

MASS INTENTIONS
Sat, Dec 27.....+Anna & +Doug Thompson
Sun, Dec 28.....For the people
Tue, Dec 30.....+MaryBeth Cvitanovich
Wed, Dec 31.....+Patsy Kuluz
Thu, Jan 1, Mass at 9 am.....Special Intention
Fri, Jan 2.....+Thomas Skrmetti
Sat, Jan 3.....For the people
Sun, Jan 4.....+Noel & +Hazel Aucoin
Tue, Jan 6.....Special Intention
Wed, Jan 7.....Special Intention
Thu, Jan 8.....+Liam Pitalo
Fri, Jan 9.....Special Intention

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA Sessions will meet again Jan 6, 2026.

ENVELOPES: 2026 Collection envelopes will be in the vestibule. Please find your name on the list and the coordinating 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 the list next to the box number you grab. Any that are not claimed will be up available for redistribution the first week of January.

2026 YEARLY CALENDARS are available in the vestibule. Your support is always accepted.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026: Juniors and Seniors requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring and a parent/guardian will meet

Sun, Jan 4, at 6:40 pm at Nativity BVM Cathedral’s Sacred Heart Center in the Youth Ministry room. Please contact Mrs. Kristy Arguelles, (228)324-9934 with questions or concerns.

SVDP: The pantry will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve and will reopen the following Wednesday, January 7.

DIOCESE OF BILOXI ROSARY RALLY, MASS FOR LIFE, AND WALK FOR LIFE Sun, Jan 25,, all parishioners and families are invited to join us for the Rosary Rally, beginning at 2:00 p.m. 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.

COLLECTION BASKETS
Dec 20 & 21.....\$6243
Dec 27 & 28.....St. Michael Parish
Jan 3 & 4.....Aged and Infirm Priests
Jan 10 & 11St. Michael Parish

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Mon Dec 29	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22
Tue Dec 30	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Wed Dec 31	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; J 1:1-18
Thu Jan 1	Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Fri Jan 2	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Mon Jan 5	1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tue Jan 6	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wed Jan 7	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thu Jan 8	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
Fri Jan 9	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16


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 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).

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. 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

- Jan 1— The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God—Mass at 9am**



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Dec. 28, 2025

First Reading
Sirach 3:2-7,12-14
Honor to one's parents will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5
Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading
Colossians 3:12-21 (or shorter form, Colossians 3:12-17)
Do all things in the name of Jesus and give thanks to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.

Background on the Gospel Reading
Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Jan. 4, 2026

First Reading
Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Background on the Gospel Reading
The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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