

remember VETERANS DAY

pray in gratitude for all of those who have defended peace, virtue, and justice with honor. We pray especially for those who have suffered in mind and body from the ravages of war. Let Your Kingdom come! May Your peace that surpasses all under-

standing reign in our hearts and in our world. Amen.

St. Michael Catholic Church



Confessions

Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm or by appointment

Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 - 2:30 pm or as posted





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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.

Weekend of November 16 & 17, 2024

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Mass Schedule

Weekends Saturday 5 pm Sunday 10 am

Weekdays Tuesday - Friday 8 am

Monsignor Dominick Fullam, Pastor

Robert Wescovich Jr., Deacon | Jessica Gollott, Administrative Assistant

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MASS	INTENTIONS	MINISTRIES: God	is calling YOU. Can you answer the
Sat, Nov 16	For the people		d of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers,
	+Sharon Girouard	members. Prayerfully consider God's calling to serve	
Tue, Nov 19	+Robert Roll	your St. Michael Fa	
Wed, Nov 20	+John Michael O'Keefe, Sr.	s assistance each Wednesday from 10—11 am. We value your time and your donations! Your continued suppor helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for	
Thu, Nov 21	+Donnie Riggs		
Fri, Nov 22	+Freddie & Vera Lusk		
IN OUR PARISH		those in need. STELLA MARIS EXPLORERS Homeschool group	
ter. The Explorers Club is an art, faith, and science en			
ble to purchase and	bingo will begin at 1pm.	richment program	primarily for PK3-5th graders. Cal
		Ashley Rodriguez a	at 810.693.8825 for more infor-
· · -	The theme this week is	mation.	
	lesus? Survey of the New		
	ontinue to pray for those	NOVEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE ALTAR SERVERS	
on their journey in our Catholic faith.		EXTRAORDINA	ALTAR SERVERS ARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS: Sales will continue in the vestibule before and after Masses un-			GREETERS LECTORS
			LECIURS
til the limited quant	ity is sold out.		Ira Jones
ULTREYA, NOV 21, 7pm : For those who have made Cursillo you are invited to attend.		Sat, Nov 16	Rose Sliman & Vicky Wescovich
		$5\mathrm{pm}$	Don & Susan Pizzetta
made Cursilio you a	re invited to attend.		Anthony Wescovich, Jr.
DAILY MASSES : The chapel is under repair and will be closed until finished. We will still have daily Masses Tue—Fri at 8 am in the			Phil Rodrigue
		Sun, Nov 17	Therese Drake & Mary Rodrigue
		10 am	Jacklyn Cummins & Larry Girouard
church.			Cynthia Powell
STELLA MARIS EX	DI ODEDS CLUB.		Jimmy Smith
	NS to the winners of the	Sat, Nov 23	Rose Sliman & George Sliman
All Saints Day coloring contest!		5 pm	Don & Susan Pizzetta
5 & under: Joseph La	0		Darnell Schreck
6-8 Years: Liliana Ro			Dhil Dodwiges
9-12 Years: Galvan V	0	Sun, Nov 24	Phil Rodrigue Noel Aucoin & Mary Rodrigue
13-17 Years: Marian		10 am	Pete Broussard & Bridgette Whiting
18 & up: Taylor Fox			Kathy Doyle
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UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

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November 14

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Background on Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-32 Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will in-dicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will expe-rience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

Sunday Connection | Loyola Press

A Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes

Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten, and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever, Amen

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FAMILY FUND DAY, NOV 16, 11am: Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church Bazaar will feature food, drinks, a silent auction, and the infamous MaC'S PLACE. Dinners will begin selling at 11:00 am (include grilled ribs, chicken, potato, salad, red beans, rice and egg rolls). Raffle drawings at the end of the event. More information contact 228-452-4514.

SAINT STANISLAUS OPEN HOUSE, NOV 19, 5pm: Founded in 1854 by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Saint Stanislaus is a Catholic all-boys boarding and day school for grades 7-12. Join us for Open House from 5-7pm! Explore our 42-acre campus on a guided tour showcasing academics, extracurriculars, and athletics. Everyone can customize their tour to focus on their interests. For registration and more info, visit ststan.com/ open-house/.

COUPLES' HEALING MASS, DEC 13, 6pm: The next healing Mass for couples is at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, 216 Saucier Avenue, Pass Christian. Please contact Deacon Justin Mitchell, Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life, if you plan to attend. jmitchell@biloxidiocese.org; 228-702-2107

