


MASS INTENTIONS
Sat, Jul 12.....+Guylene Green
Sun, Jul 13.....For the people
Tues, Jul 15.....+Katie Lynn Pizzetta
Wed, Jul 16.....+Patsy Kuluz
Thu, Jul 17.....Brian, Savannah, Carter, & Jane Kozlowski
Fri, Jul 18.....+Sharon Giouard

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.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING
July 5 & 6.....\$5610.00
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
July 12 & 13.....St. Michael Parish
July 27 & 28.....Catholic School Subsidy

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 assistance 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).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
ALTAR SERVERS	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	
GREETERS	
LECTORS	
Sat, Jul 12	Jimmy Smith Debbie Smith & Vicky Don & Susan Pizzetta Darnell Schreck
Sun, Jul 13	Doug Roll Cynthia Powell & Noel Aucoin Pete Broussard & Bridgette Whiting Richard Schellhammer
Sat, Jul 19	Ira Elijah Jones George & Rose Sliman Don & Susan Pizzetta LaWanda Jones
Sun, Jul 20	Phil Rodrigue Mary Rodrigue & Therese Drake Pete Broussard & Kenneth Girouard Cynthia Powell

IN OUR DIOCESE

DIocese of BILOXI PASSPORT FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE: The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope Passport was created to encourage and allow you to pilgrimage across the coast this year, Pick up a passport in the vestibule of the Church.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL: Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, “What is written in the law?” The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, “Do this and you will live.”

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as “a certain man.” Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor.

Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was “the one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: “Go and do likewise.” The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

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Congratulations to the

2025 Shrimp King and Queen,

Brian Gollott & Alley Kovacevich!



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RYAN, & AKEN FAMILIES