

# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of April 30 & May 1, 2022

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.

**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-12 & 1pm-3:30pm**

**RCIA Tuesdays 7pm**

Use your cell phone camera to link to the St. Michael store or make online donations.



~**St. Michael Saint Vincent de Paul** - To make a donation of food or money bring to St. Michael's office, leave in basket in entry of church (money can be placed in poor box, checks payable to SVDP) or give to Mrs. Cynthia Powell. Thank you for all your support in this worthwhile ministry that helps the people of East Biloxi.

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### Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle C

An excerpt from Loyola Press Sunday Connection...

*John 21:1-19*

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in [John 6](#).

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.



### Family Connection

*Today's Gospel describes what we can easily imagine as a picnic on the beach. Just as Jesus' miracle at the wedding feast at Cana blesses the love between man and woman celebrated in the sacrament of marriage, Jesus' attentiveness to food and mealtimes raises the possibility that our meal gatherings can be sacred times. In families, the domestic church, our meals together are everyday opportunities to gather and recall Jesus' presence with us. As in the Eucharist, we bring the gifts that God has given us, which have been prepared especially for our Mass, and at our family meals we share gifts that God has given to us and that we have worked together to prepare. This includes the food on the table and also the people who gather around the table. We ask God to bless these gifts and to be present among us in all of our interactions.*

# Mass for the Intentions Week

## Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

Sat, Apr 30 +Lola Broussard Derouen  
Sun, May 1 For the People  
Tues, May 3 +Kathy Theriot  
Wed, May 4 +Mikell Lynn Hedley  
Thurs, May 5 +Robert Benvenuto  
Fri, May 6 +Lauren Elizabeth Hayes

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

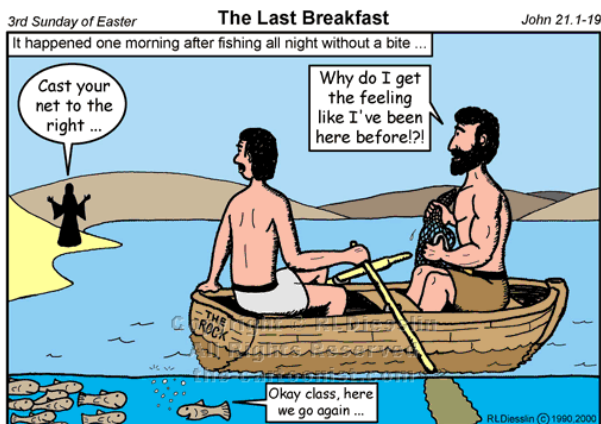
### In Our Parish

#### UPCOMING Events

- May 11:** Poster Unveiling
- May 26:** Mass for Deceased Fisherman, 6 pm;  
**NO MORNING MASS THURSDAY**
- May 28:** \$10,000 Giveaway
- May 28:** Blessing of the Fleet Mass, 4 pm; **NO 5 PM MASS**
- May 29:** Blessing of the Fleet, 2 pm in the channel

#### PLEASE NOTE:

**Daily Mass is moving to the Chapel  
(south side of the Vestibule)  
on Tuesday, 3 May.**



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**This Weeks Gospel John 21:1-19**

They promised the line would be buried within three weeks. That was six months ago.

We moved into a new home last Fall, and ordered cable service almost immediately. When the day of installation came, I was feeling optimistic since we have a cable service box in the front yard. Having been down this road before, I was fully prepared for the promise I knew would come, but would likely never be honored, 'A crew will be out within [fill in the blanks] weeks to bury the cable.' The promise came, and went, just as I expected.

As it turns out, the cable box in front of our house wasn't from the cable service we chose. Our service box was three houses down; and the 'clearest path' to that box ran down the side of our property, along the rear of the properties of two neighbors, and up the side of the property of yet another neighbor three doors down. And there it laid ... this bright orange cable, not just on our grass, but on the grass of three neighbors; not the best way to introduce yourself to the neighborhood.

I've called the cable company several times, only to be told that I have to wait until the ground unfreezes. I wanted so badly to tell them that hell would freeze first. I took the high road, however. Prompted by yet another call, they sent a technician this past week, only to be told that because the line is so long, it has to be buried by a specialist utility crew. And here's the best part; they'll be out within 72 hours to 'survey the work.' That was a week ago. I'm thinking about just planting flowers along the cable line to make it more attractive to my incredibly patient neighbors who have to lift it up every time they cut their grass, just like me.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus said, 'Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one.' Maybe I could blame it on the devil, but the truth is that I first have to admit that I make a lot of promises, primarily to God, that I don't keep. Apparently I'm not alone. St. Paul says in Romans 7:15, 'What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate.' I hate when others don't make good on their promises, but first I have to turn the mirror on myself.

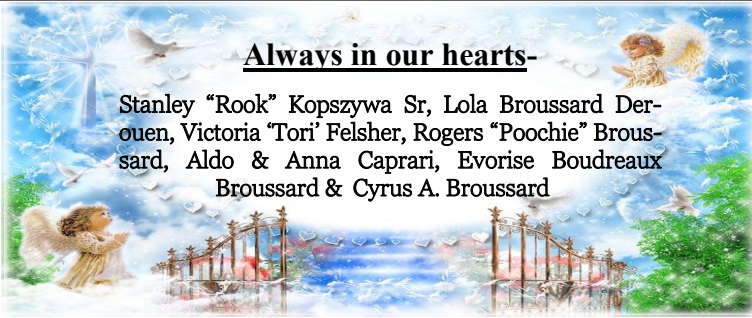
Let's be honest; sometimes the problem is with the promise itself; don't make promises you know you can't or won't keep. Most often though, the problem is squarely on us. If you commit to something, and most especially to God, then honor what you say you will or won't do. God has honored his covenant with us over-and-over, despite our sinfulness. So how about us? Let's pray about that.

*I will not violate my covenant; the promise of my lips I will not alter.* Ps 89:35

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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



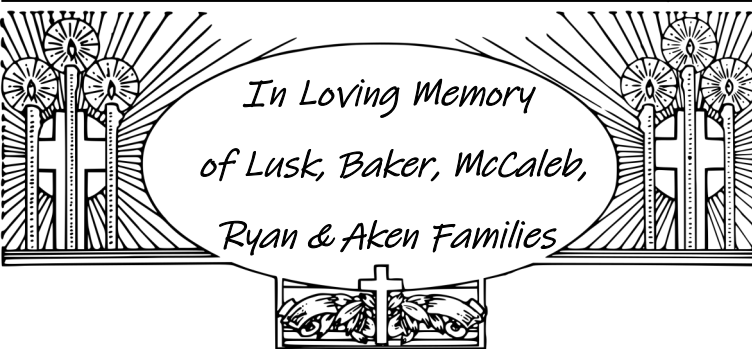
Pray for our Mothers!



*May 2022*

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Ryan & Aken Families*



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Rogers Poochie Broussard  
+ March 7, 2020

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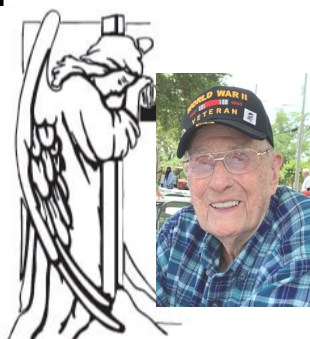
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*In loving memory of  
Nicolas "Corky" Hire  
Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021*



*I will praise you,  
Lord, for you have  
rescued me.*

