

MASS INTENTIONS Sat, Oct 3.....+For the people Sun, Oct 4.....+Sharon Girouard Tue, Oct 6..... The Trussell Family Wed, Oct 7..... The Gollott Family Thu, Oct 8.....+Leona Gazzo Fri, Oct 9.....+Joe Smolcich	MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK Mon Oct 5 Gal 1:6-12, Lk 10:25-37 Tue Oct 6 Gal 1:13-24, Lk 10:38-42 Wed Oct 7 Gal 2:1-2, 7-14, Lk 1:1-4, Acts 1:12-14, Lk 1:26-38 Thu Oct 8 Gal 3:1-5, Lk 1:69-75, Lk 11:5-13 Fri Oct 9 Gal 3:7-14, Lk 11:15-26 Sat Oct 10 Gal 3:22-29, Lk 11:27-28 Sun Oct 11 Is 25:6-10a, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Mt 22:1-10
IN OUR PARISH OCIA, OCT 6, 7 pm: God <i>speaks</i>: Revelation, the Bible, Sacred Tradition. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16992 PANCAKE BREAKFAST: All are invited on Oct 4, in the Family Life Center to enjoy a pancake breakfast 8 am – 9:30 am. Donations St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. See flyer on back. IN OUR DIOCESE CCD & LIFE TEEN Contact Mrs. Kristy Arguelles (228) 324-9934 or Mrs. Lauren Ellis at (228) 324-0447. LifeTeen is for youth in grades 6-12. We provide ways for our youth to minister as we lead teens closer to Christ. BISHOP’S GALA Oct 17 This special evening directly supports the ministries of Catholic Charities and provides an opportunity for our Catholic community to come together for an evening of celebration and fellowship. Tickets are \$100 per person. To purchase a ticket to the event or one of the split the pot raffle tickets, please visithttps://5thannualgala.givesmart.com/ RELIC COLLECTION THE DIOCESE OF BILOXI has been given over 1,700 relics of saints, one of the largest collections in the country. At present, over 450 relics are on display in the Marian Chapel. Another 250 will be switched out and displayed on Sun, Nov 1 for All Saints Day. Refer to NativityBVMCathedral.org for updated viewing hours. GUEST SPEAKER, MAR 17 Nativity Parish will host Chris Stefanick with REBOOT. See the flyer on the back of the bulletin to see how to get tickets. This event will sell out.	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 A CONGRATULATIONS to Kenneth Powell on his Jubilarian Award for 38 years of service to the poor with St. Michael’s SVDP Conference. 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. For more information, contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Consider joining today. Contact our local council #16992 or contact Jimmy Smith (Grand Knight) at 228- 366-3000 for information.
UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS Sep 26 & 27.....\$4081.00 Oct 3 & 4..... Building Fund THE FLOWER INTENTIONS ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF LUSK, BAKER, MCCALED, RYAN, & AKEN FAMILIES	Lord, You care for us and provide all that we need. Help us to trust You, follow Your ways, and bear good fruit in our lives. Give us wisdom to care for the gifts You have given us. Lead us in truth and guide our hearts toward what is right. Amen.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A Sunday, October 4, 2026 First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7 The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard. Responsorial Psalm Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20 The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel. Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9 Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him. Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-43 Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants. Background on the Gospel Reading Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday’s Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist. In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son. After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question. Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests.	Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading. This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers? Sunday Connection Loyola Press <i>Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:6-7</i> Caring for What God Has Given Us In the Gospel for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Jesus tells a parable about a vineyard owner and his tenants. The owner provides everything needed for the vineyard to grow. But instead of giving him what is rightfully his, the tenants become greedy and violent. They reject the owner’s servants and even kill his son. This parable is a warning about rejecting God’s messengers. The religious leaders listening to Jesus understand that He is speaking about them. They have been given responsibility, but instead of leading the people well, they have misused their power. Because of this, the kingdom of God will be given to others. This message applies to all of us. God has given each person responsibilities. Whether it is family, work, or faith, we are called to take care of what He has entrusted to us. If we ignore these responsibilities, we are like the tenants in the parable. The second reading also speaks about responsibility. Paul tells the people to focus on what is good and right. Living this way is part of being faithful to what God has given us. The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us to take care of our faith, relationships, and responsibilities. When we do this, we honor God and bear good fruit. God continues to call His people to faithfulness. The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that He provides everything we need, but we must choose to follow Him. When we reject His ways, we miss out on the blessings He wants to give us. But when we trust Him, live rightly, and care for what He has entrusted to us, we grow closer to Him and find peace. https://young-catholics.com/
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