ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of April 3 & 4, 2021

PRAYER TO SAINT <u>MICHAEL</u> <u>THE ARCHANGEL</u>

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.

Mass Schedule:

<u>Weekdays</u> Tuesday-Friday 8am

<u>Weekends</u> Saturday 5pm Sunday 10am



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Confessions: Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

Office hours: Tues-Thurs 8:30am-12 & 1pm-3:30pm

Easter Flowers in Memory of

Torí Felsher Lola Derouen Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Jeffrey Broussard Ray Wescovich Sr Bernice & Fletcher Songe Lusk Famíly Baker Famíly McCaleb Family Ryan Famíly Aken Famíly Nícolas "Corky" Híre Pínto Famíly Kopszywa Famíly Smíth Famíly Parks Famíly Wentzell Famíly Santa Cruz Famíly Katíe Lynn Pízzetta Anna, Doug & Jill Thompson Ramona Eleuteríus Ronnie Eleuterius Margaret Fíelder

Norman Powell Sr. Díane Powell Lauren Longíno Grace, Babe, Shírley & Barry Broussard Evelyn Barry Wilfred P. Barry Sr. Rena Rolkoskv Anthony Rolkosky Patrick Suare Radovích Famíly Hormanskí Famíly Christine & Elliott Quarles Norma Lee Bellaís Wetzal Irene & Lorenzo Broadus Lucy & Marcy Quarles Leigh Wetzal Adamson Gladys & Adolf Bellaís Jacobína & Andrew Gílích Mary Gílích Gerald Romero Russell Romero Percy Wetzel

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sun Apr 4th +Annie Cosmich Tues Apr 6th +Kathy Theriot Wed Apr 7th +Ernest "Butch" Henley Thurs Apr 8th +Ann Newman Fri Apr 9th +Mary Diaz Sat Apr 10th +George Sekul

Mass Intentions: Tuesday-Saturdays excluding Holy Days. There are many dates available for 2021. If you would like to have Mass said in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the church office at 228-435-5578. Thank you!



<u>April 4:</u> Easter Sunday Mass 10am <u>April 14</u>: Gulf Coast Ecumenical Lunch 12pm Westminster Presbyterian Church Gulfport <u>April 24</u>: Loaves and Fishes-Join your fellow parishioners as they help prepare and serve food at this local food ministry.

Attention Kids through Grade 5-There will be an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10am Easter Sunday Mass and all of you together with your parents are invited! Join us on the lawn next to the Family Life Center for sweet rewards hidden by the Easter Bunny!

We are excited to announce the joint effort of the churches of St. Michael, Blessed Francis Seelos Xavier, and Our Mother of Sorrows in offering a Totally Catholic Vacation Bible School. It will be held on the week of June 14-18 from 9:00am-noon in the Family Life Center at St. Michael. It will be open to children from inside or outside these parishes, who will be entering Kindergarten in August through those kids who just completed 5th grade. Those who have finished 6th grade and older will be welcome to come and help as youth volunteers. We will also have an opportunity for adults to volunteer and join in the fun. Our theme and other details will be announced in the next few weeks. For more info or to inquire about volunteering you may contact your VBS director, Cherie Prentiss 228-365-4017 or cmprentiss@att.net

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This Weeks Gospel John 20:1-9

<u>3 Reasons the Women of Easter Deserve Our Applause and</u> <u>Imitation</u>

As the calendar moves forward toward this Easter Sunday, we have the opportunity to once again look to the scriptures that detail the passion of our Lord.

A careful reading of Luke 22-24, John 19-20, and the other gospel accounts of the crucifixion and resurrection, may cause your eyes to be opened afresh and for you to stand astonished at the courage of the women of Easter.

Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome were among the women of Easter. They watched from a distance as nails pounded through the flesh of the hands and feet of Jesus, the Lord whom they loved.

These women had become steadfast disciples and followed Jesus, tenderly and generously caring for his needs. Joanna is also a mentioned as one of the faithful women of Easter, and as a biblical narrative notes; "Many other women who had come up with him (Jesus) to Jerusalem were also there" (Mark 15:41). The Easter story is alive with women whose quiet courage was exhibited from the garish heartbreak of the cross, to the wonderment of the tomb and first appearing of the resurrected Christ. It is easy to slip past the women in these passages, overlooking them just as they might have been in the patriarchal system of their day. Women of their society were not considered to have a voice in community affairs, to be trustworthy as messengers, nor were they counted as reliable witnesses to testify in court. As biblical characters and disciples, these women could appear anecdotal to the greater drama of the unjust and brutal trial and crucifixion of the Son of God. They may even seem a small part of the Easter story when contrasted with the delight of a Savior risen on that early Sunday morn.

Courage and deep-rooted confidence was exhibited by each one of these women as they stood in the face of stark adversity and the death of their deepest longing and hope.

They believed they had found the promised Savior, but the events of that first Easter gave them every reason to be over-

whelmed with fear and doubt. **Read more at :** <u>3 Reasons the Women of Easter Deserve Our</u> <u>Applause and Imitation - Easter (crosswalk.com)</u> www.crosswalk.com

