


<div>MASS INTENTIONS</div> <div>Sat, Jan 17.....For the people</div> <div>Sun, Jan 18.....SVDP Conference</div> <div>Tue, Jan 20.....Special Intention</div> <div>Wed, Jan 21.....Special Intention</div> <div>Thu, Jan 22Special Intention</div> <div>Fri, Jan 23.....+Eileen Roll</div>
<div>IN OUR PARISH</div> <div>OCIA JAN 20, 7pm: The topic this week is “God, <i>fulfills</i>: Eschatology—The “Last Things”.</div> <div>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 t he list next to the box number you grab.</div> <div>THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION is March 7, 2026 at 5pm here at St. Michael’s along with Candidates from Nativity, Our Mother of Sorrows, and Blessed Seelos Parishes. Please remember these candidates in your prayers.</div> <div>PRIZE BINGO MAR 22. Mark your calendars for the Spring Prize Bingo and look forward to more information to come.</div> <div>IN OUR DIOCESE</div> <div>ROSARY RALLY, MASS FOR LIFE, AND WALK FOR LIFE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026 Parishioners and families are invited to join us for the Rosary Rally, beginning at 2:00pm in Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Bishop Kihneman will pray a Mass for Life following the Rosary, walk with everyone to Lighthouse Park, and lead Adoration. Guest speakers will be present. Buses will be available to transport everyone back to their vehicles at the conclusion of this time together.</div> <div>FAMILY NIGHT AT ST PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL</div> <div>Come to St. Patick’s Gym for a very special night of faith and fellowship with guest speakers, Dr. Andrew and Sarah Swafford, Wed, Jan 28, from 6-8pm.</div> <div>HEALING MASS, JAN 28, 6:30pm AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH: Adoration, Reconciliation, Deliverance prayers, anointing of the sick, and counseling.</div> <div>COUPLES NIGHT: Sat, Feb 7 at 6pm hosted by Our Lady of the Gulf, “Wired by God: Understanding your temperament to build a joyful, connected family”. Dinner, talk, childcare. Space is limited; please visit olgchurchevents.com for more info.</div>
<div>PREVIOUS WEEK’S COLLECTION BASKETS</div> <div>Jan 10 & 11.....\$6122.05</div> <div>UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS</div> <div>Jan 18 & 19.....Catholic School Subsidy</div>

<div>MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK</div> <div>Mon Jan 19 1 Sm 15:16-23, Mk 2:18-22</div> <div>Tue Jan 20 1 Sm 16:1-13, Mk 2:23-28</div> <div>Wed Jan 21 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Mk 3:1-6, 1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 13:44-46</div> <div>Thu Jan 22 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7, Mk 3:7-12</div> <div>Fri Jan 23 1 Sm 24:3-21, Mk 3:13-19</div>
<div>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</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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).</div> <div>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. Please remember to keep our Inquirers, Sponsors, and Team in your prayers as they continue their faith journey of spiritual growth and integration into our Parish community. 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. For more information, contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.</div>

<div>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A</div> <div>First Reading</div> <div>Isaiah 49:3,5-6</div> <div>God’s servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.</div> <div>Responsorial Psalm</div> <div>Psalm 40:2,4,7-10</div> <div>God desires obedience.</div> <div>Second Reading</div> <div>1 Corinthians 1:1-3</div> <div>Paul greets the Church in Corinth.</div> <div>Gospel Reading</div> <div>John 1:29-34</div> <div>John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.</div> <div>Background on the Gospel Reading</div> <div>This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew’s Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John’s Gospel. We heard Matthew’s account of Jesus’ baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus as found in John’s Gospel. John’s Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.</div> <div>In today’s reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John’s testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.</div> <div>John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the “Lamb of God” and the “Son of God.” By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus’ ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.</div> <div>John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John’s baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus’ ministry. The purpose of John’s baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.</div> <div>John the Baptist’s sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John’s witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.</div> <div>Sunday Connection Loyola Press</div>
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BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

John 1:36

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Lord, you sent Jesus as the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world. Fill our hearts with your Spirit so we may follow him. Help us to listen to your call and trust in your plan. May we bring your light to others each day.

Amen.



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