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HUDSON, MASSACHUSETTS



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 9, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: English

4:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass: Portuguese

9:15 a.m. Chapel

11:30 a.m. Chapel (*Brazilian*)

Daily Mass: English

Wed-Sat. | 9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: Portuguese

Mon | 7:00 p.m. Chapel (*Brazilian*)

CONFESSION & ADORATION

Mondays: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Confession

(*Portuguese/Brazilian*)

First Fridays: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Adoration Only

Saturdays: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Confession & Adoration

Confession also available after most Masses by appointment.

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The Pastoral Council helps Fr. Bert with practical parish matters. Please send ideas, talent, expertise or feedback to

PastoralCouncil@stmikes.org.

Note: this email is checked weekly and the PPC meets every 6-8 weeks. For immediate pastoral needs, contact the appropriate clergy or staff above.

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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 9th, 2026

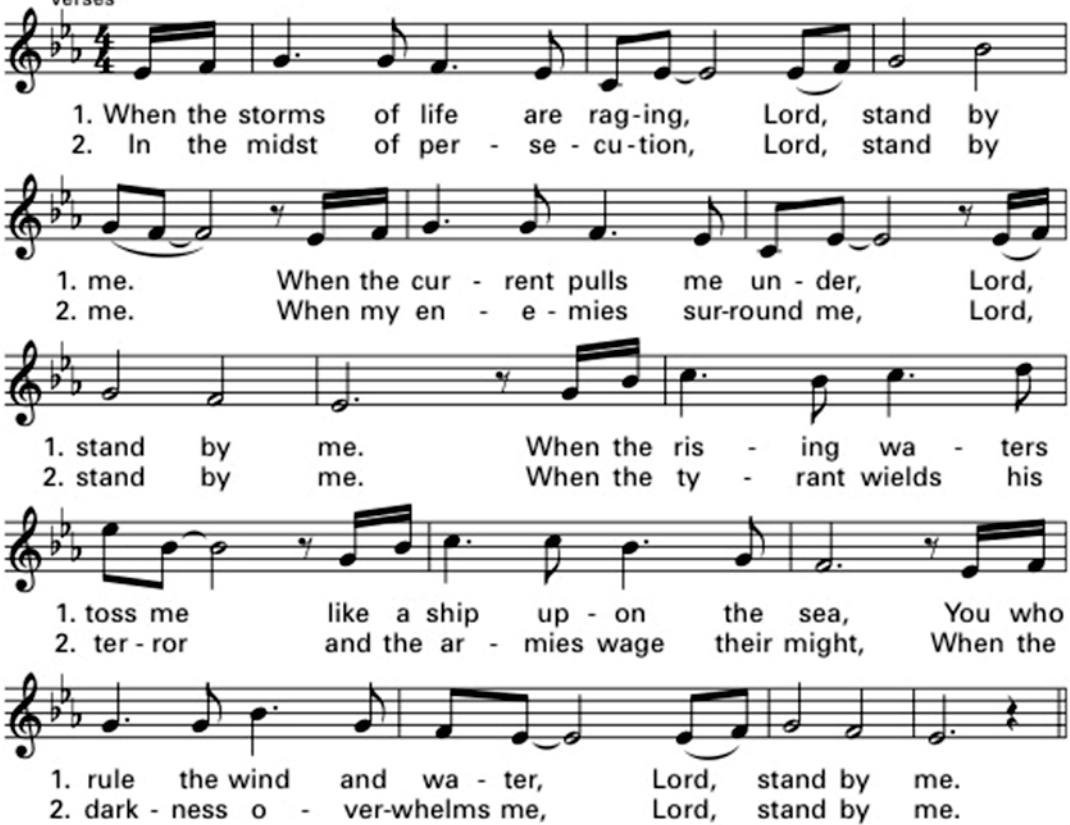
Processional Hymn: Missal #215 Holy, Holy, Holy

Offertory Hymn:

STAND BY ME

Tom Kendzia

Verses



1. When the storms of life are rag-ing, Lord, stand by
2. In the midst of per - se - cu-tion, Lord, stand by

1. me. When the cur - rent pulls me un - der, Lord,
2. me. When my en - e - mies sur-round me, Lord,

1. stand by me. When the ris - ing wa - ters
2. stand by me. When the ty - rant wields his

1. toss me like a ship up - on the sea, You who
2. ter - ror and the ar - mies wage their might, When the

1. rule the wind and wa - ter, Lord, stand by me.
2. dark - ness o - ver-whelms me, Lord, stand by me.

Refrain



Stand by me, stand by me. Lift me up from the rest - less sea.



1 stand by me. to Verse 2 Final Repeat twice
stand by me. stand by me.

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Communion Hymn:

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Christopher Walker

1-3. Be still and know that I am God. You are my

1. cho - sen one, to whom my love I give. My life is
2. cho - sen one, I came to set you free. Give me your
3. cho - sen one, to whom I show my ways. My love is

1. yours, in you I live. } Be still, be still
2. cares and rest in me.
3. with you all your days. }

1-3. and know that I am God.

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Hymn of Praise: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

(by Thomas A. Dorsey)

Verse 1: Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 2: When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 3: When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Recessional Hymn: Missal #218 How Can I Keep From Singing

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Greetings, brothers and sisters. Gosh, don't we all have fears! For all of us, our lives can often seem like we're simply moving from one crisis to another. These crises, sometimes unexpected but always real, can lead us to wonder with heavy hearts - Now how am I gonna deal with *this*?!? We're often reminded by others that God is always with us. Sometimes, however, it feels like that promise is too remote and distant to believe. God – where are you now???

My own life / faith journey featured similar moments. I clearly remember one of the three times I was without work, the kids were very young, savings were meager, and Joyce and I had a mortgage payment to worry about. I had just received my last unemployment check. I felt like a failure. With great tears in my eyes and profound sobs, I felt completely alone without any viable solutions to draw upon. God – where are you now???

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Chuck

True to God's word, I received a job offer the next business day on an opportunity that I believed had stalled weeks earlier. God knew it was in the pipeline all along. He had asked me to trust that He'd take care of this problem too, and that He would reveal the plan to me *when* I needed to know it. I've tried to remember that story with every challenge I've encountered since.

The disciples in our gospel passage from Matthew this weekend had to face a crisis as well. Tossed mightily around in a boat, working hard against the wind, they glimpse what they believe is a frightful specter approaching them across the water – only adding to their great fear. Jesus – one step ahead of them, tells them to take courage, it is Him, and not to be afraid. Peter calls out to Jesus to command him to come out on the water as well, to which Jesus says 'Come'. Peter proceeds until he's distracted and frightened by storm all around him, and he begins to sink. He cries out 'Lord, save me!' And Jesus, with His all powerful and merciful hands does just that!

We too are tossed around on life's stormy seas. All may be well when they are calm, but they can be life-threatening when they turn violent. We have real illnesses, financial pressures, and family strife. In all of our storms, Jesus is inviting us to cross those moments with trust. "Come!" Stepping out of what little safety we may have around us and into the thick of our fright is not naturally easy, but with God, all things are possible. It's also noteworthy that the story *could* have ended with Peter making his trek successfully, with Jesus slapping him on the back and saying 'Atta Boy! I knew you could do it.' Matthew's detail of Peter's sinking is intentional. Our fears can overpower us as well from time to time. But in every one of those moments, Jesus always hears our plea. As we heard in our OT reading this weekend, Elijah found and heard God – not in the earthquake, the powerful winds or the fire, but in the still, small voice of grace from God. In the quiet of God speaking to us, His presence can be experienced – above the fruitless and overwhelming noise surrounding us. We hear Him in the silence of prayer. When we want to ask 'God, where are you now?', He is always there to reassure us. "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid. Come!"

Abundant peace always – Dcn Chuck

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Aug 8	9am	Lawrence Leary
Sat. Aug 8	4pm	Carol Bergeron (5th anniversary)
Sun. Aug 9	8am	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. Aug 9	10am	Private Intention
Wed. Aug 12	9am	Jose J. Santos
Thurs. Aug 13	9am	Meg Forkey (Living)
Fri. Aug 14	9am	Adeline Santoro
Sat. Aug 15	9am	Alfred Thoman
Sat. Aug. 15	4pm	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. Aug. 16	8am	Private Intention
Sun. Aug. 16	10am	Leonard Pauplis

August Sponsors

*Bread & Wine are offered in Memory of Mary & Lawrence Leary and family
Altar Candles are offered in Memory of Mary Bernedette O'Connor Cordeiro
Flowers are offered in Memory of Eugenia Matos*

*For weekend Masses in memory of loved ones, please know
that the families of the deceased are invited to bring up the gifts of
bread and wine to the altar during the offertory.*

*Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the Mass and speak to
Father Bert and the head usher about your request.*

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Mass Arrangement

In addition to accepting Memorial Offerings for Bread and Wine **we will now be accepting Monthly offerings for flowers for the church** Each month we will accept **2 donations from 2 different families \$100/each donation** to help defray the cost of flowers for the Upper and Lower church throughout the year.

Please note the Parish Altar Guild will choose the flowers based on the liturgical season and the church's interior temperature (especially during the hot summer months). So the donor will not have the ability to offer any requests for type of flower but will surrender this choice to the discretion of the Altar Guild. Thank you for your continued generosity!

***ALTAR CANDLES * BREAD & WINE ***

If you would like to reserve a Mass, sponsor a month's supply of Altar Candles or Bread & Wine in honor/memory of someone, please call the parish office.

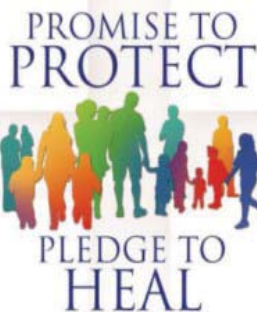
Suggested stipends: Altar Candles \$50 | Bread & Wine \$75.

MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office to make an appointment with a member of the clergy **at least eight months prior to the desired wedding date.**

Attention Volunteers

The Archdiocese requires that all parish volunteers must complete the Protecting God's Children seminar. The next session will be held at St. Michael's on Saturday August 22 at 9am. Please register at virtusonline.org. Contact Lori at the Parish Center with any questions.

**Financial Blessings**

July 28-Aug 3

Thank you all for your generosity!!!

COLLECTI ON SUMMARY	Offertory 8/02	Maint & Dev 8/02
In-Pew/ Mailed	\$8,571	\$2,352
Online Giving	\$3,146	\$505
GRAND TOTAL	\$11,717	\$2,857

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Please consider On-Line giving as it greatly benefits the Parish, particularly during the summer months when folks are traveling on vacation and Mass attendance drops.

Please use the QR code above to set up your on-line giving. If you need help, please contact Marcy at the Parish Center and she can assist.

**Current and Upcoming 2nd
Collections**

Aug 9 – No Second Collection

Aug 16 – No Second Collection

Aug 23 – No Second Collection

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Alessandro Allori "St.
Peter Walking on Water "



St. Monica Novena

for Our Children

As a parish family, let us come together in prayer through the St. Monica Novena, lifting up our children — and especially those enrolled in our Religious Education program. St. Monica, known for her years of persistent, faithful prayer for her son St. Augustine's conversion, is a powerful intercessor for parents and all who pray for the spiritual growth of the young people in their lives.

Let us ask her intercession that our children may grow in faith, wisdom, and love of God, and that our Religious Education families may be strengthened in their journey together.

Novena Begins: August 19 • Feast Day: August 27

Join us in person to pray together as a parish
on the closing night of the novena:

August 27 at 7:00 PM — led by Deacon Jared

The evening will include Adoration, Confession, and the Liturgy of the Hours.

Scan to Join the Novena



praymorenovenas.com/st-monica-novena

St. Monica, pray for us and for our children.



YOUNG ADULTS

*Saturday morning
Mass • Confession
Adoration • Coffee*

All are welcome

**Start your weekend right with Mass,
prayer, and good company.**

All young adults of the parish are invited to join us for:

• 9:00 AM	Saturday Mass
• 9:30 AM	Confession
• 9:30 AM	Adoration
• 10:30 AM	Coffee at Wild Hare

Come for all of it, or just part — everyone's welcome, including young married couples and their kids! It's a great way to start the weekend grounded and connected with others in the parish.



We'd love to see you there!

Contact Hannah Smillie in the Parish Office for more information.

OCIA Program at St. Michael's:

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to be Catholic?

If you were never baptized, or if you were baptized by a non-Catholic minister, we invite you to learn more about Catholicism by registering for the 2026-2027 session of OCIA at St. Michael Parish. Our OCIA program meets on Monday evenings, beginning in late September and ending at the Easter Vigil on March 27, 2027.

Throughout the OCIA process, participants are invited into deep study and reflection on the teachings of the Church. Guided by a team of priests, deacons, and lay people, we explore Scripture, the Sacraments, Church history, and moral teachings. These sessions are instructional, but always allow time for open conversations—for questions, doubts, and heartfelt dialogue, where the learning is as much about growing in understanding as it is about growing in faith.

At the end of the instructional year, the Catechumens will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday. For them, this is the moment they will encounter the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. But it is equally a monumental moment for us—the St. Michael's community—as we welcome these new members into the family of believers. It is a profound reminder that the Church is not just a place, but a living, breathing community of faith, united in love and purpose.

Please contact Lori in the parish center for more information, or to register.

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Upcoming Events at St. Michael's

August 7: NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

August 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady (Not a holy day of obligation)

August 19: Join us in praying the Novena to St. Monica, August 19-27.

August 22: Protecting God's Children @ 9am at the Parish center

August 22: Brazilian and Portuguese Augustino Festival. All are welcome for good food and fun!



Please see Antonio after Masses to buy raffle tickets.

All proceeds go towards supporting St. Michael's

August 27: Gathering for the last day of the St. Monica Novena @ 7pm; led by our Deacons

August 28: Faith Formation Registration due

August 29: St. Vincent de Paul monthly meeting @ 5pm



Religious Education 2026-27 Registration is now Open!

*Register your child and family to know, love, and serve God.
"God is love." (1 John: 4:16)*

To register: go to www.stmikes.org/religious-education or scan QR code



-Registration will be open through August 28th

-Join us for a Family Welcome and Orientation Meeting on Sunday, September 20th

-Classes begin September 27th; See calendar for more details.

Questions?

Feel free to

contact helenmarie@stmikes.org

weekly faith facts

Did you know?

a little wonder for your week



Full, Conscious, and Active Participation (Part 1 of 2): What It Really Means for the Laity

Every generation of Catholics hears the phrase "active participation" and every generation is tempted to fill it with a slightly different meaning. For some, it has come to suggest that the more visibly busy the congregation is — the more roles filled, the more gestures made — the more "active" the Mass has become. But that isn't what the Second Vatican Council had in mind, and it's worth pausing to recover the real sense of the phrase. This is the first of a two-part series: today we'll look at what active participation truly means, and next time we'll turn to two specific practices — the orans posture at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace — where good intentions sometimes outpace liturgical understanding.

What "Active Participation" Actually Means

The Council's **Sacrosanctum Concilium** taught that the Church wants the faithful to be led to "fully conscious and active participation" in the liturgy, and that this participation is "demanded by the very nature of the liturgy" itself. But as writers at Word on Fire and the Saint Paul Seminary have both pointed out, this was never primarily about external busyness. Cardinal Ratzinger himself warned that the term was quickly misread as a call for "general activity," as though the goal were simply to get as many people as possible visibly doing something.

The Council's own language points elsewhere: the faithful are called to approach the Mass not as "strangers or silent spectators," but through a genuine understanding of the rites and prayers, taking part with devotion and full inward collaboration. In other words, active participation is first and foremost interior — the mind and heart united to what is happening at the altar — and only secondarily about external roles like lector or cantor. As one seminary professor put it, this kind of participation is primarily about uniting our minds and hearts with what's unfolding on the altar, whatever our particular job (or lack of one) happens to be that day. Even bringing our frustrations, our distractions, and our imperfect selves to the pew and offering them to Christ is a form of true participation.

A simple, practical way to grow in this kind of attentiveness: consider following along with a hand missal or the ordinary parts of the Mass printed in the pew missalette, especially during the Eucharistic Prayer, which many of us tend to "coast through" out of familiarity. Seeing the words as we hear them can help keep the mind from wandering.

The details of the liturgy — postures, language, silence, gesture — are not arbitrary. They exist to direct our hearts and minds toward God and to unite us as one Body around one altar. Understanding that purpose is the first step toward participating in it more fully, which is exactly the theme we'll pick up next week.

Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

Saudações, irmãos e irmãs. Puxa, como todos nós temos medos! Para todos nós, a vida muitas vezes parece uma sucessão de crises. Essas crises — às vezes inesperadas, mas sempre reais — podem nos levar a perguntar, com o coração pesado: "E agora, como vou lidar com isso?" Frequentemente, outros nos lembram de que Deus está sempre conosco. Às vezes, porém, essa promessa parece distante demais para que possamos acreditar nela. Deus, onde estás agora?

Minha própria jornada de vida e fé teve momentos semelhantes. Lembro-me claramente de uma das três vezes em que fiquei desempregado: meus filhos eram muito pequenos, as economias eram escassas e Joyce e eu tínhamos a prestação da casa para pagar. Eu acabara de receber a última parcela do seguro-desemprego. Sentia-me um fracassado. Com lágrimas nos olhos e soluçando profundamente, sentia-me completamente sozinho, sem nenhuma solução viável a que recorrer. Deus — onde estás agora?

Uma Mensagem do Nosso Clero

Deacon Chuck

Fiel à palavra de Deus, recebi uma oferta de emprego no dia útil seguinte, referente a uma oportunidade que eu acreditava ter estagnado semanas antes. Deus sabia que o processo estava em andamento o tempo todo. Ele havia me pedido para confiar que cuidaria também desse problema e que revelaria o plano quando eu precisasse saber. Tenho tentado me lembrar dessa história diante de cada desafio que enfrentei desde então.

Os discípulos, na passagem do Evangelho de Mateus deste fim de semana, também tiveram de enfrentar uma crise. Sacudidos violentamente em um barco e lutando contra o vento, eles avistam o que acreditam ser um espectro aterrorizante aproximando-se sobre as águas — o que só aumenta o grande medo que sentem. Jesus — um passo à frente deles — diz-lhes para terem coragem, que é Ele, e para não temerem. Pedro pede a Jesus que lhe ordene ir até Ele sobre as águas, ao que Jesus responde: "Vem". Pedro avança até se distrair e se assustar com a tempestade ao seu redor, começando então a afundar. Ele clama: "Senhor, salva-me!" E Jesus, com Suas mãos todo-poderosas e misericordiosas, faz exatamente isso!

Nós também somos lançados de um lado para o outro nos mares revoltos da vida. Tudo pode estar bem quando as águas estão calmas, mas elas podem representar um risco de morte quando se tornam violentas. Enfrentamos doenças reais, pressões financeiras e conflitos familiares. Em meio a todas as nossas tempestades, Jesus nos convida a atravessar esses momentos com confiança. "Venha!" Sair da pouca segurança que possuímos e entrar no auge do nosso medo não é algo naturalmente fácil, mas, com Deus, tudo é possível. Vale ressaltar também que a história poderia ter terminado com Pedro completando sua travessia com sucesso, com Jesus dando-lhe um tapinha nas costas e dizendo: "Muito bem! Eu sabia que você conseguiria". O detalhe, relatado por Mateus, de que Pedro afundou é intencional. Nossos medos também podem nos dominar de tempos em tempos. Mas, em cada um desses momentos, Jesus sempre ouve o nosso clamor. Como ouvimos na leitura do Antigo Testamento neste fim de semana, Elias encontrou e ouviu a Deus — não no terremoto, nos ventos fortes ou no fogo, mas na voz suave e mansa da graça divina. No silêncio em que Deus nos fala, Sua presença pode ser vivenciada — acima do ruído estéril e avassalador que nos cerca. Nós O ouvimos no silêncio da oração. Quando queremos perguntar: "Deus, onde estás agora?", Ele está sempre lá para nos tranquilizar: "Coragem, sou Eu; não tenhais medo. Venha!"

Paz em abundância, sempre — Diácono Chuck

Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

Décimo Nono Domingo do Tempo Comum

Hoje somos convidados a confiar em Jesus, Nosso Senhor e Nosso Deus. Devemos perceber que não estamos sozinhos à mercê das forças da morte. Em Jesus o Deus do amor e da comunhão vem ao nosso encontro, como foi ao encontro dos discípulos e nos entende a mão, dando-nos forças pra vencer a adversidade, a desilusão, e a hostilidade do mundo. Somos convidados à reconhecê-lo, acolhê-lo, aceitá-lo como o "Senhor". (Revista Dehonianos)

"Mostrai-nos Senhor o Vosso amor e daí-nos a Vossa Salvação". Sl 84-85

"Eu confio no Senhor, a minha alma espera em Sua Palavra". Mt 14, 22-23

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Agradecemos sua generosidade!

Coleta do Ofertório de Domingo	Domingo, 2 de Agosto de 2026
9:15 Portuguese	\$376
11:30 a.m. Brazilian	\$1,472
4:00 p.m. English	\$2,437
8:00 a.m. English	\$1,952
10:00 a.m. English	\$1,125
Total coletado nos bancos	\$7,362

Por favor, considere a opção Online, pois ela nos permite prever nossa receita mensal com maior precisão, de modo que possamos gerenciar as despesas e aumentar nossa reserva prudente para custos inesperados.



Info sobre o Boletim: *Regina-7743605856

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Se você ainda não fez o curso "Protecting God's Children" (Protegendo os Filhos de Deus), exigido de todos os voluntários, por favor, considere inscrever-se na turma que será oferecida em Lowell no sábado, 15 de agosto, às 15h30. O "Protecting God's Children" é um curso de três horas que precisa ser realizado apenas uma vez e é obrigatório para todos os voluntários da Paróquia de São Miguel (St. Michael Parish).

É necessária uma inscrição prévia. Por favor, acesse o site virtusonline.org, crie uma conta (caso ainda não tenha uma) e faça a sua inscrição. Em caso de dúvidas, Lori, no centro paroquial, poderá ajudá-lo (a) em inglês.



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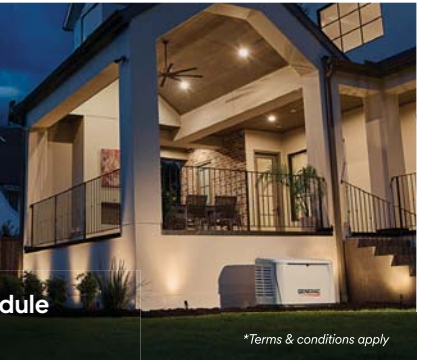
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