



We love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck. You are forever in our hearts.



Vicolas & Loyce Hire Oct 2, 1921-Man 9, 2021 & Feb

In loving

Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, | Lola Broussard Derouen, ictoria 'Tori' Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard. Aldo & Anna Caprari, orise Boudreaux Broussard Wayne Kopszywa, & Cyrus A. Broussard



In Loving Memory Berniece Louise Garner Dec. 8, 1932—Dec. 22, 2022 Truly an

NEW TO THE PARISH:

If you are a recently registered new parishioner or if you are interested in joining our community – we extend a very warm word of "Welcome!" to you. We would ove the opportunity to speak with you! Please contact the Office at 228.435.5578 and leave your name and contact information so we can contact you. We are delighted that you are with us!



Have you downloaded this app yet? It's a one stop shop for real time information about St. Michael via your cell phone. Consider downloading today and select our Parish after opening.

WE ARE ALL GIVEN TALENTS TO SHARE.

The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of

WORD on FIRE.

Word on Fire harnesses beautv, goodness, and truth to draw people into or back to Catholic faith.



EXTREME BRUSHCUTTING

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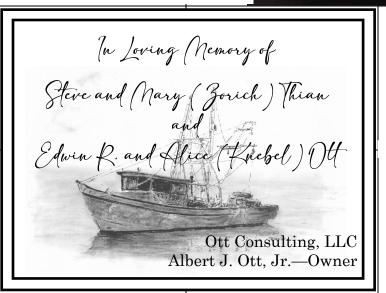
& FORESTRY MULCHING 228-297-2928

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!

Open your heart, home, and family to a foreign exchange student for the 2025-2026 school year! International Cultural Exchange Service is looking for loving families to host students from across the globe. If you would like more information contact Emily Aldrich at 228.234.6613 or ealdrich@icesusa.org









birthday blessings for many

years to come!

December 17



Baker On her birthday December 17

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Prayer to Confessions St. Michael the Archangel Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm

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.

St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of December 13 & 14, 2025

Established 1917

Mass Schedule

Weekends Saturday 5 pm Sunday 10 am

Weekdays Tuesday - Friday 8 am

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or by appointment

Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday

8:30 - 2:30 pm

or as posted



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MASS INTENTIONS	
Sat, Dec 13	+Junius & +Sylvia Creel
Sun, Dec 14	For the people
Tue, Dec 16	+Katie Lynn Pizzetta
Wed, Dec 17	+Tommy Hand
Thu, Dec 18	Special Intention
Fri, Dec 19	+Nick&+Olga Alambar

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IN OUR PARISH

OCIA Dec 16 at 7pm: This week's theme is "God commands: The Ten Commandments, the Precepts of the Church.

CHRISTMAS PLAY: Dec 21 at Blessed Seelos—3pm and Dec 22 at St. Michael—6pm. You are invited to enjoy a beautiful retelling of the birth of our Lord.

ENVELOPES: 2026 Collection envelopes will be in the vestibule. Please find your name on the list and the coordinating box from your previous year and initial that you have picked them up. If you want to get a box for the first time, please print neatly on the blank line of the list next to the box number you grab. Any that are not claimed will be up available for redistribution the first week of January.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

can be picked up from the back. Please print your loved ones' names clearly in the space provided. Return your envelope in the collection basket or to the church office. We appreciate your contribution toward the flowers for our church at Christmas.

2026 YEARLY CALENDARS are available in the vestibule. Your support is always accepted.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026: Juniors and Seniors requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring and a parent/guardian will meet Sun, Jan 4, at 6:40 pm at Nativity BVM Cathedral's Sacred Heart Center in the Youth Ministry room. Please contact Mrs. Kristy Arguelles, (228)324-9934 with questions or concerns.

SVDP: The pantry will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and will reopen the following Wednesday, January 7.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S COLLECTION BASKETS

Dec 6 & 7.....\$5451.00

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Dec 13 & 14......Retired Religious

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Dec 15 Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38

Tue Dec 16 Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14 **Wed Dec 17** Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30

Thu Dec 18 Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15

Fri Dec 19 Zec 2:14-17, Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

MINISTRIES: God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters! Prayerfully consider God's calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578 or email stmichaelccbiloxi@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The SVDP provides a food pantry each Wednesday from 10—11 am. We value your time and your donations! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need. There is a basket in the vestibule for non perishable donations.

CARD MINISTRY Sends out inspirational cards monthly to homebound parishioners and friends. Stamps are always needed. Drop off in the church office or contact Cynthia Powell.

STELLA MARIS EXPLORERS homeschool ministry serving catholic children grades PK3-12th with a Thursday morning program in the FLC. If you're interested in dropping in for a club meeting or to get more information, please visit our website (StellaMarisExplorers.com).

OCIA The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge in the Roman Catholic Church. The O.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. We will begin OCIA classes again in the Fall. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Family Life Center. Ouestions, contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 22—Christmas Play 6pm
- Dec 24—Christmas Eve

Masses at 4pm and 6pm

Dec 25—Christmas Day
 Mass at 10am





Jan 1— The Solemnity of Mary

Mother of God—Mass at 9am



Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10 The Lord will save his people.

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

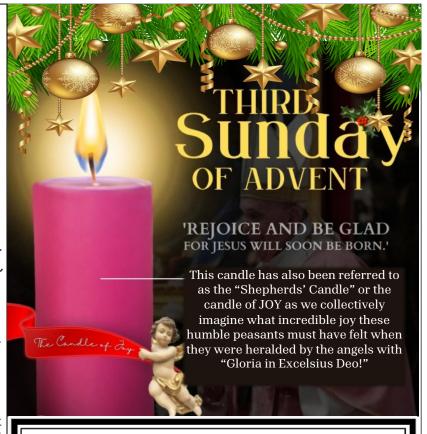
This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist.

Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

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Iberian Peninsula Pilgrimage



11 Days: April 13 - 24, 2026

Visiting Spain, France and Portugal

Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes and Fatima
Barcelona with Flamenco Show and Dinner
Benedictine Abby of Montserrat Monastery
Basilica of the Sagrada Familia
Torrelavega, Oviedo, Porto
Santiago de Compostela "Way of St. James Tour"
Santarem/Most Holy Eucharistic Miracle
Lisbon, and much more

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