

# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of May 7 & 8, 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.



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**Mass Schedule:**  
Weekdays  
**Tues-Fri 8am**

Weekends  
**Saturday 5pm**  
**Sunday 10am**

### **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.



## Ministry News

~**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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### Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C

An excerpt from Loyola Press Sunday Connection...

#### **John 10:27-30**

Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see [John 10:31](#) and [10:39](#)). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

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



### *A Star Flowers This Week*

*In memory of  
Katie Lynn Pizzetta &  
Velma Baker*

### ***Honoring Mothers is a Catholic Tradition***

Mother's Day has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States on the second Sunday of May since 1914. But Catholics have been celebrating a sort of mother's day since the first few centuries of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, traditionally was a time to return to your mother church (home parish) and leave an offering.

The "Madonna of the Magnificat" painted by Botticelli Filipepi in 1483 portrays Mary being crowned by two angels, while she writes the Magnificat and holds her Son, Jesus. The Magnificat, which is Latin for "My soul magnifies" is also known as the Cantic of Mary, which is the prayer of thanksgiving that Mary said after being greeted by her cousin Elizabeth at the Visitation. This feast is celebrated May 31. Also known as Mothering Sunday, it naturally evolved into honoring your mother as well. And devotion to Mary, the mother of God and our spiritual mother, in the month of May gives this holiday depth for Catholics that goes far beyond giving flowers or candy on Mother's Day.

"God, creator and lord of the universe, chose to put himself — tiny, needy and helpless — into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering — both physical and spiritual — in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's."

In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love. According to St. Thomas of Villanova, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature."

At the foot of the cross, her heart broke for Jesus, yet she accepted God's will not only for her Son, but for herself in her new role as mother to us all. (John 19:25-27) As we honor our earthly mothers this month, let's honor our heavenly mother as well. Those devoted to her are always led to her Son. For her wise counsel tells us, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)

See: <https://www.dolr.org/article/honoring-mothers-catholic-tradition>

# Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat, May 7 +Lauen Elizabeth Hayes  
Sun, May 8 +Stanley Rook Kopszywa, Sr.  
Tues, May 10 For the People  
Wed, May 11 Adrienne McClellan (living)  
Thurs, May 12 Austin McClellan (living)  
Fri, May 13 +Mike Sekul

**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



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**This Weeks Gospel John 10:27-30**

## Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

I honestly wasn't paying attention; I've stopped at highway rest areas many times throughout this country, and this one in Alabama, was no different. I opened the door for my wife, and since I was unfamiliar with the place, I simply followed her lead. Now ordinarily that's a good thing, but not this time. Standing near the main entrance was an older gentleman who seemed to be waiting for someone, presumably his wife. As I opened the door for my wife, she turned immediately right, and naturally I followed. I was only two steps in the door when I realized that I was following my wife straight into the women's restroom! Quickly recognizing what I had done, I retreated without anyone noticing ... that is, except the older gentleman at the door, who grinned and said, 'I wondered how far down that hall you would go before you realized.' Thanks for warning me, I thought to myself.

One important role of parents is to teach our children right from wrong, and the importance of making good choices. We're also there to correct them when they make poor choices or follow the wrong path. Those of us who are parents know how important that is to our children's development, and I've watched our own daughters now teach their own children in that same way.

But what happens when Mom and Dad are no longer there to correct us? Those of us who are married or in special relationships recognize what a blessing it is to have someone to help us navigate through life, perhaps talk things over when a decision needs to be made, big or small. There's a tendency in our culture though to step back and see everything as relative. We hear it all the time. 'Hey, it's okay, as long as you're happy and it works for you, it's all good.' But is it .. all good?

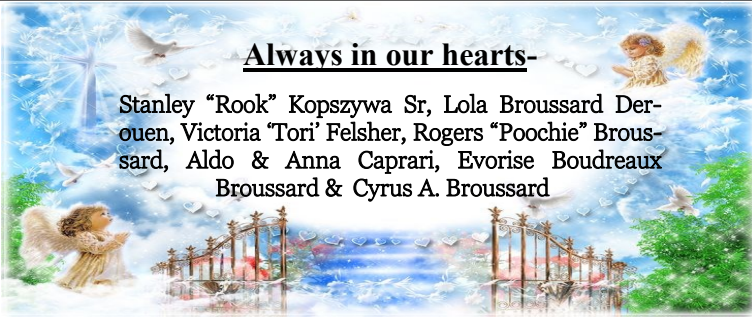
Despite the cultural trend, there are indeed absolute rights and wrongs in our culture. Even those who claim no belief in God would agree in certain inherent truths. If you run into traffic, bad things will happen. But sometimes we do, metaphorically, run into traffic; and praise God that he put people into our lives to help us navigate through life. None of us are invincible, physically or morally. We need others sometimes as a moral compass. The words of St. Augustine have perhaps never been truer, 'Right is right even if no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.'

Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

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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



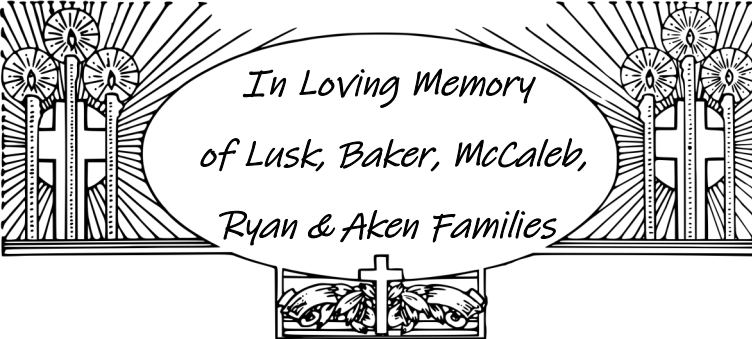
Pray for our Mothers!



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of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb,  
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*In Memory of Victoria "Tori" Felsher  
Daughter, Friend, Blessing Committee Member  
and Shrimp Queen*

*You live forever in our hearts, never far from  
our thoughts and always loved.*