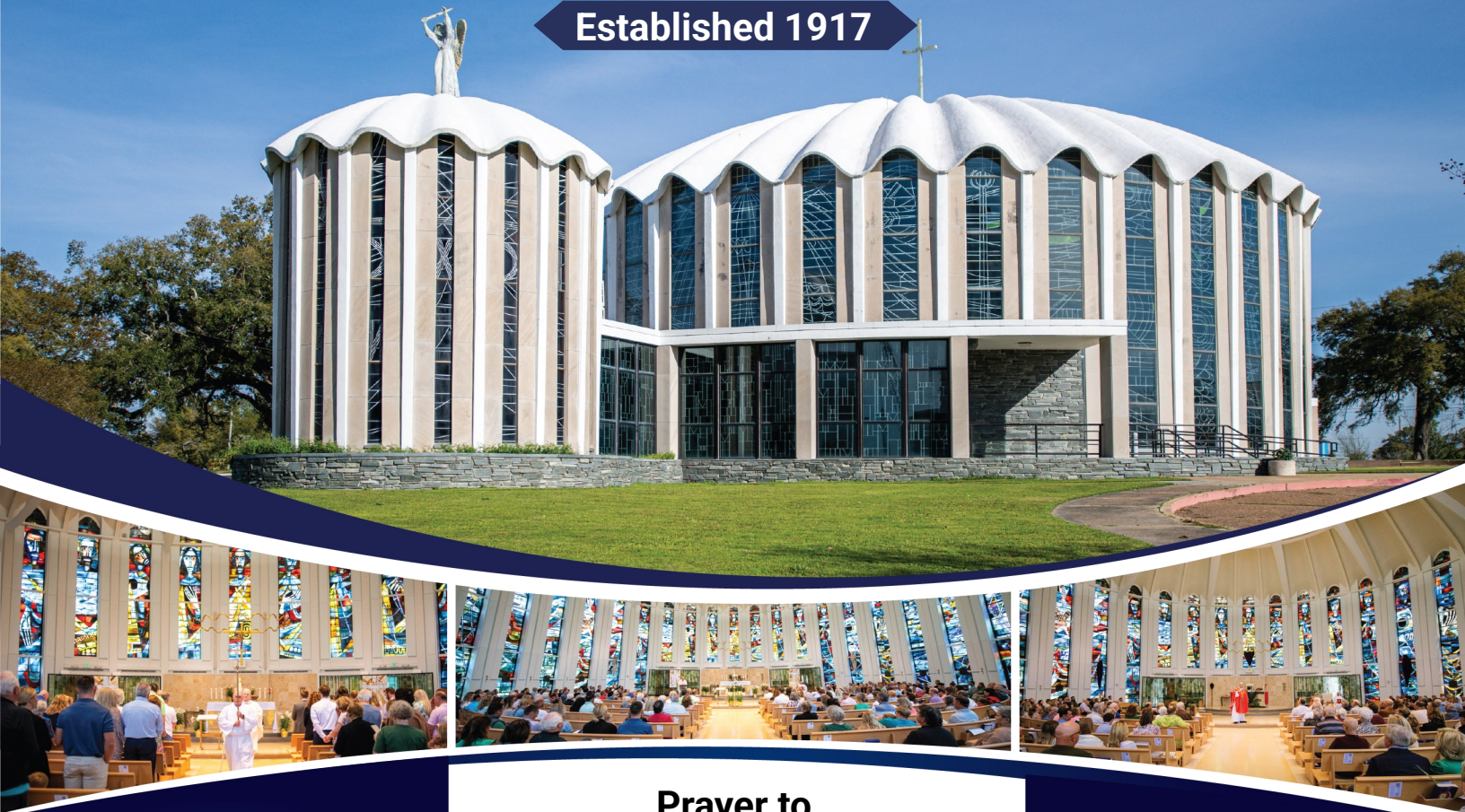


St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of October 5 & 6, 2024

Established 1917



Confessions

Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment

Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday
8:30 - 2:30 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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Lay Leanings, by Deacon Mike Stewart

I could literally feel the tension and pressure in my lower back and hips lifting as the therapist worked those areas that were bearing the greatest burden. I was grateful for the temporary relief, and yet she wisely reminded me that temporary fixes don't bring long-term solutions, the kind of healing that God knows we need. Still trapped by my own narrow vision, I had to ask, "So what's causing my back pain, when I don't recall having done anything to injure it?" My vision quickly zoomed out in her reply. "When something is bothering you," she said calmly, "look to the opposite side of the pain."

I was immediately confused. So my back pain was the result of stomach issues? Not stomach, she clarified, but core. "Your core is weak," she insisted. "When our core is weak, our bodies cannot compensate for the stress and tension we place on them. Build your core, and it will build your strength." My ego wanted to defend itself. After all, I had taken no measures to build my strength physically. However, her words held a more profound meaning for me.

In Matthew's Gospel in the 17th chapter, Jesus's disciples encounter a boy possessed by demons. The boy's father asks them for help, but despite the power and authority Jesus had given them, they were unable to expel the demon. After stepping in to heal the boy himself, Jesus essentially offered his disciples the same observation my massage therapist offered me ... look to the opposite side of your inability to heal - their core - in this case, the faith of the disciples was weak.

In my own life, and certainly through the witness of my ministry, I have seen this play-out countless times. When I struggle to write, preach, teach, or simply to listen to the struggle of others, it's so often true that I myself have not spent time enough in the Word or in prayer.

In authenticity then, I find that I cannot give to others what I have not taken the initiative to feed on myself. Consequently, when things happen ... and they will happen, I find myself unprepared to stand against them.

When something right in front of you is troubling, turn around and look to the opposite side of that something, and there you will find the source of those troubles. But gratefully, we have a God who will meet us in those troubles and lead us to healing if we are open to it. Build your core.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Ps 73:26

Mass + Intentions for the Week

Sat, October 5.....For the people
Sun, October 6.....+Patsy Kuluz
Tue, October 8.....+Robert Wescovich, Sr.
Wed, October 9.....+Danny Williams, Sr.
Thu, October 10.....+Thomas Skrmetti
Fri, October 11.....Michael Kozlowski

In Our Parish

Drop Ministry surveys in the collection baskets or turn in to the office

October 15: OCIA begins. Get your registration in to the church office.

November 17: Altar Society Holiday Bingo. Doors open at 11. Bingo starts at 1 pm, FLC; more info to come.

In Our Diocese

October 5/6: St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church Fall Bazaar, 10am-8pm/11am-6pm, 3521 19th Street, Gulfport.

October 7: East Biloxi Life Teen, Service Saturday, 8am Mass in Nativity Cathedral, breakfast, service until 12noon.

October 17: Ultreya, 7pm, FLC

October 18: Father Rofinus Jas, Pastor of Our Mother of Mercy Parish, invites you to a "Healing Mass Service." Invite your friends - especially those who need special prayers - to this powerful "Healing Mass"

November 9: 3rd Annual Bishop's Gala, Beau Rivage Magnolia Ballroom, purchase tickets online.



FOR THE ST. MICHAEL

ALL SAINTS PARTY

DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ☐ Candy & Other Small Carnival style prizes - place in box in vestibule
- ☐ Business donations for coloring contest prize baskets
- ☐ Adult Volunteers to plan the carnival games
- ☐ Teen Volunteers to help run the games - service hours available

Contact Ashley Rodriguez 410.693.8825 (call/text) to volunteer or donate

Frassatti Praise & Worship Night

For 18-35 year olds

October 10th @ St.

Michael's Biloxi

Address: 177 1st St, Biloxi, MS 39530

**Talk & Adoration @ 6p
Fellowship @ 7**

**Charcuterie board
snacks will be provided**

St. Michael Altar Society

Presents their Annual Drawing for a



Mary Mahoney's
OLD FRENCH HOUSE

\$300.00 Gift Certificate

**Tickets are \$5.00 each
or 5 tickets for \$20.00**

**Drawing Sunday November 17
at St. Michaels Holiday Bingo**

**Proceeds will go toward purchase of
new Altar Server Vestments**

Background on Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

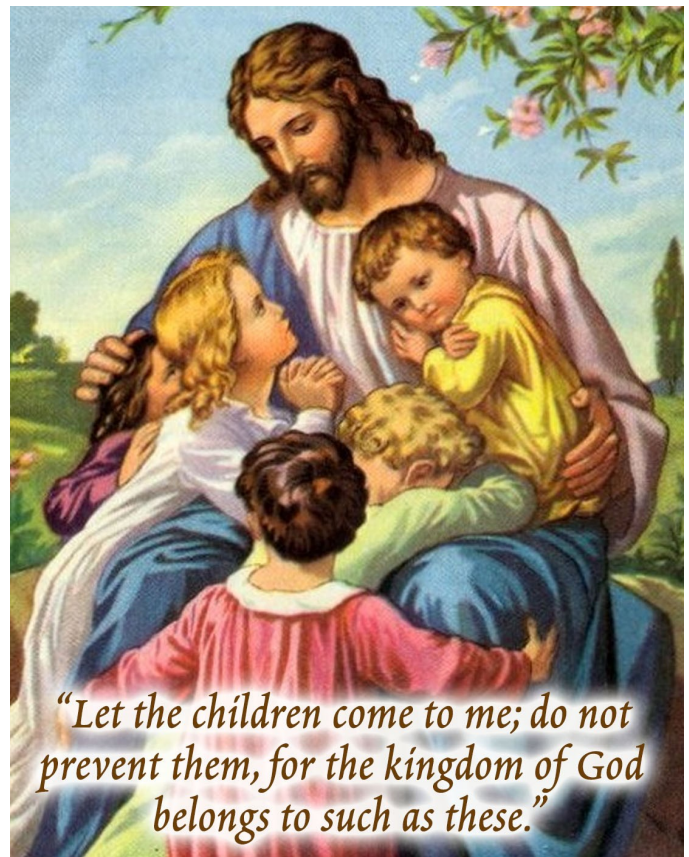
In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce.

When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."



**Flowers on the Altar are in honor of St.
Michael's Parishioners**

Weekly Offering

Sept 28 & 29, 2024.....\$3659.25
Next Week's 2nd Collection..... Altar Society

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

Radio Maria - a Catholic Radio just across the bridge in Ocean Springs! You can listen to it on your radio at FM 88.1; livestream it on your computer at radiomaria.us; download the free app onto your smartphone; or by calling 1-631-359-8743. There are many good programs from inspirational Catholic speakers, programs about history, prayer, care giving, finding a job, Marian apparitions, conversion stories, and many others! Plus there is great music. Let us be grateful to God for this sublime gift to us, for His mercies endure forever! Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Romans 12:12

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

Nicolas & Loyce Hire

Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021

Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022

Together in Heaven



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*In Loving Memory of
Berniece Louise Garner*

Dec. 8 1932–Dec. 22, 2022

*Truly an example of
Amazing Grace.*



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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**



*May the LORD bless us
all the days of our lives.*



Victoria "Tori" Felsher
Nov. 14, 1982-Sept. 24, 2005

*"Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high
There's a place that
I heard of
once in a lullaby..."*

Though the years may pass, your laughter, kindness, and warmth remain with us, lighting our way. You are missed and forever in our hearts.

+Tori Felsher

Nov 13, 1982–Sept 24, 2005

