





MASS INTENTIONS
Sat, Oct 25.....Special Intention
Sun, Oct 26.....For the people
Tue, Oct 28.....+Ursula Simmons Skrmetti
Wed, Oct 29.....Sean, Christine, Roman, & Joseph Merrill
Thu, Oct 30.....+Sherry Hankins
Fri, Oct 31.....+Adam, +Annabelle, +Anthony, & Tony Kozlowski

**IN OUR PARISH**

**OCIA** Oct 28 at 7pm: This week’s theme is “God *creates*: Creation; God *prepares*: Salvation History.

**CALLED BY NAME CAMPAIGN** reminds you to honor a young person in your parish by submitting their name at **biloxivocations.org** or return the pew card to the collection baskets.

**ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES** are in the back. There is space to name your deceased family and friends to be included in a Novena of Masses during the month of November. Each of the nine Masses will be for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed. If you do not have an envelope designated for this, you may use a plain envelope with your loved ones’ names inside. Please print names clearly. You may place them in the collection basket or mail them to PO Box 523 Biloxi, MS 39530. Please consider giving a contribution. Thank you.

All Souls Novena Mass Schedule:

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

**HOLIDAY PRIZE BINGO NOV. 16:** FLC doors will open at 11:00 am. There will be delicious concessions available to purchase and bingo will begin at 1pm.

**ALL SAINTS PARTY** Come celebrate the Octave of All Saints Day! Free event includes lunch, carnival style games, coloring contest, and more! Event planned by Stella Maris Explorers— for more information, or if you’d like to help, please contact Ashley Rodriguez,



PREVIOUS WEEK'S COLLECTION BASKETS
Oct 18 & 19.....\$8409.00
UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS
Oct 25 & 26.....Weekly Church Offering Intentions for All Souls Masses (envelopes in vestibule)
Nov 1 & 2 .....Weekly Church Offering

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK
<b>Mon Oct 27</b> Rom 8:12-17, Lk 13:10-17
<b>Tue Oct 28</b> Eph 2:19-22, Lk 6:12-16
<b>Wed Oct 29</b> Rom 8:26-30, Lk 13:22-30
<b>Thu Oct 30</b> Rom 8:31b-39, Lk 13:31-35
<b>Fri Oct 31</b> Rom 9:1-5, Lk 14:1-6
<b>Sat Nov 01</b> Rv 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12a
<b>Sun Nov 02</b> Wis 3:1-9, Rom 5:5-11/ Rom 6:3-9, Jn 6:37-40

**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.

**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. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.

**IN OUR DIOCESE**

**LADIES CURSILLO RETREAT— November 13-16, 2025**  
*Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to Christ.*  
For more information contact:  
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Mandy Emmer/228.304.2495



**The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading**  
Sirach 35:12-14,16-18  
God hears the prayer of the poor.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 34:2-3,17-18,19, 23  
The Lord hears and answers the cry of the poor.

**Second Reading**  
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18  
Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

**Gospel Reading**  
**Luke 18:9-14**  
*Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.*

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

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A painting of the Virgin Mary in a white robe, holding the Christ Child. She is surrounded by a large rosary with pearls and a cross. The background is a soft blue.

The month of October continues. Each year this month is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually during this month on October 7.

This memorial was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church and her spiritual children in answer to the prayer of the Rosary by the faithful. The memorial was introduced by Pope St. Pius V in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The Pope attributed more to the “arms” of the Rosary than to the power of cannons and the valor of soldiers who fought there.

In this month, let us consider praying the Rosary as a means that we, too, can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

**Ideas for Families to Celebrate the Rosary:**

- ❑ **Mystery Coloring Book:** Print or draw pictures for each Mystery of the Rosary and let children color as you explain what’s happening in each scene.
- ❑ **Family Rosary Night:** Choose one night each week to pray together as a household. Light candles and include intentions for your parish or world peace.
- ❑ **Rosary Walk:** Pray while walking your neighborhood—each step an offering for your neighbors.
- ❑ **Reflective Study:** Read Rosarium Virginis Mariae (St. John Paul II’s apostolic letter) and journal about how the Rosary draws you into deeper discipleship.