

MASS INTENTIONS
Sat, Nov 29.....All Souls Novena Mass 9
Sun, Nov 30.....For the people
Tue, Dec 2.....+Sherry Hankin, +Alton & +Martha Migues, & +Lois Higginbotham
Wed, Dec 3.....Sean, Christine, Roman, & Joseph Merrill
Thu, Dec 4.....+Rhonda Freeman
Fri, Dec 5.....+Patsy Kuluz

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA Dec 2 at 7pm: This week’s theme is “God *blesses*:
Sacramentals; *Prepare for the Riet for Entrance/*
Welcoming.

ALL SOULS NOVENA MASSES SCHEDULE

-11/2	-11/21	-11/27
-11/4	-11/25	-11/28
-11/20	-11/26	-11/29

2025 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS SOLD OUT! A huge
"Thank You" to everyone who purchased this year's
Christmas ornaments! We sold out in record time!

CHRISTMAS PLAY The annual Christmas play will begin
practices December 1. Pick up a registration form and
schedules in the vestibule for all the details and dates of
practices.

ENVELOPES: 2026 Collection envelopes will be in the
vestibule. Please find your name on the list and the coor-
dinating 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. Any that are not claimed will
be up available for redistribution the first week of Janu-
ary.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES: Please put your
“Christmas Flower” envelopes in the collection with your
loved ones names on them. We appreciate your contribu-
tion toward the flowers for our church at Christmas. En-
velopes can be picked up in the back.

EAST BILOXI YOUTH:

- Life Teen—Sun, Nov 30 at 6:40-8:00pm.
- Service Saturday—Dec 6 at the Greenbriar Nursing
Center from 9:00-11:00am.
- Christmas Caroling—date and location TBA
- Youth Mass 5:30pm followed by Christmas Party Pot
luck, 6:40-8:00pm.

PREVIOUS WEEK’S COLLECTION BASKETS
Nov 22 & 23.....\$4968.00
UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS
Nov 29 & 30.....SVDP Pharmacy

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Mon Dec 1 Is 4:2-6, Ps 122:1-9, Mt *:5-11
Tues Dec 2 Is 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-2, Lk 10:21-24
Wed Dec 3 Is 25:6-10, Ps 23:1-6, Mt 16:15-20
Thu Dec 4 Is 26:1-6, Ps 118:1, 8-9, Mt 7:21
Fri Dec 5 Is 29:17-24, Ps 27:1-4, Mt 9:27-31
Sat Dec 6 Is 30:19-24, Ps 147:1-6, Mt 9:35

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 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 perish-able donations.
CARD MINISTRY Sends out inspirational cards monthly to homebound parishioners and friends. Stamps are al-ways needed. Drop off in the church office or contact Cynthia Powell.
STELLA MARIS EXPLORERS homeschool ministry serving catholic children grades PK3-12th with a Thurs-day morning program in the FLC. If you're interested in dropping in for a club meeting or to get more infor-mation, 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 en-hance 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. We will begin OCIA classes again in the Fall. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Family Life Center. Questions, contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.
DATES TO REMEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dec 3—Adoration and Penance, 7pmDec 8—Holy Day: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mother—Mass at 12 noonDec 22—Christmas Play 6pmDec 24—Christmas Eve—Masses at 4pm and 6pmDec 24—SVDP food panty will be closedDec 25—Christmas Day—Mass at 10amJan 1—Holy Day— The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God—Mass at 9am

First Sunday of Advent, Year A
First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3 David is anointed king. Responsorial Psalm Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9 Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord. Second Reading Romans 13:11-14 Be prepared, salvation is near.
Gospel Reading <i>Matthew 24:37-44</i> <i>Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.</i>
Background on the Gospel Reading Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sun-days that precede Christmas. It is a time of prepa-ration for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Ad-vent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful wait-ing, for the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a pri-marily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situa-tion: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory. The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be. The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this?

Today's passage speaks more about the manner of wait-ing, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus com-pares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we be-come lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unpre-pared. Sunday Connection Loyola Press
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44 Jesus said to His disciples: “As it was coming of the Son of Man. In those days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and viing in the marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know ntil the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the fieldk’ one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the their was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you od not expect, the Son of Man will come.” The Gospel of the Lord.
THE FLOWER INTENTIONS ARE IN MEMORY OF ST. MICHAEL PARISHIONERS AND LOVED ONES