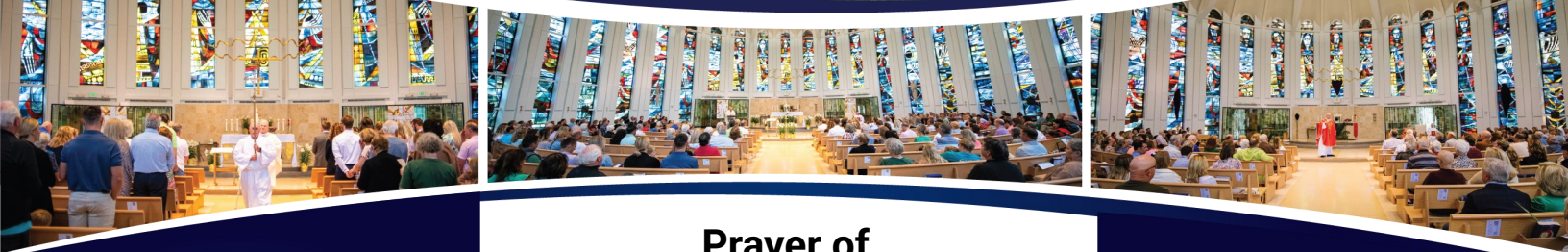
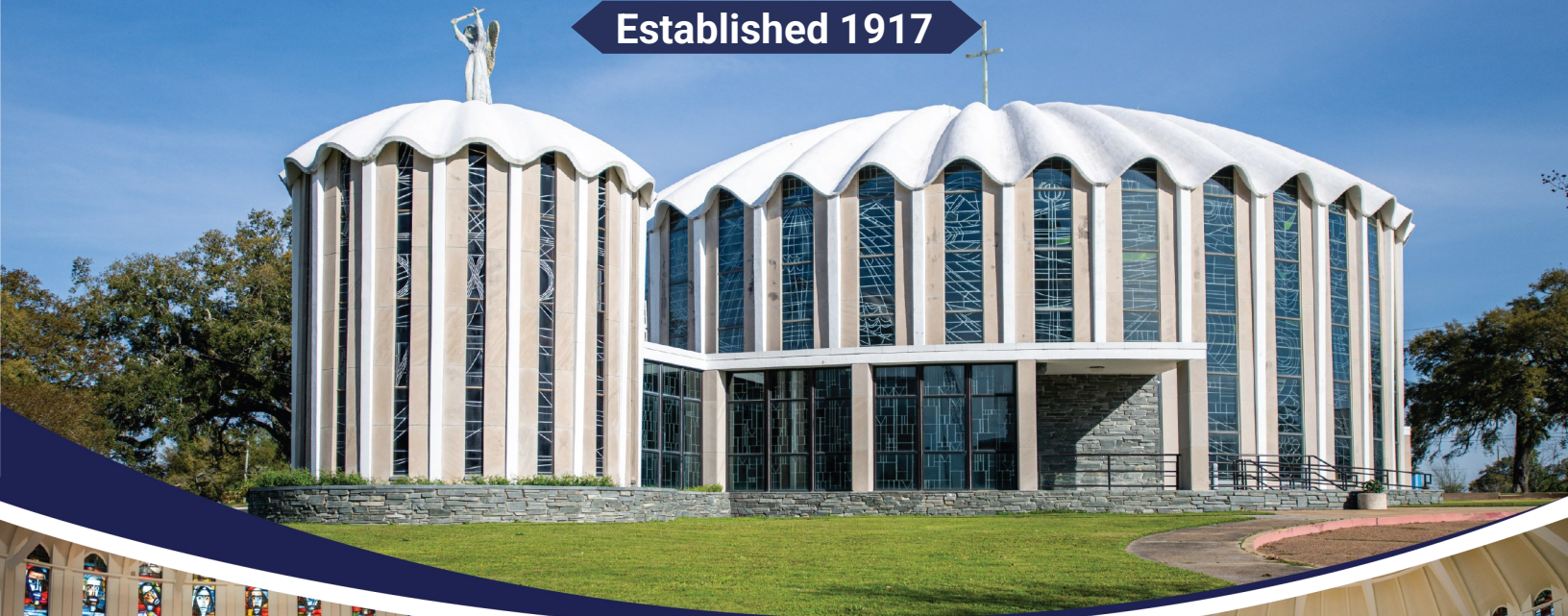


St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of May 11 & 12, 2024

Established 1917



Confessions

Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm

or by Appointment

Temporary Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday

1 - 4 pm

Prayer of

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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Ascension Sunday

Mark 16:15-20

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat, May 11th For the People

Sun, May 12th +Junius & Sylvia Creel

Tues, May 14th +Anna Smolcich

Wed, May 15th +Katie Lynn Pizzetta

Thurs, May 16th +Joseph "Joey" Jurich

Fri, May 17th Colbi Capuano

UPCOMING Events

In Our Parish

May 26: Graduation Recognition - 10am Mass

May 16: Ultreya, 7pm, FLC

June 10-14: Vacation Bible School

June 10-14: National Eucharist Procession

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.

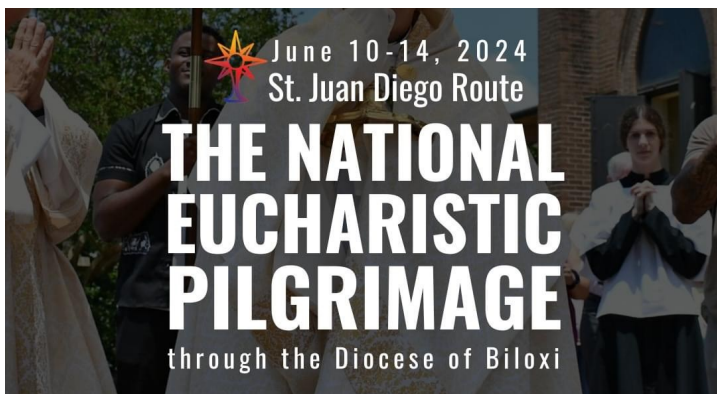
April 29-June 2- "33 Days Eucharistic Consecration Challenge" based on the book "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory." to start on April 29th to June 2nd. Participants will receive a copy of the book along with a wellness planner and journal to embark on a journey towards holistic well-being of body, mind, and soul. For more information, please visit mercyrunsonlove.com

May 20-Father Tony Arguelles invites St. Michael Parishioners to his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination Mass at 6pm at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral

June 10-14th - Process with Jesus across the Diocese of Biloxi. A few of our Parishes along the route will host events, prayer, Mass, and testimonies from the Perpetual Pilgrims that will be following Jesus along the entire St. Juan Diego Route.

July 17-21-10th National Eucharistic Congress

September 15th- Wedding Anniversary Mass Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? 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.



Lay Leanings By Deacon Mike Stewart

Our kids bought me a smart watch for Christmas. Well, it's smart alright ... in ways that I never expected nor even asked for. Among many other superfluous measures, I learned that it actually has a measure of stress in your body. No, for real ... somehow it can actually tell you what you already know. I'm not making this up.

The watch downloads data to an app on my phone all day long, and there I just happened to discover the stress measure. Oh, did I mention that I was on vacation when I discovered it, and it was early in the morning, shortly after I woke up. To my surprise, it told me this, "*You have had very few restful moments today.*" Wait a minute ... my wife confirmed that I slept like a rock, so how could sleep not be restful? Then I looked at the days leading up to that measure, and once again, from all indications, I'm a walking-talking bundle of stress, ready to implode at any moment. I learned that the watch determines your stress level by your heart rate variability, the interval between each heartbeat. Honestly, it made me wonder what else I didn't know about myself.

So often I visit people in the hospital who admit that they were 'surprised' by their condition; "*I honestly never saw this coming,*" they insist. And yet, as they continue to share, all the markers were there to be seen well in advance. For whatever reason, they just didn't 'see it.' Or ... perhaps they just didn't see it for what it was.

Oddly enough, the same is true of our life of faith. There are those who are always aware of God's presence in their lives, from the moment they open their eyes in the morning, till they lay their head down to sleep at night. Everything they do is grounded in the awareness that God is right there with them. There are others for whom, although God may be in their consciousness, don't sense that God is active in their lives. It's when suffering comes that we most see the impact that faith has on their lives. And as life teaches us, suffering will always come.

For those who journey through life with God ever-present, God is right there in the suffering, even though it may bring fear of what the future may

bring. But what about the rest? Those who occasionally 'check-in' with God; who may see God in the way that Lucy was a psychiatrist to Charlie Brown while in her '*The Doctor is in*' booth. The point is ... that the extent to which we cultivate a relationship with God outside of suffering and darkness in our lives will determine how real and present God is to us when we are most in need.

Let's pray about that. Where are you in your relationship with God?

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Calling all 2024 Graduates

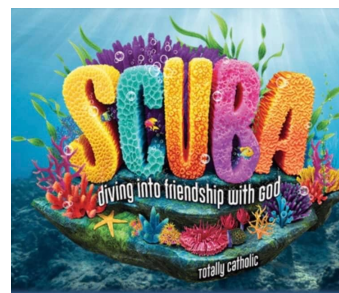
High school and college graduates will be recognized with a special blessing at the 10am Mass on Sunday May 26th. Please submit names to the parish office

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

Stella Maris Explorers Homeschool Ministry is currently registering for next academic year. Please scan QR code for more information.



Vacation Bible School or VBS Will be held in the FLC June 10th—14th from 9am to 12pm each day. Children Kindergarten through completed 5th grade are welcome to register. Registration forms are in the back of the church.

Teen and adult volunteers are needed to help set up and decorate the FLC beforehand and to assist the groups during the VBS program. Please speak with Cherie Prentiss 228.365.4017 (call/text) to volunteer.



Altar Flowers are in
memory of
Junius & Sylvia Creel

Collections May 4 & 5, 2024
\$3846.00

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

*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



Temp office hours at St. Michael

Tues & Thurs 1-4pm

Please call and leave a message if you need anything

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
Stanley Wayne Kopszywa
Love and miss him...*

*May 6th.1947-February
14th 2024*



*Grant, we beseech
Thee, O Lord GOD,
that we Thy Servants
may enjoy perpetual
health of mind and
body and by the
glorious intercession
of The
BLESSED MARY,
ever Virgin, be
delivered from present
sorrow and enjoy
eternal happiness.
Through
JESUS CHRIST
our Our Lord. Amen.*



*Our Lady Of The Rosary.
Pray for us!*

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*Congratulations!
Aua Marie Fox
on your
First Holy Communion!*



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