ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of August 6 & 7, 2022

Established 1917



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

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



Looking for school uniform shorts, shirts or khaki pants?

We have a selection! Come shop at St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store, 2200A Bienville Blvd, Ocean Springs. Open Monday thru Friday 10 am—6 pm, Saturday 10 am—3 pm. Mondays and Wednesdays all clothes are half price!! Call 228-334-5222 for more information.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:32-48

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man-eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

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



Ministry News

St. Michael Saint Vincent de Paul -

To make a donation of food or money, bring your offering 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.



Altar Flowers are in Honor of the People of St Michael

<u>Hurricane Season is upon us!</u>

Be Prepared: Have a full tank of gas, locate and secure valuables and important papers. **Have a plan:**

- Gather info about hazards in your area.
- Meet with your family to create a plan.
- Implement your plan when a hurricane watch is declared in your area.
- Plan a route and alternate route if you leave.
- Tune into your local radio and news stations for shelter information.
- Arrange for someone not in your area to notify friends and family of your plans and whereabouts.



Sat, Aug 6 For the People Sun, Aug 7 +Frances Broussard Tues, Aug 9 Int Rita Bakewell Thurs, Aug 11 Leslie L Dorian Blot's Anniversary

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

<u>Aug 9</u>: Altar Society meeting Tuesday at 6 pm in the Family Life Center.

<u>Aug 14</u>: K of C Beignet Breakfast at 11 am in the Family Life Center.

In Our Diocese

Our Mother of Mercy Parish in Pass Christian will hold a **Men's Retreat** on Friday, August 12, at 6:00 PM and Saturday, August 13, 2022 starts at 8:30 am until noon. Please call (228) 452-6309 to register. The parish will provide breakfast and lunch.

The *Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries* celebrating 25, 30,35,40,50,55, or 60 years of marriage will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 2 pm at the Nativity BVM Cathedral. The deadline for registration is October 14, 2022. You can register online at www.biloxidiocese.org or you can call the St. Michael's Office to have an application emailed to you.

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This Weeks Gospel Luke 12:32:48

Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

It was a cross between chalk slowly screeching across a chalk-board, and a crying baby, five-minutes into a four-hour flight. Although I should have been focused on the opening hymn, my thoughts turned to Anne Frank, who, in the depth of her trappedness, said, "When will we be allowed to breathe fresh air again?"

We were attending Mass while on vacation, and while we'd been to this church before, I forgot about him. While I wasn't certain precisely where, he was seated somewhere behind us. It would have been too obvious to turn around, but I had to see the face of the man with arguably the worst singing voice I've ever heard. He used one tone only, and it was like the sensation of sour milk on your tongue. I noticed that he was seated alone; I could only imagine why. Did he not hear himself? Was he oblivious to the fact that he was creating a clear distraction to those around him? Even after the opening hymn ended, I had to fight to regain my focus, only to hear the organ fire up again. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were ringing in my ears, 'Truly this is my punishment, and I must bear it.' Jeremiah 10:19

During the greeting of peace, I turned around and nodded politely to the screecher, though the thoughts in my head were less charitable. Eventually, it came time for communion, and I presumed I would finally get a closer look at the man, but he was nowhere to be seen. Eventually, the end of the long communion line came into view, and there he was, pushing a disabled man in a wheelchair who had been sitting alone in the vestibule. From all indications, the screecher had noticed the man in the wheelchair, and offered to bring him forward rather than having to wheel himself up that long aisle.

'Stop judging by appearances, but judge justly.' The words of Jesus in John 7:24.

While I had allowed myself to miss much of the Mass in my own distractedness, the Holy Spirit spoke to me clearly in my reflection afterwards. While it was true that praising God with his voice was NOT one of this man's gifts, I failed to consider that God had given him other gifts. Clearly his greatest gift on this day was to be a teacher to me; an example of what it means to praise God with your whole self.

Let everything that has breath give praise to the LORD! Hallelujah! Psalm 150:6

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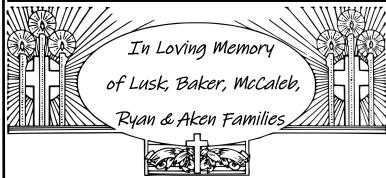


Pray for the safety of our Policemen!



July 2022

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Happy 87th
Birthday to our
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Joe "Sonny"
Powell
August 29th

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Happy Anniversary to Richard Johnston & In Loving Memory



Love,

Your Children, Your Grandchildren and Your Great Grandchildren