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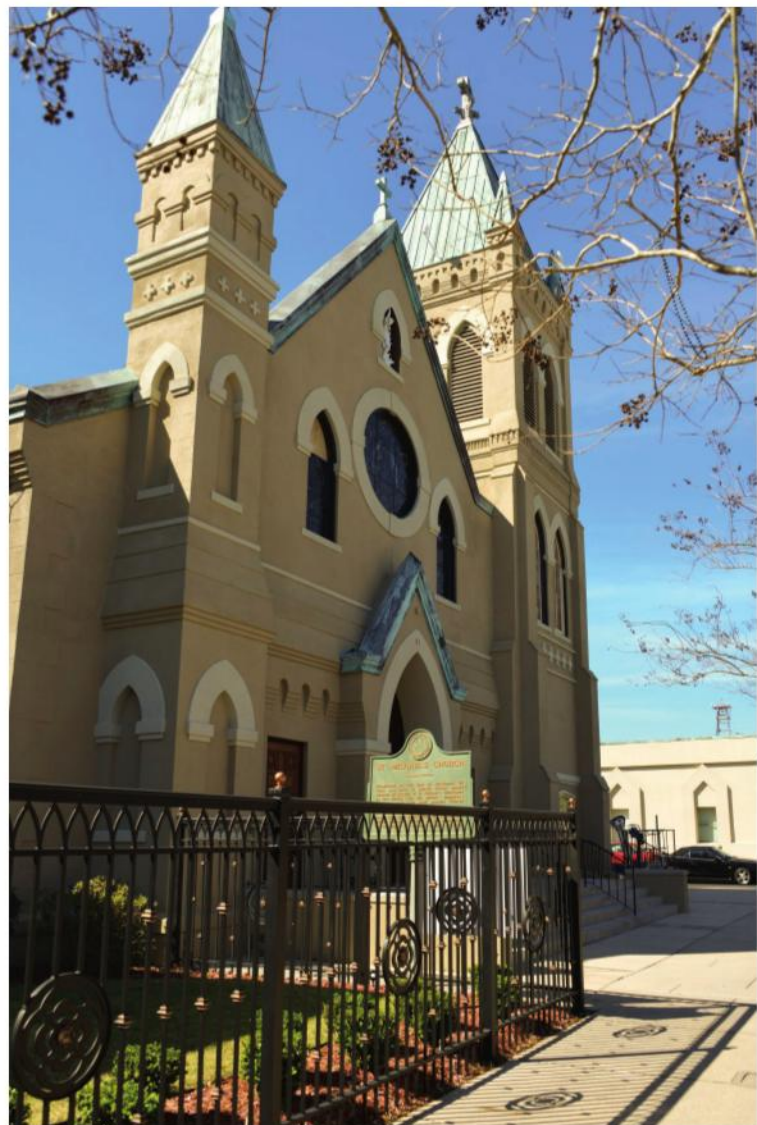
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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

12:10 pm and 6:00 pm

Basilica Open For Visitation

Sat.—10:00 am– 1:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:45 am
See usher for directions.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Wed., Fri.
9:00 am—2:00 pm

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SOCIAL MEDIA



Liturgies & Mass Intentions for the Week of August 25, 2024

8/25 Sun.	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 9am John Myrick (+) 11am For the People of the Basilica
8/26 Mon.	Carolyn Hinton (+)
8/27 Tue.	Debbie Lingner <i>St. Monica</i>
8/28 Wed.	Lawrence Lingner, Jr. <i>St. Augustine</i>
8/29 Thur.	Lawrence Lingner, Jr. <i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>
8/30 Fri.	Andrew Foley (+)

✠ **This Week at the Basilica**

8/25 Sun.	◇ Coffee Hour, 10 a.m.
8/26 Mon.	◇ Outreach to the Poor team meeting, 6:30 p.m.
8/28 Wed.	◇ RCIA Meeting, 6 p.m. ◇ Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
8/30 Fri.	◇ Holy Hour for Life, 11 a.m. ◇ Rosary for Life, 11:30 a.m.

Veronica Guild's Outreach to the Poor Team Meeting

The Outreach to the Poor Team will meet on August 26, 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory. All team members and anyone interested in participating are invited. Contact Greg Stone with questions or more information (gcwstone1@gmail.com)



St. Michael Film Premiere Sunday, September 8, 3 p.m.

CSA 2024

Updated as of August 16, 2024

Benchmark	\$140,000
Amount Given.....	\$100,707
Households Participating.....	147

Stewardship of Treasure for August 18, 2024

In-Church Offering.....	\$7,412.00
Online Offering.....	\$3,128.84
Total Offertory	\$10,540.84

“The Lord will not be outdone in generosity.”

FROM FR. JOE

My dear friends, today we come to the conclusion of John 6 in our Gospel reading. Peter proclaims, on behalf of all those present, that Jesus is the Christ, the Holy One of God. The whole encounter and discourse on the Bread of Life that we have been hearing for the past few weeks leads to a decision point. The followers of Jesus must decide whether they will put their trust in Him and remain or return to their former life.

A similar choice is faced by the followers of Joshua (whose Hebrew name is identical to that of Jesus) in our first reading: “decide today whom you will serve,” he insists. These are not isolated moments. From the very first chapters of the Bible we see the path of Cain and the path of Abel, the path of death and the path of life. The first psalm highlights this divergent course: “the Lord knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.”

Hopefully, none of us desires to walk the path of the wicked; none of us wants to turn our back on God, I hope! But, precisely because we can so easily find ourselves on a path that leads us away from God, the Lord and those who speak for Him are compelled to draw our attention to the need to return... the need to repent. In repentance, we turn back from the path that leads away from God, recognizing it as such, and set ourselves to follow after Jesus.

The entry points to “way of the wicked” can be so subtle! We need wake-up calls to snap us out of a complacency that helps us to rationalize the sin and darkness in our lives. Thankfully, the Bible and the Church give us so many reminders of the need to follow the straight and narrow path. It is not by chance that it is Peter who proclaims the true identity of Jesus in our Gospel passage today.

The popes, Peter’s successors, are the ones who continually proclaim the truths that we need to hear. Our bishops, priests, and deacons, faithfully preaching week in and week out, voice messages that are inspired by the Holy Spirit to draw us to repentance and ongoing conversion of life. The Sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist keep us rooted in the grace of God that sustains us along the path of the just.

But it all comes down, ultimately, to our daily decisions. With all of the grace at our disposal, thanks to God’s generosity, with the help of the Sacraments, and with the inspiration of God’s inspired Word, we can still go astray. Fidelity is simple... not easy, but simple. We must choose, even if at great cost, those actions, words, and thoughts that we know and believe God would have us choose. We must be faithful in the small choices so that we can build up the ability, always by God’s grace, of being faithful in the huge choices to come.

Luke 16:10 tells us: “The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.” May we be found worthy and trustworthy of all that God calls us to undertake!

God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Fowler
Rector & Pastor





Do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic Faith? Most people join the Catholic Church as a result of an invitation from a member of the Church. Please contact Deacon Steve Wulf by email deacon@stmichael.ptdiocese.org

RCIA is designed for anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism and perhaps thinking of joining the Church. It is a process that helps individuals discern whether they are going to be called to full membership. If you were baptized in another Christian denomination, or are a non-baptized adult, this is for you!

Basilica of St. Michael Veronica Guild

Bereavement Team

The Bereavement Team is hosting Masses for our deceased loved ones on the 3rd Friday of the month. The names of loved ones who have died will be voiced aloud as we pray for them and the comfort of those who mourn their loss. The next Bereavement Mass is Friday, September 20, at 12:10 p.m.

Honoring Life Team

Fridays for Life at the Basilica: Join us as we pray the Rosary at 11:30, the last Friday of each month for the protection and honoring of Life. Every Friday, Adoration and Confessions begin at 11 a.m. All are invited and welcome to "Fridays for Life."

Military Outreach Team

If you are or have been in military service, join us for cookouts and other activities for our military parishioners and friends. Make sure you pick up a **Welcome Aboard** letter in the church!

Outreach to the Poor Team

Please consider an offering to the Basilica's poor boxes or online. These funds are used to support local outreach to the poor including Catholic Charities, the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, the Alfred Washburn Center, the St. Joseph Medical Clinic and the Alpha Center.

Parishioners at Home Team

If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a phone call, card, or visit from one of the members of our Parishioners@Home team, please contact Mary Kay Bianchi (mkb2375@gmail.com).

Prison Ministry Team

The Prison Ministry Team is trained to provide in-person visits, video visits, letter writing, and spiritual retreats for inmates of local facilities. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Bob Beargie (robertbeargie@yahoo.com).



Knights of Columbus Membership Information

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8589, invite all men of the parish to consider membership in the Knights.

For more information, contact Mark Fanfalone, Membership Director, at marknina@cox.net.

IN OUR CHARITY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kay Andrews, Alexander Buchanan, Kenneth Burke, Margaret Burke, Mike Chuites, Brandon Del Castillo, Bob & Dennis DeVries, Greg Dziadon, Rene & Dion Edwards, Mary Jane Elliott, Scott Epley, Jane Felix, Ron Fromm, Michelle Garton, Catherine Hajcak, Diane Havard, Frank Hendrickson, Phyllis Hill, Jessica Hutchinson, Karen Jasper, Matthew Johnson, Jim Lee, Mary Ann Long, Karen Longhurst, Shaylee Lowery, Tom Marsh, Larry May, Charlotte McKinney, Dagen McVoy, Vann McVoy, Laurie Murdock, Martha Nealy, Tom & Donna Notaro, Denise Pfender, Casen Roberts, Morgan Rosser, Virginia Russo, Mercedes See, Lori Shipman, Lurleyne Terry, Kim Thompson, Paul Ungerland, Joyce Vignolo, Pat Watkins.

Please contact Dennis Wren at 850-438-4985 to add or remove someone from the prayer list.

🌿 BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

8/25—Leann Huegen; 8/29—Rex McKinney.



The flowers in the church are given in celebration of Maureen & Cristobal Orrantia's 35th wedding anniversary.

BASILICA ALTAR FLOWERS

Did you know you can donate any amount toward the Basilica's Flower Fund or pay for your flower donation online through Vanco?



The dates available are Oct. 13, 20 & 27 and Nov. 3 & 17, 2024. Prices are \$45—\$65 per arrangement.

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