





MASS INTENTIONS	
Sat, Jan 24.....	Richard & Patricia LaHood
Sun, Jan 25.....	For the people
Tue, Jan 27.....	Special Intention
Wed, Jan 28.....	Special Intention
Thu, Jan 29 .....	+Angie Mihojevich and +Stephanie Pizzetta
Fri, Jan 30.....	Special Intention

**IN OUR PARISH**

**OCIA JAN 27, 7pm:** The topic this week is “God *graces*: Introduction to the Sacraments.

**ENVELOPES:** 2026 Collection envelopes will be in the vestibule. Please find your name on the list and the co-ordinating 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 t he list next to the box number you grab.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** is March 7, at 5pm here at St. Michael’s along with Candidates from Nativity, Our Mother of Sorrows, and Blessed Seelos Parishes. Please remember these candidates in your prayers.

**PRIZE BINGO MAR 22:** Mark your calendars for the Spring Prize Bingo and look forward to more information to come.

**IN OUR DIOCESE**

**NEWWINE PROGRAM:** If you—or someone you serve with—feel called to deepen your formation and grow in leadership, we encourage you to grab an application in the back and apply. Applications for the August 2026 Cohort are due Friday, March 6, 2026.

**ROSARY RALLY, MASS FOR LIFE, AND WALK FOR LIFE:** Sun, Jan 25, All families are invited to join us for the Rosary Rally, beginning at 2pm in Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Bishop Kihneman will pray a Mass for Life following the Rosary, walk with everyone to Lighthouse Park, and lead Adoration. Guest speakers will be present. Buses will be available to transport everyone back to their vehicles at the conclusion of this time together.

**FAMILY NIGHT AT ST PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL** Come to St. Patick’s Gym for a night of faith and fellowship with guest speakers, Dr. Andrew and Sarah Swafford, Wed, Jan 28, from 6-8pm.

**HEALING MASS,** Jan 28, 6:30pm at Holy Family Parish: Adoration, Reconciliation, Deliverance prayers, anointing of the sick, and counseling.

**COUPLES NIGHT:** Sat, Feb 7 at 6pm hosted by Our Lady of the Gulf, “Wired by God: Understanding your temperament to build a joyful, connected family”. Dinner, talk, childcare. Space is limited; please visit [olgchurchevents.com](http://olgchurchevents.com) for more info.

PREVIOUS WEEK’S COLLECTION BASKETS	
Jan 17 & 18.....	\$4550.80
UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS	
Jan 24 & 25.....	Churches in Latin America / Saltillo Mission
Jan 31 Feb 1.....	Building Fund

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
<b>Mon Jan 26</b>	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5, Mk 3:22-30, Lk 10:1-9
<b>Tue Jan 27</b>	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19, Mk 3:31-35
<b>Wed Jan 28</b>	2 Sm 7:4-17, Mk 4:1-20, Wis 7:7-10, 15-16, Mt 23:23:8-12
<b>Thu Jan 29</b>	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29, Mk 4:21-25
<b>Fri Jan 30</b>	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17, Mk 4:26-34

**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](mailto: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](http://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. Please remember to keep our Inquirers, Sponsors, and Team in your prayers as they continue their faith journey of spiritual growth and integration into our Parish community. 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. For more information, contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.

2026 Lent/Easter Season	
-Feb 18, Ash Wed—	Mass at 8 am and 12 noon
-Stations of the Cross—	Friday’s at 6 pm:
	Feb 20, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27
-Mar, 24, Lenten Penance/Adoration—	at 6 pm
-Apr 2, Holy Thu—	Mass at 6 pm
-Apr 3, Good Fri—	Stations at 12 noon and Liturgy at 3 pm
-Apr 4, Holy Sat—	Begin at the fire pit at 7:30 pm followed by Easter Vigil Mass at 8 pm in the church
-Apr 5, Easter Sunday—	Easter Sunday Mass at 10 am

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A**

**First Reading**  
Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14  
The Lord is our refuge, our light, our salvation.

**Second Reading**  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17  
Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ’s name.

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 4:12-23*  
*Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.*

**Background on the Gospel Reading**


Today’s Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus’ public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today’s Gospel places Jesus’ ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people’s diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus’ ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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Lord, You are the light that leads us out of darkness. Help us to trust You when life is difficult. Give us the courage to follow You, even when we feel unworthy. Teach us to work together and build unity in our communities. Guide us each day as we walk in faith. Amen.

- Jesus Calls Us to Follow**
- \* The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A shows Jesus as the light in the darkness. Isaiah speaks about people who suffer but receive hope. Jesus begins His work in Galilee, fulfilling this promise and bringing new life to the people.
  - \* Paul calls for unity among believers. He warns against following human leaders instead of Jesus. He reminds the Corinthians that faith should bring people together, not divide them.
  - \* Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him. They leave their fishing nets to become His disciples. Their choice shows the importance of trusting Jesus and being ready to follow Him.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10**  
**Be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.**