



<p><i>In Loving Memory of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb, Ryan, &amp; Aken Families</i></p>	<p><i>In Memory of Kathy Theriot 11/27/45-12/28/20</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p>	<p><i>In loving memory of Nicolas &amp; Loyce Hire Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021 &amp; Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022</i></p> <p><i>Together in Heaven</i></p>	<p><i>Always in our hearts Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, Lola Broussard Derouen, Victoria "Tori" Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard, Aldo &amp; Anna Caprari, Everise Boudreaux Broussard, Wayne Kopszywa, &amp; Cyrus A. Broussard</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>Berniece Louise Garner</b> Dec. 8, 1932—Dec. 22, 2022</p> <p>Truly an example of "Amazing Grace"</p>	<p><b>NEW TO THE PARISH:</b> 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 love 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!</p>	<p>Available on the App Store   ANDROID APP ON Google play</p> <p><b>myParish</b> The App for Catholic Life Every Day™</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>WE ARE ALL GIVEN TALENTS TO SHARE.</b></p> <p>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 others.</p>
<p><b>WORD on FIRE.</b> Word on Fire harnesses <i>beauty, goodness, and truth</i> to draw people into or back to the Catholic faith.</p>	<p>Stay in the Know with the Diocese of Biloxi Friday Email Newsletter</p> <p><b>GULF PINE FRIDAYS</b></p>	<p>Your ad here</p>	<p>Your ad here</p>
<p><b>HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!</b> 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</p>	<p><b>SUE STONE</b> Owner EVENT PLANNING AND DESIGNS OF BILOXI</p> <p>228-233-6074 228-223-4024</p>	<p><i>Remember in Prayer The Misko &amp; Skrmetta Families</i></p>	
<p>We remember <b>+Rita Mae Radovich</b> on what would have been her <b>100th</b> earthly birthday! Forever cherished and missed. May 13</p>		<p>Your ad here</p>	<p>Your ad here</p>
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# St. Michael Catholic Church

**Weekend of May 3 & 4, 2025**

**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

**Monsignor Dominick Fullam, Pastor**

**Robert Wescovich Jr., Deacon | Jessica Gollott, Administrative Assistant**



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat, May 3.....For the People  
 Sun, May 4.....+Patsy Kuluz  
 Tue, May 6.....The Trussel Family  
 Wed, May 7.....Special Intentions  
 Thu, May 8.....The Kozlowski Family  
 Fri, May 9.....+Patsy Kuluz

**IN OUR PARISH**

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please call the church office to request a Mass for your special intention (s).

**2025 BLESSING OF THE FLEET** information and applications are online.

**MAY CROWNING** will be Sunday, May 11 at the 10am Mass. Flowers will be provided. If you have questions or would like to help/donate call/text Ashley Rodriguez 410.693.8825.

**\$10K RAFFLE FUNDRAISER** is off to a great start! Tickets can be purchased in the vestibule or call 228.697.2559. All ticket books need to be returned no later than June 15. Drawing is June 21!

**ROSARY LEADER SIGNUP IN VESTIBULE:** For the month of May the Rosary will be said 20 minutes prior to Masses.

**PARISH CENSUS:** Update all information by May 31 using the form / QR code.

**VBS REGISTRATION FORMS** are in the back or you can register using the QR code



**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Apr 26 & 27.....\$4213

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

May 3 & 4.....St. Michael Church  
 May 10 & 11 .....Mother's Day Collection



**MINISTRIES:** God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters, and Altar Society members. Prayerfully consider God's calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** The SVDP provides assistance 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.

**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).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
ALTAR SERVERS	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	
GREETERS	
LECTORS	
<b>Sat, May 3</b>	Jimmy Smith Darnell Schreck & Debbie Smith
<b>5 pm</b>	Don & Susan Pizzetta LaWanda Jones
<b>Sun, May 4</b>	Phil Rodrigue Kim Touchet & Mary Rodrigue
<b>10 am</b>	Pete Broussard & Kenneth Girouard Cynthia Powell
<b>Sat, May 10</b>	Ira Elijah Jones Jimmy Smith & Vicky Wescovich
<b>5 pm</b>	Don & Susan Pizzetta Debbie Smith
<b>Sun, May 11</b>	Doug Roll Cynthia & Kenneth Powell
<b>10 am</b>	Larry Girouard & Bridgette Whiting Kathy Doyle

**IN OUR DIOCESE**

**DIOCESE OF BILOXI PASSPORT FOR THE 2025**

**JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE:** The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope Passport was created to encourage and allow you to pilgrimage across the coast this year, Pick up a passport in the vestibule of the Church.

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL:** Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year.

**3rd Sunday of Easter  
Background on Gospel Reading**

**John 21:1-19**

**Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.**

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage (and all of John 21) to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in John 6.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth.

God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

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**Post-Resurrection Appearances**



Three of the four Gospels give us accounts of more than half a dozen appearances of Jesus after his resurrection. Mark's Gospel ends with the women fleeing

the empty tomb and telling no one because they were afraid. Two separate endings were added to Mark's Gospel later, however, that do contain appearances of Jesus. All the Gospels but Luke tell about Jesus appearing to the women on Easter morning. Luke, on the other hand, tells about Jesus' appearance with two disciples on the road to Emmaus. John describes two appearances, one to the disciples when Thomas was absent, and another when Thomas was present. Mark tells about Jesus appearing to the Eleven as they sat at table, and John describes the appearance of Jesus to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. Jesus' final appearance includes the commissioning of the disciples in Matthew and the ascension in Mark and Luke. The cumulative effect of these accounts is the presentation of a truly resurrected and glorified Jesus and a community of disciples struggling to come to grips with the new reality of a Jesus who "has been raised" but "is not here."

- Explore John 20:19-31: Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.
- Explore Luke 24:13-35: Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.
- Explore Luke 24:35-48: Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.
- Explore Matthew 28:16-20: Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.