

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of October 29 & 30 , 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.



ENCOUNTERING
JESUS

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Mass Schedule:
Weekdays
Tues-Fri 8am

All Saints Day Masses Nov 1
8am & 12pm

Weekends

Saturday 5pm

Use your cell phone camera to link to St. Michael for online donations



Confessions:

Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

Office hours: Tues-Thurs

8:30am-3pm

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honor the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

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

**Altar Flowers
are in Memory of
Lusk, Baker, Aken, Ryan
& McCaleb Families**

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.

St. Michael Knights of Columbus

The Knights are having their annual baby bottle drive. Pick up a bottle to collect your spare change during the month of October. Proceeds benefit Morning Star Pregnancy Center. church.

Religious Education

Life Teen and Edge groups, consisting of youth in grades 6-12 from Blessed Seelos, Nativity, Our Mother of Sorrows, and St. Michael parishes, meet in the Sacred Heart Center. Upcoming youth events:

October 29 - Middle School Retreat, grades 6-8, at Our Lady of the Gulf, Bay St. Louis;

October 30 - Life Teen & Edge meet 6:40 - 8:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Center

November 5 - Service Saturday at Nativity BVM Cathedral we begin at 8:00 a.m. Mass and provide service through 11:30 a.m.;

November 6 - No Sunday Night Meeting due to Service Saturday;

November 11-13 - Life Teen Retreat for our high school youth, grades 9-12, at Palmer Creek.

November 13 - No Sunday Night Meeting due to the high school weekend retreat

November 20 - Confirmation Class begins - 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. + Life Teen & Edge meet 6:40 - 8:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Center - St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Baskets

Please keep our youth and adult CORE team in your prayers. Are you a youth that would like to join our Life Teen/Edge group? Are you an adult that would like to provide a meal, a dessert, or join our adult CORE team? Contact Kristy Arguelles: 228-324-9934, eastbiloxiyouthministry@gmail.com

TAGS FOR LIFE

The Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life Ministry is proud to announce our very own Pro Life Billboard license plate! The sale of these plates will help support the Pro Life Ministry. You may purchase the plate by downloading an application on the Diocesan website at biloxidiocese.org or scanning the code below.



Mass for the Intentions **Week**

Sat, Oct 29 For the People
Sun, Oct 30 +Bishop Roger Morin
Tues, Nov 1 All Saints
Wed, Nov 2 All Souls
Thurs, Nov 3 +Jerry Roll
Fri, Nov 4 +Nancy Roberts

UPCOMING
Events

In Our Parish

November 1: All Saint's Day Masses 8am & Noon

November 5: 8-11am SPEAK Women's Prayer Breakfast, FLC, Register by Nov 3, details below.

November 5: Limited Edition Christmas Ornaments go on sale \$20 each. (details on back)

November 20: Altar Society Ham & Turkey Bingo

November 29: #igivecatholic

Sundays: 4pm LifeTeen

Mondays: 7pm Men's Prayer Group

Tuesdays: 7pm RCIA

Wednesdays: 10-11am SVDP Food Pantry

Wednesdays: 5:30 CCD

In Our Diocese

October 30: All Souls Concert 3pm Nativity BVM by the Massed Choir with Orchestral Ensemble and the Nativity BVM Elementary Children's Choir. All are welcome.

November 4-5: Gumbo Festival at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church. 9062 DeLisle Road, Pass Christian. Gumbo cookoff, fair rides, craft vendors, food booths, beverage booths, car and Jeep shows, music, political speeches, and games. Bring your lawn chairs and join in the fun.

November 5: 8-11am SPEAK, Women's Prayer Breakfast at St. Michael with 8am Mass, 9am Check-in at FLC and guest speaker, Mrs. Anita Boney. Breakfast Provided by St. Michael Altar Society. Registration Due Thursday, Nov. 3rd. Please contact: Cherie Prentiss at 228-365-4017 Amiee Gautreaux at (337) 296-5987 SPEAK Team Email: speakprayerministry@gmail.com

November 5: Bishop's Gala 6pm Beau Rivage, visit catholiccharitiesofsouthms.org/bishops-gala for more information.

November 6: Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries celebrating 25, 30,35,40,50,55, or 60 years of marriage, 2 pm at the Nativity BVM Cathedral. Registration required.

December 8-11-Women's Cursillo #291 at the Sacred Heart Dedeaux Retreat Center in Pass Christian. Applications are currently being accepted. Applications can be found online at www.biloxicursillo.org. For questions and/or more information, contact Gay Camagong at (228)424-7722 or Marcia Hebert at (413)433-3903.

Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

I'm convinced that there's a secret 'war' room, where diabolical packaging engineers are gathered behind locked doors while they conceive of creative evil ways to prevent you and I from opening new merchandise we purchase.

And thus was the case this week when I tried to open a new 2-pack of aspirin I purchased. It always begins with attempting to locate some hidden seam that perhaps the crafty packaging people thought we would never notice. I've never found that seam, but I'm convinced it's there. My next resort is also not a wise one, and frankly, one that I've paid a heavy price for on more than one occasion. Either a box cutter or pair of scissors is generally my tool of choice, although I once used a steak knife, which did not end well. While I've yet to have a package beat me, I've come close to bludgeoning some of them with a heavy maul. In the case of the aspirin, I think it's ironic that the product is supposed to protect me against heart disease, and yet it seems as though it took a couple years off my life.

As I was reflecting on this column, it occurred to me that sometimes God allows me to experience difficulty in my life, usually leading me to frustration, perhaps even anger with God. 'Why me, God .. what did I do to deserve this?' At the very same time, however, I'm often left to consider all those things that God hasn't allowed into my life that may have caused great hardship for me or for our family.

As I look back on my life, God has allowed a number of things to enter my life that I would never have wished for myself, only to recognize, often much later, that what appeared to be unfortunate was in fact, the catalyst for the next chapter in my life. I just needed to step back and trust that God's plan for me is always good, even when it may not appear to be so at the time.

The Lord is with me to the end. Lord, your mercy endures forever. Psalm 138:8

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Collections October 22& 23, 2022
\$9237.00

**Next Week's Second Collection is for
Arch Diocese for Military Service**

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



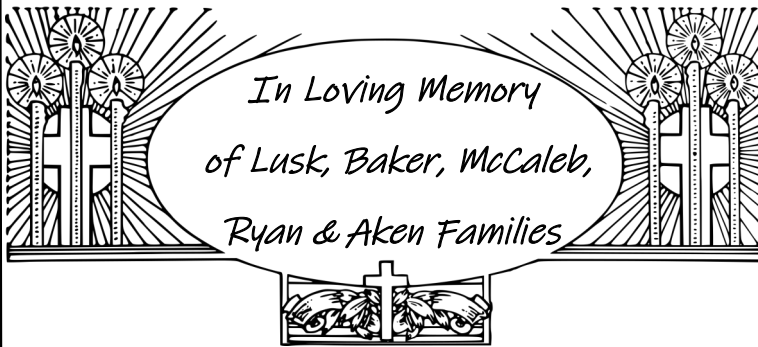
We pray that all those who have died— our loved ones, and also those people around the world who we will never meet— through the mercy of God, will rest in peace.



October 2022

YOU MAY PURCHASE A FAMILY AD BY CALLING THE OFFICE BY NOON ON THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. CALL THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO.

*In Loving Memory
of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb,
Ryan & Aken Families*



Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. Check out the website: walking-withmoms.com for more information. Find out what local resources are available to share with someone you love.

*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.*



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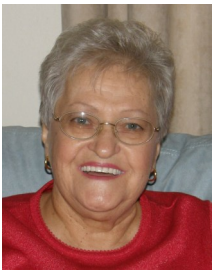
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*In memory of
Velma Baker*

12/17/43 - 10/23/21

*Loved beyond words,
Missed beyond measure*



*In loving memory of
Nicolas "Corky" Hure*

Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021

And Loyce Hure

Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022

Together in Heaven

Limited Edition St. Michael 2022
Christmas Ornaments
On sale next weekend

St. Michael Fundraising Team will begin selling this year's limited edition Christmas ornaments the weekend of November 5th-6th until all are sold. The cost is \$20.00 per ornament. There are only 125 ornaments so they are expected to sell fast! We also have a limited supply of the 2018 Christmas ornament for \$10.00 each.



Woman's Resource Center of Gulfport, is a non-profit organization that provides services and resources to women, men and families along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

They provide: Pregnancy testing, peer counseling, limited ultrasound, adoption referrals for birthparents, earn while you learn program, parenting resources and post abortive healing support.

For appt call 228-897-8958 or for more information or ways to volunteer contact St. Michael parishioner Mrs. Barbara Lemon by calling the St. Michael office 228-435-5578.