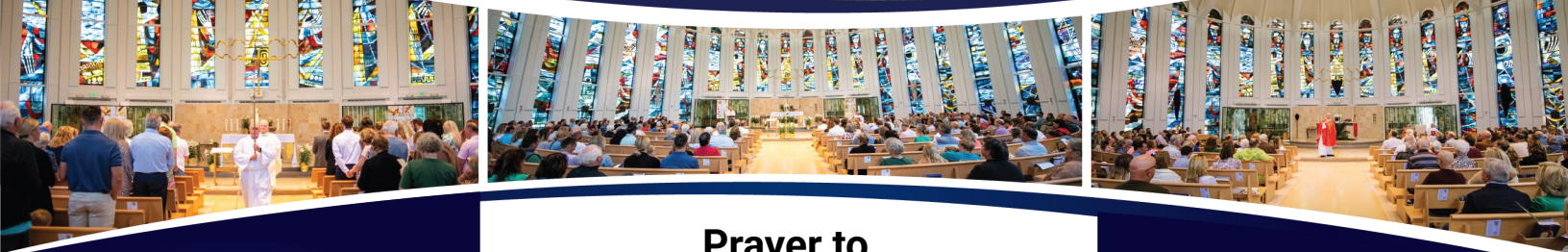
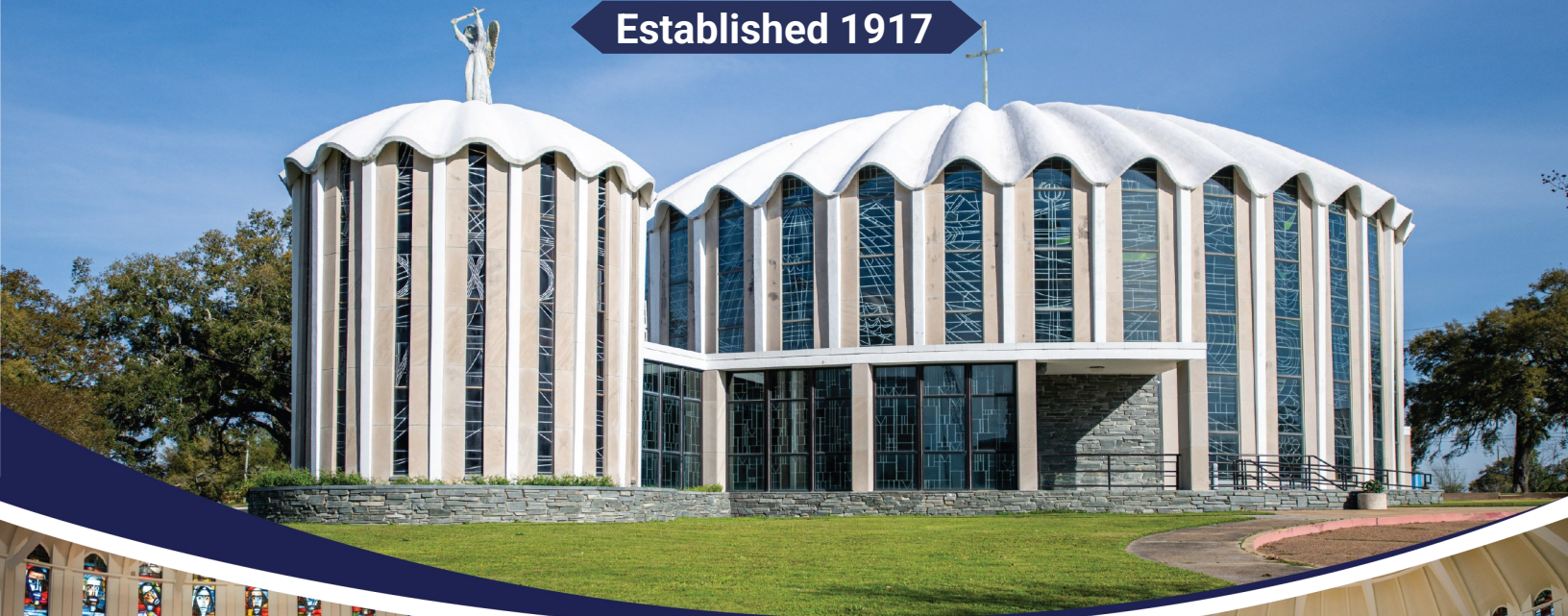


St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of August 24 & 25, 2024

Established 1917



Confessions

Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment

Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday
8:30 - 3 pm
or as posted

Prayer to

St. 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

Weekends
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10 am

Weekdays
Tuesday - Friday 8 am



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Over the last few weeks we have read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. It is here we find Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse, and the Catholic Church's teaching of Jesus' Real Presence. In today's Gospel reading from the Liturgy of the Word at Mass we hear the culmination of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. This great mystery of faith is a defining point between Catholics and non-Catholic Christians.

It's unmistakable from St. Paul's letters, from John's Gospel, and from Jesus' own words himself, that, as Christians, we are called to unity: One body, one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism (cf. Eph 4:4-6). The Catholic Church desires that all may come to the knowledge of the fullness of the Christian faith found in and through Jesus Christ. The unity we are called to is no more celebrated than in the sacramental gift of the Eucharist, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the "source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324).

Blessed are we who are called to the *Supper of the Lamb*.

As Catholics, we pray for our separated brothers and sisters in the faith that some day they too will taste and see the goodness of the Lord (cf. Ps 34:9). For those friends and family who, like the disciples we read about today, turned their back on Jesus in the Eucharist and walked away, may they return soon to table fellowship. May they hear these words of the parish priest calling them back: "May the body and blood of Christ keep us safe for eternal life." May our separated brethren some day join us in an attitude of prayerful humility: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Be not afraid! Jesus is waiting for you when you find nothing else in this world satisfies you.

Friends, today's Gospel concludes John's reflection on the Eucharist. At the end of this remarkable chapter, we are faced with a question that defines the Christian faith: Will you follow Christ? May we always answer as Pete does.

Bishop Robert Barron

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat, August 24: Lusk & Baker Families

Sun, August 25: For the People

Tue, August 27: +Kathy & Tony Theriot

Wed, August 28: +Wayne Kopszywa

Thu, August 29: +Carrie Fraser Bellais

Fri, August 30: +Pat Cook

In Our Parish

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of non perishable canned items. There is a basket in the vestibule to drop off.

August 25: Hamburger Plate Fundraiser, FLC, 11am

In Our Diocese

August 28: A Night of Healing: Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Prayers of Deliverance, Pastoral Counseling; Holy Family Parish, 6:30pm

Scan to Register!



September 7: Back to School Mom's Retreat, Our Lady of the Gulf, 8-11am

September 15: Wedding Anniversary Mass: The Bishop will recognize couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 years or more with a Mass and reception. Please fill out the form in the vestibule.



Altar Flowers are in honor of Richard and Janet Johnston's Wedding Anniversary..

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 6:60-69

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

Background on the Gospel Reading

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels.

Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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

Religious Education & East Biloxi Life Teen Youth Ministry

Registration is open for the 2024-2025 year. CCD meets on Wednesday evenings, upstairs in Nativity BVM Cathedral's Sacred Heart Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m. for children in grades K-5 that attend public school and homeschool.

East Biloxi Life Teen Youth Ministry is open to ALL YOUTH (public/private & homeschool) grades 6-12. We focus on service, fun and fellowship while deepening our understanding of our faith. We will meet at each of our 4 parishes.

Register Today!
**Blessed Seelos, St. Michael,
Nativity & Our Mother of Sorrows**
CCD Classes
All Children, Grades K-5, are welcome!
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm
Nativity's Sacred Heart Center
Contact: Lauren Ellis (228) 324-0447
East Biloxi Life Teen Youth Ministry
ALL Youth (Public/Private/Homeschool)
Grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend!
Location Varies among our 4 Parishes.
Contact: Kristy Arguelles
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\$4,424.75

Next Week's Second Collection is for
Catholic Universities

*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



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

I'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE!
HOW DO I TELL JESUS
I'VE LOST HIS KEYS?



Jesus said to Peter,
"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven." Mt 16:19



In loving memory of

Nicolas & Loyce Hire

Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021

Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022

Together in Heaven



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*



*In Loving Memory of
Berniece Louise Garner*

Dec. 8 1932-Dec. 22, 2022

*Truly an example of Amazing
Grace.*

St Michael Altar Society has created a way to honor your
loved ones past or present with an arrangement of fresh
flowers on the altar. Honor your loved one's Birthdays,
Anniversaries, Graduations or any milestone you wish to
celebrate or remember. Arrangements are cost \$40 each.
Please call the office to schedule your dates.

Janet Tremmel Johnston

*We love you a bushel and a peck,
a bushel and peck, and a hug
around the neck,*

Love,

*Richard, Children, Grandchildren,
& Great Grandchildren.*



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