

MASS INTENTIONS	MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Sat, Sep 6.....+John Rogalski	Tue Sep 09 Col 2:6-15, Lk 6:12-19
Sun, Sep 7.....For the people	Wed Sep 10 Col 3:1-11, Lk 6:20-26
Tue, Sep 9.....NO MORNING MASS	Thu Sep 11 Col 3:12-17, Lk 6:27-38
Wed, Sep 10.....NO MORNING MASS	Fri Sep 12 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14, Lk 6:39-42
Thu, Sep 11.....NO MORNING MASS	Sat Sep 13 1 Tm 1:15-17, Lk 6:43-49, Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Mk 4:1-10, 13-20 or 4:1-9
Fri, Sep 12.....NO MORNING MASS	Sun Sep 14 Nm 21:4b-9, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17
IN OUR PARISH CCD Registration is now open. The CCD program is designed for children in public schools grades k-5. We invite all children who are seeking to learn more about their faith and/or receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion. There is a \$25 registration fee per child. Grab a form in the vestibule. LIFETEEN Registration is now open. The LifeTeen program is designed for teens in public AND Catholic schools grades 6-12. We invite all teens from our east Biloxi parishes. There is a \$25 registration per teen. Grab a form in the vestibule. OCIA begins Sep 30! If you or someone you know is interested in gaining a deeper understanding of our faith please grab a registration form in the vestibule or online. Congratulations to Gabriel S and his mom, Xuyen Graham on winning the Rods and Reels raffle/fundraiser for SVdP held by the Knights of Columbus. Raffle proceeds benefited SVdP. Additionally both organizations would like to thank everyone who donated canned goods/non-perishable items during their annual joint food drive.	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 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.

PREVIOUS WEEK’S COLLECTION BASKETS
Aug 30 & 31.....\$4535.29
UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS
Sep 6 & 7Catholic University
Sep 13 & 14.....Center for Int’l Seafarers

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES
Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday's Readings
First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18b Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God. Responsorial Psalm Psalm 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17 God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time. Second Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus. Gospel Reading <i>Luke 14:25-33</i> <i>Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.</i> Background on the Gospel Reading In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes “hating” one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to “hating” father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else. <u>Sunday Connection Loyola Press</u>

Registration forms for CCD and LifeTeen can be picked up in the vestibule.

The US Bishops approved the transfer of the celebration of the V World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to the first Sunday after Labor Day, September 7, to coincide with the National celebration of Grandparents Day in the United States.

The theme chosen by the Holy Father, “Blessed are those who have not lost hope” (cf. Sir 14:2), wishes to tie this year’s observance to the Jubilee Year of Hope. He has invited us to recognize the elderly not only as recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life of the Church.

Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
‘Blessed are those who have not lost hope’ (Sir 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!
Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,
animated by the hope that comes from You!
Help us in this divisive world,
to bring the hope of communion.
Help us in this world, wounded by wars,
to bring the hope of peace.
Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.
Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones
and for everyone we meet,
the memory of your tenderness.
Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost
For in You, Lord, everything begins again!
Amen

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ARE FOR THE LUSK, BAKER, MCCALED,
RYAN, AND AKEN FAMILIES.