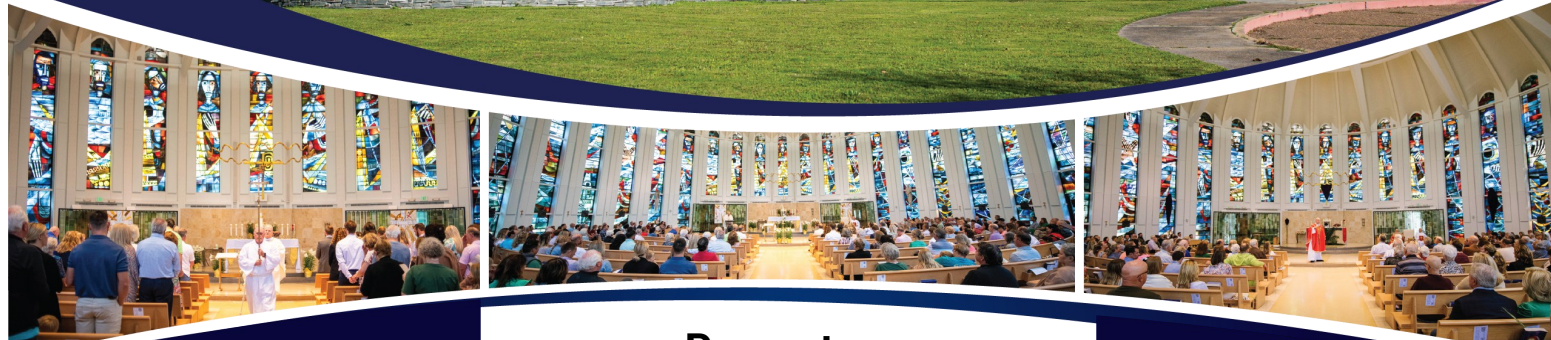


<p>In Loving Memory of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb, Ryan, & Aken Families</p>	<p>In Memory of Kathy Theriot 11/27/45-12/28/20</p> <p>We love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck. You are forever in our hearts. Love, Bubba and your family</p>	<p>In loving memory of Nicolas & Loyce Hire Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021 & Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022</p> <p>Together in Heaven</p>	<p>Always in our hearts Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, Lola Broussard Derouen, Victoria "Tori" Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard, Aldo & Anna Caprari, Everise Boudreaux Broussard, Wayne Kopszywa, & Cyrus A. Broussard</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of Berniece Louise Garner Dec. 8, 1932—Dec. 22, 2022</p> <p>Truly an example of "Amazing Grace"</p>	<p>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 love 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!</p>	<p>Available on the App Store ANDROID APP ON Google play</p> <p>myParish The App for Catholic Life Every Day™</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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 others.</p>
<p>WORD on FIRE. Word on Fire harnesses beauty, goodness, and truth to draw people into or back to the Catholic faith.</p>	<p>Stay in the Know with the Diocese of Biloxi Friday Email Newsletter</p> <p>GULF PINE FRIDAYS</p>	<p>Your ad here</p>	<p>Your ad here</p>
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St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of February 15 & 16, 2025

Established 1917

Confessions

Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment

Office Hours

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

**Prayer to
St. Michael the Archangel**

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

Monsignor Dominick Fullam, Pastor

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Feb 15.....+Junius & +Sylvia Creel
 Sun, Feb 16.....For the people
 Tue, Feb 18.....+Ursula Skrmetti
 Wed, Feb 19.....+Francis Nguyen
 Thu, Feb 20.....Bert & Lydia Pickard
 Fri, Feb 21.....+Freddie & +Vera Lusk

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA, FEB 18, 7pm: The theme is: God washes: Baptism; God anoints: Confirmation

CARD MINISTRY: If you are interested in donating postage for our card ministry, please contact the church office.

BULLETIN ADS: If you would like to run a on the back of our bulletin please contact the church office for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please call the church office to request a Mass for your special intention (s).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 3 at the 5pm Mass. To register your child, please take a *Childhood Sacrament Registration* form from the table in the vestibule and return it to the parish office by March 18. Questions may be directed to Ashley Rodriguez, 410.693.8825 or rodfamily2015@gmail.com

CHILDREN’S CHOIR: If your child is interested in singing with the choir please contact Cherie Prentiss 228.365.4017.

WEEKLY OFERING

Feb 8 & 9.....\$4783.16

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Feb 15 & 16.....St. Michael Parish
 Feb 22 & 23.....St. Michael Parish

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 GROUP: Stella Maris Explorers is hosting a draw-down to raise money for their art, faith, and science Lending Library initiatives on Feb 21st! Tickets (\$60) admit two for dinner, dancing, drinks and the chance to win \$1500. Visit stellamarisexplorers.com to purchase or see Ashley Rodriguez 410.693.8825.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**ALTAR SERVERS
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
 GREETERS
 LECTORS**

Sat, Feb 15 5 pm	Ira Elijah Jones George & Rose Sliman Don & Susan Pizzetta Darnell Schreck
Sun, Feb 16 10 am	Phil Rodrigue Cynthia Powell & Therese Drake Pete Broussard & Larry Girouard Laurri Garcia
Sat, Feb 22 5 pm	Ira Elijah Jones Debbie Smith & Vicky Wescovich Don & Susan Pizzetta Darnell Schreck
Sun, Feb 23 10 am	Doug Roll Kenneth Powell & Therese Drake Jacklyn Cummins & Bridgette Whiting Cynthia Powel

THE FLOWER INTENTIONS
 ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 ST. MICHAELS PARISHIONERS

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Background on Gospel Reading**

**Luke 6:17,20-26
 Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.**

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. Apostle is a Greek word that means “one who is sent.”

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article “you” whereas Matthew uses “they” or “those.” There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as “happy,” “fortunate,” or “favored.”

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of “woes,” those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril.

Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

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NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL’S “GLORIA IN EXCELSIS”: The Music and Fine Arts Ministry of Nativity BVM Cathedral announces the resumption of their Eighth Season of their Community Chorale: “Gloria In Excelsis.” The Community Choir program is open to any interested singers in the Dioceses of Biloxi and the Greater Gulf Coast Area. For more information, contact Terry Maddox at 251 406-1454 &/or terrydalemaddox@gmail.com

LENTEN MISSION: Monday March 10 and Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 6pm. Speaker: Deacon Justin Mitchell at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, Pass Christian.