

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of April 13 & 14, 2024

Established 1917



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PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays

Tues-Fri 8am

Weekends

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 10am



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Confessions:

Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

Office hours: Tues-Thurs

8:30am-3pm

Third Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the

disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

See: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

Knights of Columbus

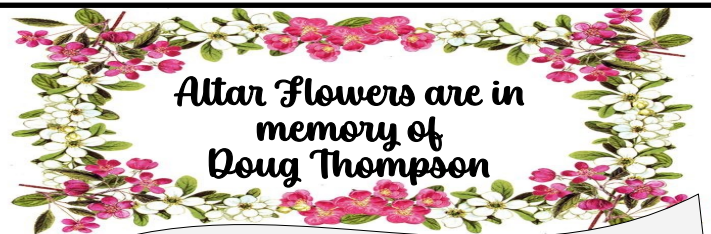
Speck & Snapper Give Away—tickets go in sale this weekend \$10 each or 11 for \$100 for a chance to win 2 Shimano Rod/Reel combos. One for inshore and one for offshore fishing adventures. Drawing May 26th, see a Knight for tickets.

Religious Education

Life Teen Plastic Egg Donation -If you would like to donate plastic eggs that you acquired at various Easter egg hunts, we would gladly accept them and store them for our parish hunts next year. Drop plastic bags of eggs off in the vestibule or parish office for Life Teen. Thank you!

Stella Maris Explorers Homeschool group meets most Thursday mornings in the Family Life Center. The Explorers Club is an art, faith, and science enrichment program primarily for PK3-5th graders. Call Ashley Rodriguez at 410.693.8825 for more information.

July 17–21-10th National Eucharistic Congress. Exciting news, our Biloxi Diocese can now offer packages to people who are interested in providing their own transportation to the event. The special package includes tickets for the event and hotel rooms. For those interested, the prices are \$975 for double occupancy/per person and \$845 for 3 or 4 persons in a room/per person. That is the good news! The bad news, we only have 50 tickets remaining. So if you are interested in attending this historic event, please contact the parish office or use the link provided caragrouptravel.com/nec-2024-tour, to book directly and choose option 2. You may also call Paula at (228) 697-7814. This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. We are expecting tens of thousands of pilgrims—but space is limited. Jesus Christ will be there. Will you?



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Doug Thompson**

*Collections April 6 & 7, 2024
\$6418.40*

**Next Week's Second Collection is for
St. Michael**

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat, April 13 For the People

Sun, April 14 +Danny Williams Sr.

Tues, April 16 +Katie Lynn Pizzetta

Wed, April 17 +George "Nidgy" Pelaez

Thurs, April 18 +Maria Frances Sauvier Nguyen

Fri, April 19 +Army Gollott Jr.

UPCOMING Events

In Our Parish

May 12: May Crowning 10am Mass

June 10-14: Vacation Bible School

June 15: Children's Boat Building Workshop

July 7: Blessing of the Fleet, 11am-5pm, Great Lawn

In Our Diocese

First Saturday Devotions-Adoration, Rosary Meditation and Confessions, first Saturday of each month, St. Mary Church, Woolmarket 9:45am followed by Mass at 11am. All are welcome.

April 19-Healing Mass Service, 5pm, Our Mother of Mercy, Pass Christian.

April 20-Bill Seal Charity Golf Tournament 8am, The Bridges Golf Club, Bay St. Louis. All funds collected support Catholic education in the Biloxi Diocese as well as local charities. Applications in vestibule or register online on Facebook "Bill Seal Charity Golf Tournament" Call Phyllis Seal 228-860-7556 or see additional contacts on application and in vestibule display.

April 22-Passover Seder Celebration 6 p.m. in the parish center gymnasium, St. James, Gulfport. Tickets are \$25. Children 10 and under attend and eat free. The Seder includes full dinner, dessert and all ritual foods. Donations to further offset the cost of the Pesach Meal are requested. If you are willing to donate, please contact the parish office at 228-896-6059.

April 24-A night of Healing with Adoration, Prayers of Deliverance Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and One-on-Once Pastoral Counseling. 6:30pm, Holy Family, Pass Christian.

April 29-June 2-Another event happening in the Diocese of Biloxi in preparation for the upcoming Eucharistic Revival. We are organizing a "33 Days Eucharistic Consecration Challenge" based on the book "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory." to start on April 29th to June 2nd. Participants will receive a copy of the book along with a wellness planner and journal to embark on a journey towards holistic well-being of body, mind, and soul. For more information, please visit mercyrnunsonlove.com

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Lay Leanings By Deacon Mike Stewart

When my grandparents left their beloved Upper Peninsula for Detroit in search of employment in the aftermath of the Depression years, they brought with them some of their prized rose bushes which connected them with home. With that as an incentive, I watched them nurture those transplanted bushes as if it were deeply personal. I suppose that since they could relate so well to being unwilling transplants themselves, it was intensely personal.

What always struck me about those roses was the amount of time they spent working together on them. But what most impressed me was how, in one amazingly epic week or two in the summer, those roses reached full bloom. I always marveled at how all those hours, days, weeks of work resulted in this tiny window of time to enjoy the full splendor of this garden, which literally exploded in velvet colors. As a young boy, I was always left to wonder, why would anyone work so hard for something that seemed to net so small a result? I recall once asking my very astute Grandpa that question, and I've never forgotten his reply. This man, who used words very sparingly for much of his life, said something like this, "*If you focus on the time and the work, you'll miss the flowers.*" I reflected on that statement recently, "*Imagine if God said that about you. Are you worth all the time and effort God has placed in you?*" I've never forgotten that lesson.

I don't know why, but I tend to measure everything. I over-fixate on counting money, time, miles, etc. to the extent that I risk missing the flowers in my life, and when I do that, I also tend to forget Who planted and nurtured those flowers in me.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus seems to be making that point to his overly anxious disciples.

"If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest? Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?" Luke 12:26-28

The flowers in our lives have been given to us to enjoy, and each of those flowers, including you, have been carefully, lovingly nurtured by the Master Gardener. My Grandpa was right; our job is to enjoy the flowers while we have them, and leave the details to the One who planted them.

Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth. 1 Cor 3:7

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*In Loving Memory
of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb,
Ryan & Aken Families*



*In Memory of Kathy Theriot
11/27/45-12/28/20
We love you a bushel and a
peck and a hug around the
neck. You are forever in our
hearts.
Love, Bubba and your family*



In Loving Memory of
Berniece Louise Garner
Dec. 8 1932–Dec. 22, 2022
Truly an example of Amazing
Grace.



*In loving memory of
Nicolas & Loyce Hire
Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021
Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022
Together in Heaven*



Grace, our parish secretary for the last 6 years would like to send a heart felt thank you to everyone as she officially retires from St. Michael.

Having served for 23 years in the Air Force, then moving to Biloxi in 2018, and immediately coming to work at St. Michael, she is on to have another adventure. God Bless

Always in our hearts

*Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, Lola Broussard Derouen,
Victoria "Tori" Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard,
Aldo & Anna Caprari, Evorise Boudreaux Broussard
& Cyrus A. Broussard*



An Easter Prayer by Helen Steiner Rice

God, give us eyes to see
the beauty of the Spring,
And to behold Your majesty
in every living thing.



And may we see in lacy leaves
and every budding flower
The Hand that rules the universe
with gentleness and power.

And may this Easter grandeur
that Spring lavishly imparts
Awaken faded flowers of faith
Lying dormant in our hearts.

And give us ears to hear, dear God
the Springtime song of birds
With messages more meaningful
than man's often empty words.

Telling harried human beings
who are lost in dark despair
Be like us and do not worry
for God has you in his care.



**Never Far From our
Thoughts
Lola Broussard Kopszywa
Derouen
10/19/26-4/30/04**



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