234.6613 or ealdrich@icesusa.org











Wishing Susan Pizzetta birthday blessings for many years to come! \*December 17\*

Tuesday—Thursday

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### **Prayer to** St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of December 20 & 21, 2025

**Established 1917** 

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Mass Schedule

Weekends Saturday 5 pm Sunday 10 am

Weekdays Tuesday - Friday 8 am

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Confessions

Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm

or by appointment

Office Hours

8:30 - 2:30 pm

or as posted





MASS INTENTIONS	
Sat, Dec 20	For the people
Sun, Dec 21	+Sherry Hankins &
	Joshua Hankins
Tue, Dec 23	+Sharon Girouard
Wed, Dec 24	Special Intention
Wed, Dec 24	For the people
Thu, Dec 25	For the people
Fri, Dec 26	No Mass Today

#### IN OUR PARISH

**OCIA** Dec 21, Rite for Entrance/Welcoming Mass. Sessions will pick up Jan 6, 2026.

**CHRISTMAS PLAY:** Dec 21 at Blessed Seelos—3pm and Dec 22 at St. Michael—6pm. You are invited to enjoy a beautiful retelling of the birth of our Lord.

**ENVELOPES:** 2026 Collection envelopes will be in the vestibule. Please find your name on the list and the coordinating box from your previous year and initial that you have picked them up. If you want to get a box for the first time, please print neatly on the blank line of the list next to the box number you grab. Any that are not claimed will be up available for redistribution the first week of January.



#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES**

can be picked up from the back. Please print your loved ones' names clearly in the space provided. Return your envelope in the collection basket or to the church office. We appreciate your contribution toward the flowers for our church at Christmas.

**2026 YEARLY CALENDARS** are available in the vestibule. Your support is always accepted.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026:** Juniors and Seniors requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring and a parent/guardian will meet Sun, Jan 4, at 6:40 pm at Nativity BVM Cathedral's Sacred Heart Center in the Youth Ministry room. Please contact Mrs. Kristy Arguelles, (228)324-9934 with questions or concerns.

**SVDP**: The pantry will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and will reopen the following Wednesday, January 7.

#### PREVIOUS WEEK'S COLLECTION BASKETS

Dec 13 & 14.....\$5091

#### **UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS**

Dec 20 & 21.....Loaves & Fishes

#### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon Dec 22** 1 Sm 1:24-28, 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d, Lk 1:46-56

**Tue Dec 23** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66

 $\textbf{Wed Dec 24} \hspace{0.5cm} \text{Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79} \hspace{0.2cm} \text{Is 62:1-5,} \\$ 

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

**Thu Dec 25** Is 62:11-12, Lk 2:15-20

**Fri Dec 26** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22

MINISTRIES: God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters! Prayerfully consider God's calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578 or email stmichaelccbiloxi@gmail.com

**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. There is a basket in the vestibule for non perishable donations.

**CARD MINISTRY** Sends out inspirational cards monthly to homebound parishioners and friends. Stamps are always needed. Drop off in the church office or contact Cynthia Powell.

**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. Ouestions, contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Dec 22—Christmas Play 6pm
- Dec 24—Christmas Eve

Masses at 4pm and 6pm

Dec 25—Christmas Day
 Mass at 10am





Jan 1— The Solemnity of Mary

Mother of God—Mass at 9am



#### Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

#### First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

The Lord is the King of Glory who established the earth.

#### Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himsels a servant of Christ Jesus.

#### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 1:18-24

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).



We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child... and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God. Sunday Connection | Loyola Press

### Iberian Peninsula Pilgrimage



11 Days: April 13 - 24, 2026

Visiting Spain, France and Portugal

Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes and Fatima
Barcelona with Flamenco Show and Dinner
Benedictine Abby of Montserrat Monastery
Basilica of the Sagrada Familia
Torrelavega, Oviedo, Porto
Santiago de Compostela "Way of St. James Tour"
Santarem/Most Holy Eucharistic Miracle
Lisbon, and much more

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