

MASS INTENTIONS	
Sat, Oct 18.....	For the people
Sun, Oct 19.....	+Lola Derouen
Tue, Oct 21.....	Brian, Norma, and Michael Kozlowski
Wed, Oct 22.....	Special Intention
Thu, Oct 23.....	+Velma Baker
Fri, Oct 24.....	+Nick & +Olga Alambar

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA Oct 21 at 7pm: This week’s theme is “God dwells: Ecclesiology—The Meaning, Purpose, and Structure of the Church.”

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

ALTAR SOCIETY PRIZE BINGO Save the date—Nov. 16 at 11 am in the Family Life Center. More info to come.

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, 410.693.8825 (call or text)

THE FLOWER INTENTIONS
ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ST. MICHAEL’S PARISHIONERS

PREVIOUS WEEK’S COLLECTION BASKETS

Oct 11 & 12.....	\$5290.00
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UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Oct 18 & 19.....	World Mission Sunday
Oct 25 & 26.....	All Souls

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Mon Oct 20	Rom 4:20-25, Lk 12:13-21
Tue Oct 21	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21, Lk 12:35-38
Wed Oct 22	Rom 6:12-18, Lk12:39-48
Thu Oct 23	Rom 6:19-23, Lk 12:49-53
Fri Oct 24	Rom 7:18-25a, Lk 12:54-59
Sat Oct 25	Rom 8:1-11, Lk 13:1-9
Sun Oct 26	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18, 2 Tm 4:6-8, Lk 18:9-14

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

NATIVITY BVM CATHOLIC SCHOOL
HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025
1046 Beach Blvd
☐ **Mass 10am** ☐ **Carnival 11am – 7pm**
carnival games, pony rides, cake walk, jumpies, live music,
silent auction, costume contest, food & drinks!

LADIES CURSILLO RETREAT— November 13-16, 2025
Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to Christ.
For more information contact:
Shelby Miserendino/504.654.7336
Mandy Cuevas/228.234.3444
Mandy Emmer/228.304.2495

St. Patrick Catholic High School is hosting an open house on Sunday, October 19th at 2:00 PM. Come see why St. Patrick was selected as the Top Catholic School of 2025 .

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday's Readings

First Reading
Exodus 17:8-13
Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant, Moses.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8
The Lord is the Guardian of Israel.

Second Reading
2 Timothy 3:14—4:2
Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word Timothy received from his teachers.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8
Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, “Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?” In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

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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.