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BASILICA OF ST. MICHAEL

— THE ARCHANGEL —

JESUS CALMS THE STORM



OCTOBER 2026

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Mon.—Fri. 11:15 am—11:45 am

ADORATION / EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:50 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 am—Noon

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm



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Weekly Offertory for October 4, 2026

In-Church Offering: \$5,572.50

Online Offering: \$4,968.25

Total Offertory: **\$10,540.75**

2026 C.S.A. Campaign as of October 4, 2026

Pledged: \$134,748

Given: **\$126,353**

Families Participating: **136**

"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."

Ministry Events & Mass Intentions for the **Week of OCTOBER 18, 2026**

SUNDAY

9:00am - Mass for Audrey & Michelle Benoit ††

10:00am - Coffee Hour

11:00am - Mass for the People of the Basilica

12:00 - Sacramental Preparation

MONDAY

8:30am - Pack Lunches for Homeless

12:10 - Mass for Ryan Fitzgerald

TUESDAY

12:10 Mass for Mollie Barbara Helm †
6:00pm - OCIA

WEDNESDAY

9:00am - Women's Study Group
12:10 - Mass for Edward Sienicki †
6:00pm - Basilica Café

THURSDAY

12:10 - Mass for Christian Gillam
6:00pm - Ecumenical Service for Mike McCracken
7:00pm - Choir Practice

FRIDAY

12:10 Mass for Willis Ehram †
4:00pm - Wedding: Antoon/Carro

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS in memory of Mike McCracken.

Honor loved ones by donating to the
Altar Flower Fund!
Contact the Office

Online Giving
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The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.

SCIENTIFIC AND SPIRITUAL REASONS FOR HURRICANES

(Inspired by Fr. Raymond's Homily)



Hurricanes act as a vital planetary thermostat by moving excess heat from the warm tropics toward the cooler polar regions to balance Earth's global temperature. While they cause severe coastal and inland destruction, they also play important ecological and hydrological roles:

Heat Distribution: They function as giant heat engines that release vast amounts of trapped solar energy from ocean waters and transport it to the poles.

Drought Relief: Torrential rainfall drops much-needed water across dry inland areas and recharges underground aquifers.

Ecosystem Renewal: High winds and heavy rains thin out weak or diseased forest canopies, clear dead wood, and distribute plant seeds and spores over long distances.

Coastal Maintenance: Waves, storm surges, and wind-driven currents shift sand, nutrients, and sediment to reshape and sustain barrier islands.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Alpha Center for Pregnant Women

Your donations have helped change the minds of expectant mothers who once considered aborting their child. It's true!



Baby Bottles will be distributed after both Masses. Collections will end today.



MIKE MCCRACKEN

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE
OCTOBER 22ND AT 6:00 PM**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES
for the children and youth who will receive the
Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist from
Bishop Wack on Sunday, February 7, 2027.

MEET AFTER 11 AM MASSES IN OCTOBER

in the Parish Hall

non-perishable food items needed

Food Basket in Vestibule

Spiritually, hurricanes are viewed not just as random acts of destruction, but as powerful forces of cleansing, emotional and collective transformation, and energetic realignment.

Different traditions, mythologies, and spiritual perspectives interpret the "why" behind hurricanes in distinct ways:

Transformation and Sacred Reset (Metaphorical & Esoteric View)

- **The Energy of Renewal:** Many spiritual philosophies see hurricanes as nature's way of releasing stagnant, pent-up energy, clearing out old structures, and allowing new life and growth to take root.
- **The Eye of the Storm:** The calm center (the eye) represents inner stillness and higher awareness. It symbolizes the spiritual observer who can remain centered, present, and at peace in the middle of external chaos.

Theological and Moral Perspectives (Religious View)

- **A Fallen Creation:** In traditional Judeo-Christian theology, natural disasters are often understood as part of a physical world subjected to frustration and decay following humanity's fall, operating under natural laws established by God.
- **A Call to Compassion and Faith:** Rather than viewing a storm as a direct punishment for every individual affected, many theologians emphasize that hurricanes strip away false securities, prompt people to reevaluate life's priorities, and call communities to act as hands-on sources of mercy, comfort, and service.
- **Spiritual Parallels:** Religious leaders often draw a parallel between physical cyclones and "spiritual hurricanes" destructive internal forces like pride, doubt, or moral chaos that require anchoring oneself in faith or spiritual community to survive.