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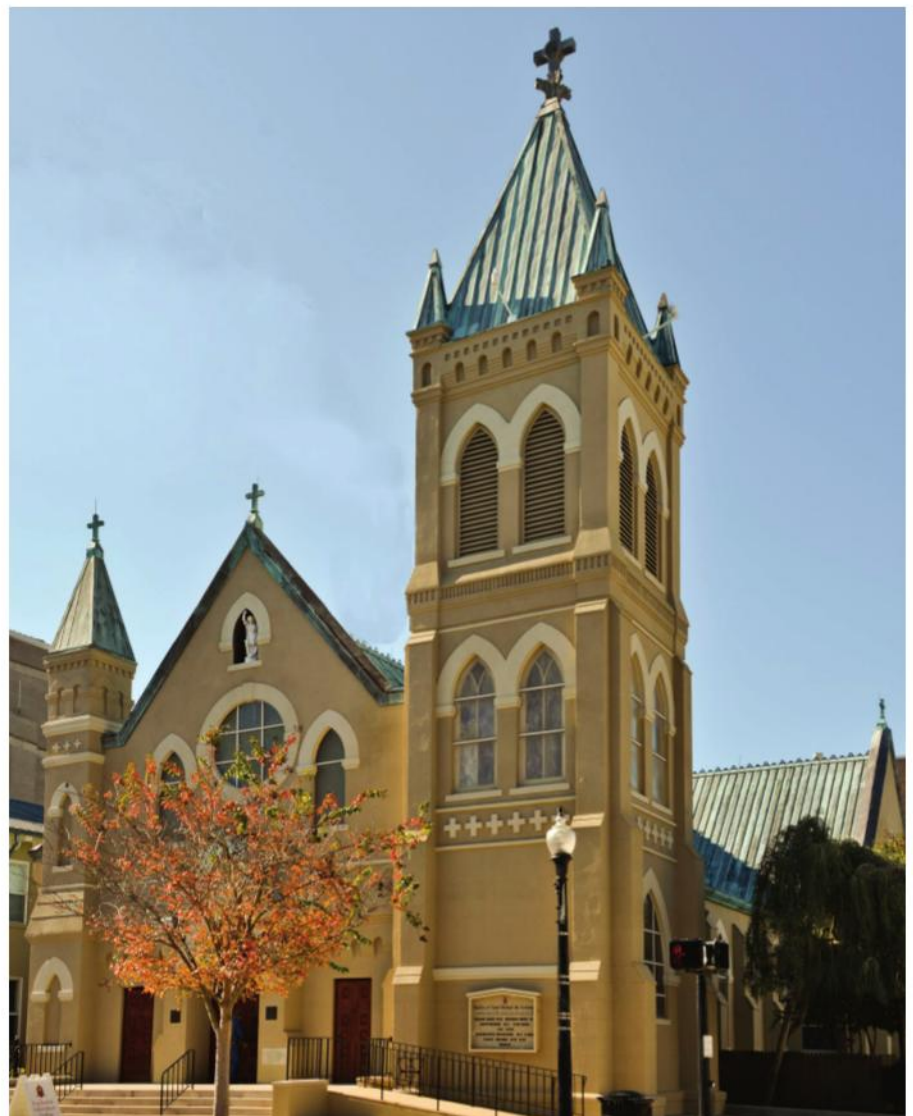
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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 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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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.

## SOCIAL MEDIA



*Liturgies & Mass Intentions for the Week of September 1, 2024*

9/1	Sun.	<b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9am For the People of the Basilica 11am Kimberly Ann Hudson (+)
9/2	Mon.	<b>No Mass—Labor Day</b>
9/3	Tue.	Veronica S. Eads (+) <i>St. Gregory, the Great</i>
9/4	Wed.	Dr. Fritz Schuckmann (+)
9/5	Thur.	The deceased Benefactors of the Dominican Order
9/6	Fri.	The Holy Souls in Purgatory

**This Week at the Basilica**

9/1	Sun.	◇ Coffee Hour, 10 a.m.
9/4	Wed.	◇ Women’s Study Group, 9 a.m. ◇ Catholic Enrichment, 6 p.m. ◇ Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
9/6	Fri.	◇ Holy Hour for Life, 11 a.m.

**Labor Day Holiday**

There will be no Mass on Monday, Sep. 2 due to the Labor Day holiday.

**Upcoming Events for the Women of the Basilica**

Please join the Women’s Study Group on Wednesday, September 4, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All women are invited to come visit and see what we are all about while enjoying coffee and danish. Our book to start the year is “Genesis.”

Our Lady’s Sodality invite all women of St. Michael parish to join them for their first meeting on Monday, September 9 in the Parish Hall. The social begins at 4:30 p.m. and the meeting follows at 5 p.m.

**CSA 2024**

**Updated as of August 23, 2024**

<b>Benchmark</b> .....	<b>\$140,000</b>
<b>Amount Given</b> .....	<b>\$102,482</b>
<b>Households Participating</b> .....	<b>149</b>

**Stewardship of Treasure for August 25, 2024**

In-Church Offering.....	\$4,953.80
Online Offering.....	\$4,096.14
<b>Total Offertory</b> .....	<b>\$9,049.94</b>

“The Lord will not be outdone in generosity.”

**FROM FR. JOE**

My dear friends, in the Gospel passage this Sunday, Jesus cites a passage from Isaiah and applies it to the Scribes and Pharisees who are questioning His practices. He says to them: “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, [...]’” How can we ensure that our hearts are near to Jesus rather than far from Him? I’d like to offer some thoughts on that this week.

Firstly, Jesus says this to people who are questioning the fact that He did not require His disciples to wash their hands (in a ritual way) before eating. He is frustrated with their adherence to human traditions while they ignore the more important matters of God. So, one way that we can work to unite our hearts to Christ’s is by focusing on what really matters.

For example, how much of our week is given over to working out our salvation? How much of our time is spent engaging in the things of God? When we become angry or upset, is it over events that have anything to do with God or Church or salvation? Do the things in life that cause us anxiety or worry have anything to do with God? These questions can help us gauge where our hearts stand in relation to the heart of Christ.

Secondly, we can look to the place that prayer has in our life. Are we content to be as distant from God as we are, or are we making efforts to draw near to Him in action and in prayer? How can we hope to be of a like mind and heart with God if we do not spend significant time in our lives listening to Him? We waste so much time in frivolous pursuits, do we expect that those things will somehow bring us closer to Christ?

Finally, Jesus goes on to say that the people who live far from His heart worship in vain. God help us! How much of our worship is in vain? Jesus calls us to worship Him in spirit and in truth. Our prayer and worship cannot be just words and gestures. Our worship must flow from a life lived in Christ if it is to be authentic.

Jesus, later in the same passage of the Gospel, tells His listeners that our evils originate in our hearts, from within. But, this is an invitation to transformation! Jesus does not doom us to live in evil or vain worship, but rather calls us to conversion and change. Yes, our evils and sins originate in our own hearts, but we can invite Jesus in instead to be renewed from within! He, alone, can transform our sinful hearts, hearts of stone, into loving and compassionate hearts like His own.

As we come together for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass this weekend, may this be our prayer: that the amazing gift of the Eucharist, about which we have heard all throughout the readings from John’s Gospel last month, would find in us hearts eager and ready for transformation in Christ, that our hearts might be near to and like His own Sacred Heart.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

9/1—Bob Clipper, Dawn Magri, Greg Stone;  
9/3—Nina Fanfalone, Mabell Butterworth, Manny Marsh; 9/4—Julieanna Nosker; 9/5—Thurston Dady, Maeve Foley; 9/6—Samantha Landry, Scott Simon; 9/7—Myishola Matthews.



### St. Michael Film Premiere Next Sunday, September 8, 3 p.m. AMC Theater

5149 Bayou Boulevard, Pensacola.



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### BASILICA ALTAR FLOWERS

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