

MASS INTENTIONS	
Sat, Sep 27.....	Sandra Lynn Halat
Sun, Sep 28.....	For the people
Tue, Sep 30.....	Special Intention
Wed, Oct 1.....	+Phero Minh
Thu, Oct 2.....	Jessica Gollott
Fri, Oct 3.....	+Fr. Fintan Kilmurray

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA begins Sep 30! If you or someone you know is interested in gaining a deeper understanding of our faith please grab a registration form in the vestibule or online.

CALLED BY NAME Campaign invites you to honor a young person in your parish by writing down their name on a pew card, or by submitting their name at biloxivocations.org. Pew cards will be available Oct 4—5.

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES will be available beginning next week. There is space to name your deceased family and friends to be included in a Novena of Masses during the month of November. Each of the nine Masses will be for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed. Envelopes will be available beginning next week. If you do not have an envelope designated for this, you may use a plain envelope with your loved ones’ names inside. Please print names clearly. You may place them in the collection basket or mail them to PO Box 523 Biloxi, MS 39530. Please consider giving a contribution. Thank you.

All Souls Novena Mass Schedule:		
-11/2	-11/21	-11/27
-11/4	-11/25	-11/28
-11/20	-11/26	-11/29

YOU R PARISH NEEDS YOU!
PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP AS
LECTORS, MINISTERS OF HOLY
EUCHARIST, USHERS, ALTAR SERVERS,
AND/OR COLLECTION COUNTERS!
EMAIL OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

PREVIOUS WEEK’S COLLECTION BASKETS	
Sep 20 & 21.....	\$4591
UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS	
Sep 27 & 28.....	Loaves & Fishes
Oct 4 & 5.....	Building Fund

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Mon Sep 29	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, Jn 1:47-51
Tue Sep 30	Zec 8:20-23, Lk 9:51-56, 2 Tm 3:14-17, Mt 13:47-52
Wed Oct 1	Neh 2:1-8, Lk 9:57-62, Is 66:10-14c, Mt 18:1-5
Thu Oct 2	Neh 8:1-4, 5-6, 7-12, Mt 18:1-5, 10, Ex 23:20-23
Fri Oct 3	Bar 1:15-22, Lk 10:13-16
Sat Oct 4	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29, Lk 10:17-24, Gal 6:14-18, Mt 11:25-30
Sun Oct 5	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4, 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14, Lk 17:5-10
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 stmichaelccbiloxt@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.	
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. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.	



PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES

Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday's Readings

First Reading
Amos 6:1,4-7
God will judge the complacency of the people and their leaders.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 146:7-10
Happy are those who find solace in God, the help of the poor.

Second Reading
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Paul exhorts Timothy to stay faithful to God in all things.

Gospel Reading
Luke 16:19-31
Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as “loving money.” (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

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St. Michael the Archangel
Feast Day: September 29th
The Patron Saint of soldiers, police, and doctors.

St. Michael the Archangel is the leader of all the angels and the army of God. As an archangel, he is above all other angels in rank. According to Scripture and Christian tradition, St. Michael has four major offices.

- First, to combat Satan.
- Second, to escort the faithful to heaven at the hour of their death.
- Third, to be a champion of all Christians, and the Church itself.
- Fourth, to call people from life on earth to their heavenly judgment.

St. Michael is mentioned a few times in the Bible. He is mentioned twice in the Book of Daniel, as one who helps the faithful prophet through his trials. Next, he is mentioned as the person who will defend the children of the Israelites. In the Epistle of St. Jude, it is revealed that St. Michael defends the tombs of Eve and Moses. It also reveals that St. Michael did contend with Satan over the body of Moses. The purpose of this contention is thought to be Satan’s intention to deceive God’s people into worshipping Moses as a divine person.

It is clear in Jewish and Christian tradition that St. Michael defeated Satan, just as he will in the end times.

This brings us to the final mention of St. Michael, where he and the angels do battle with the dragon. The dragon of course represents Satan.

St. Michael the Archangel is our protector. We are encouraged to seek his intercession when we are in peril. He is also invoked is invoked for protection, especially from the devil and enemies.

St. Michael has long been recognized as the protector and guardian of the Catholic Church itself and the angel of the Blessed Sacrament.

ST. MICHAEL IS MENTIONED 5 TIMES IN THE BIBLE

Daniel 10: 13
Daniel 10: 21
Daniel 12: 1
Jude 1: 9
Rev. 12: 7-9

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