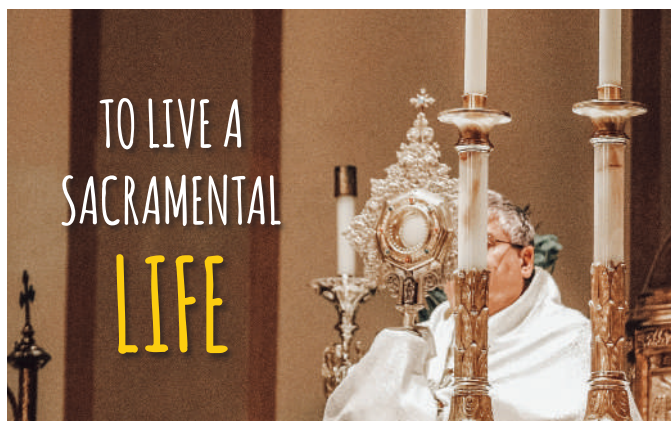


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OUR MISSION

Saint Michael the Archangel is a Catholic Community on fire for the Lord that inspires people to "Rise Up Now!" and become active disciples to fulfill God's purpose in their lives.



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SUNDAY 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm
DAILY 6:30 am MON-FRI
8:15 am MON, TUES, FRI, SAT

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2:00 pm on first and third Sundays. Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00 pm on second Sunday. All by appointment. Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

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2:30-3:30 pm on Saturday.
Anytime upon request. (call for appointment.)

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To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to rlund@saintmichael-cd.org with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 13, 2023 DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, August 13

- 8:30 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. Anthony Paul Sylvester
(Parents & Students of
SMS Class of 2030)
12:30 p.m. Fiore Matteis

Monday, August 14

- 6:30 a.m. Casey Brosokas (The Trout Family)
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Sr. Maria Kolbe, OP
(The Lund Family)
7:00 p.m. In Loving Memory of Josephine Schmitt
(The Schmitt Family)

Tuesday, August 15

- 6:30 a.m. For the People
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Diane LeMay
(The Fiala-Fristad Family)

Wednesday, August 16

- 6:30 a.m. Maria Josefa Alvarez & Benito Alvarez
(Luis & Francoise Caso)

Thursday, August 17

- 6:30 a.m. Helen Fristad (The Fiala-Fristad Family)

Friday, August 18

- 6:30 a.m. Jack & Pat Wagner (Steve & Kristy Wagner)
8:15 a.m. Flora Elena Perez & Antonio Perez
(Luis & Francoise Caso)

Saturday, August 19

- 8:15 a.m. Dolores L. Goetz (Jeanne & Jerry Kraus)
4:00 p.m. Agnes Smith (Vicki & Lynn Carrison)

SUNDAY, August 20

- 8:30 a.m. Dr. Kenneth Blissenbach
10:30 a.m. For the People
12:30 p.m. Beverly Jettinghoff (Kevin & Lisa Barlage)



AUGUST 13, 2023 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."

— Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

AUGUST 6, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 14,431.00
Online Giving	\$ 15,385.00
Total:	\$ 29,816.00
Second Collection: Latin America	\$ 1,499.96



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PARISH CALENDAR: AUGUST

SUNDAY, August 13	No Activities	Thursday, August 17	Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration Chapel) 7:30 p.m. Festival Committee Meeting (UMR)
Monday, August 14	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 6:45 p.m. K of C Rosary (C) 7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting (LMR)	Friday, August 18	Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration Chapel)
Tuesday, August 15	No Activities	Saturday, August 19	7:00 a.m. Pietra Class (LMR) 9:30 a.m. Altar Server Training (C) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
Wednesday, August 16	7:00 p.m. Respect Life Ministry Meeting (UMR)	SUNDAY, August 20	1:45 p.m. Altar Server Training (C)

(U) = Undercroft, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (PO) = Parish Office, (SG, SR, SM) = Saints Gabriel, Raphael and Michael, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (SC) = School Conference Room, (R) = Rectory, (PSR) = Parish School of Religion Office, (UMR) = Meeting Room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting Room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (YMR/SG) = Youth Ministry Room

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear friends in Christ Jesus, we are blessed to have Bishop Feudjio of the Diocese of Saint Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, who will be speaking at all of the Masses this Sunday. Looking beyond the beautiful photographs of white beaches, crystal blue water, and luxury hotels, the fact remains that the U.S. Virgin Islands is still in major recovery mode from devastating hurricanes and is a very poor area for the people who live there. The Church is ever-present, though, ministering to the needs of the residents and providing critical outreach to those in need. Please read Bishop Feudjio's letter below; he needs our help in carrying out the mission of the Church. On a related front, the Bishop has one seminarian in formation up the road at the Pontifical College Josephinum, with hopes for more, so we pray also that he will be blessed with an increase in vocations.

Please be generous in our second collection today in support of Bishop Feudjio and the Diocese of Saint Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. If you would like to write a check in support, please make the check payable to Saint Michael Church, and in the memo section write U.S. Virgin Islands Mission. You can also donate online using the QR code provided below.

God bless!

Fr. Mike



MISSION APPEAL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DIOCESE OF SAINT THOMAS IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Diocese of Saint Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands is situated in the eastern Caribbean Sea. It comprises the three islands of St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix which lie 40 miles east of Puerto Rico. The island is volcanic, rising to a maximum elevation of 1,550 feet; a chain of rugged hills with little vegetation that runs east-west. From its sun-kissed beaches and calm turquoise waters to the wonderful, vibrant, West-Indian culture of each island, the U.S. Virgin Islands is one of the most stunningly beautiful destinations for tourists in the Caribbean.

At the same time, St. Thomas is the smallest and poorest diocese in the United States of America. Our Chancery, parishes as well as our schools currently rely on subsidies to cover the cost of their operations, especially after the devastating hurricanes that inflicted a serious blow on our economy and destroyed our tourism industry. In fact, we are struggling to make ends meet, more so now than before. On a general level, there is a great deal of poverty within this territory. Many people still live far beneath the "poverty line." That is why, on all three islands, we have a very active Catholic Charities program. This includes homeless shelters, soup kitchens, food pantries, clothing distribution centers and a variety of other social services.

Without your generous participation in our recovery effort, it would be very difficult for us to significantly touch the lives of the faithful and the poor in our diocese. In addition to helping us fund our catholic charities and schools, your Mission Cooperative Plan collections will help in our recovery efforts to repair and rebuild structures affected by previous hurricanes and to care for our priests and seminarians.

Thanks to your partnership, we would be able make a difference in the lives of the souls entrusted to our care. To truly picture what our challenges are, it might be a wise idea to visit our Islands to capture our struggles for survival in the field. Perhaps your parish may entertain the idea of adopting some of our schools.

We are committed to maintaining and preserving a strong Catholic presence in our rapidly changing region. Your prayers and support will empower us to get the job done.

With renewed gratitude, I remain Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Jerome Feudjio

Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands

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Mary's Faith and Her Assumption are Lessons for Us

Solemnity, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ August 15

by Bishop Basil Meeking

It was a hard and lonely thing to be a Catholic in England of the 16th and 17th centuries. The persecution under Queen Elizabeth I and King James was sharp and effective. Yet Catholic life continued, mostly behind closed doors and in secret.

The beauty of the faith even managed to shine through, as it does in the great music of William Byrd and as it does in a hymn written by his fellow Catholic recusant, Sir John Beaumont, for the feast of Mary's Assumption, which we celebrate on August 15:

***Who is she ascends so high,
Next the heavenly King,
Round about whom angels fly
And her praises sing,
This is she in whose pure womb
Heaven's Prince remained;
Therefore in no earthly tomb
Can she be contained.***

Like many Catholics in those difficult times, Beaumont thought longingly of heaven. How different is our situation. We are free, we are largely autonomous, and we have a surfeit of material comforts. It is hard for us to turn our minds to heaven.

Yet our world of today seems, if anything, less happy than those more austere times of 16th and 17th century England. Look at contemporary art, which shows so little beauty or truth, which is so confused, often so ugly. What a relief it is to hear the music of William Byrd. Theater and literature give us generally a depressing picture of ourselves and the human condition.

Could it be that a world that no longer takes God seriously, a world that no longer looks to heaven, a world that does not fear the loss of heaven is of all places most miserable?

Pope Benedict XVI once suggested so. He said: "Those who talk us out of our belief in heaven have not given us the earth in exchange but have made it desolate and empty, have covered it with darkness. We must," said the Pope, "find once more the courage to believe in eternal life with all our hearts." A life that is truly free, a life that is adequate to our best aspirations is one in which we hope for heaven.

If the feast of Mary's Assumption means anything it is an assertion of faith that there is a heaven which is the culmination of the salvation won for us by Jesus Christ, which is the goal of human life. It is not a theory, not wishful thinking, but a fact realized bodily in the Virgin Mary. That is what the Church asserted in proclaiming her Assumption as a dogma of faith. "The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of Lords and conqueror of sin and death."

In one of his sermons, St. Augustine pointed to Mary taken up bodily into heaven and exclaimed: "Behold, there is the symbol of our resurrection."

In his resurrection and ascension, Jesus has definitively brought human nature into the glory of God. Humanity which Jesus caused to rise from the dead and has taken into heaven has, in Him, been transfigured, made capably of eternity. That is the ultimate vocation of every human being — to have eternal life in the kingdom of heaven.

Only one person, Mary, conceived without sin, has been able, at her death, to enter into the life of heaven, body and soul. The human flesh that Jesus received from Mary was a part of his risen body. Mary's body, taken into heaven is the same flesh as that she had given her Son. In this shared human flesh of Christ and his Mother,

there is solidarity, a continuation of the union between Son and Mother. It had to be that, at death, Mary joined her Son in the life of heaven.

What about us sinners? We too belong to Christ, by adoption. By faith and baptism, our sins are forgiven and we begin to share in the life of Christ by grace. So the life of heaven already begins to permeate our life here. A Russian theologian puts it this way: "High in heaven by glory stands the Virgin Mother of the human race. She has sanctified the whole world of nature and in her and through her all things shall be gloriously transformed."

Every man, woman, and child who, in the Church, becomes a follower of Jesus begins, with Mary, to share in his risen ascended life which is the life of heaven. Mary had already entered body and soul into the fullness of that life; we shall begin to experience the joy and glory of it only when we pass through death; we shall experience it in completeness when, at the end of time, our body is reunited with our soul, is glorified.

Heaven is our future. Because Jesus, our risen and ascended Lord, is already with us in the Mass, in the sacraments, in the life of the Church, because Mary in heaven is Mother of the Church, the life of heaven, like a seed buried in the earth, has already begun in us. As those who belong to Christ, we have already one foot in heaven; as those who acknowledge Mary to be our Mother, we can find our way, through her, on the path that will bring us to be with her Son forever.

When we look to Mary in her Assumption, we can recognize the heavenly state that is implicit in all creation, that is begun in us more profoundly by grace, that for all creation and for us is the destiny God wills us to have, provided we accept it.

Bishop Basil Meeking is the retired bishop of Christchurch, New Zealand. This article is made available courtesy of the Catholic Exchange web site.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ***A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION***

Saint Michael the Archangel Mass Schedule
Monday, August 14: 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Tuesday, August 15: 6:30 a.m. | 8:15 a.m.

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

“Our wish, our object, our chief preoccupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make His spirit, His devotion, His affections, His desire, and His disposition live and reign there.” +SAINT JOHN EUDES

**Monday, August 14 ~ Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:22-27 As Jesus and his disciples were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were overwhelmed with grief. When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax approached Peter and said, “Does not your teacher pay the temple tax?” “Yes,” he said. When he came into the house, before he had time to speak, Jesus asked him, “What is your opinion, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take tolls or census tax? From their subjects or from foreigners?” When he said, “From foreigners,” Jesus said to him, “Then the subjects are exempt. But that we may not offend them, go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Open its mouth and you will find a coin worth twice the temple tax. Give that to them for me and for you.”

Meditation: On three different occasions the Gospels record that Jesus predicted he would endure great suffering through betrayal, rejection, and the punishment of a cruel death. The Jews resorted to stoning and the Romans to crucifixion – the most painful and humiliating death they could devise for criminals they wanted to eliminate. No wonder the apostles were greatly distressed at such a prediction! If Jesus their Master were put to death, then they would likely receive the same treatment by their enemies. Jesus called himself the “Son of Man” because this was a common Jewish title for the Messiah. Why must the Messiah be rejected and killed? Did not God promise that his Anointed One would deliver his people from their oppression and establish a kingdom of peace and justice? The prophet Isaiah had foretold that it was God's will that the “Suffering Servant” make atonement for sins through his suffering and death. Jesus paid the price for our redemption with his blood. Slavery to sin is to want the wrong things and to be in bondage to destructive desires. The ransom Jesus paid sets us free from the worst tyranny possible – the tyranny of sin and the fear of death. Jesus' victory did not end with death but triumphed over the tomb. Jesus defeated the powers of death through his resurrection.

Prayer: O God, who filled the Priest and Martyr Saint Maximilian Kolbe with a burning love for the Immaculate Virgin Mary and with zeal for souls and love of neighbor, graciously grant, through his intercession, that striving for your glory by eagerly serving others, we may be conformed, even until death, to your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: No one is overly fond of paying taxes, especially when one thinks they might be unreasonable or unjust. And yet taxes provide much in the way of necessary services. Jesus and his disciples were confronted by tax collectors on the issue of tax evasion. When questioned about paying the temple tax, Jesus replied to his disciples: We must pay so as not to cause bad example. In fact, we must go beyond our duty in order that we may show others what they ought to do. The scriptural expression to give no offense doesn't refer to insult or annoyance; rather it means to put no stumbling block in the way of another that would cause them to trip or fall. Jesus would not allow himself anything which might possibly be a bad example to someone else. Do you evade personal responsibilities or obligations?

Tuesday, August 15 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
~ A Holy Day of Obligation ~

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-56 Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Meditation: What enabled Mary to grow in faith and to persevere in hope in the face of obstacles and trials? The Gospel of Luke reveals the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in Mary's life. When Elizabeth and Mary greeted one another they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Savior. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leapt for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the King to be born. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Mary accepted her mission with uncompromising faith and obedience. She acted with unwavering trust and faith because she believed that God would fulfill the word he had spoken. Her great hymn of praise echoes the song of Hannah (see 1 Samuel 2:1-10) and proclaims the favor of the Lord: God exalts the lowly and he fills the hungry. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to renew your faith and hope in God's promises and to make you strong in love for God and your neighbor. Do you live in the joy and confidence of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: How strong is your hope in the promises of God? Mary is a model of faith and hope for us. And she is among "the first-fruits" of "all those who belong to Jesus" and who share in his triumph (1 Corinthians 15:20-24). There is a venerable tradition dating back to the early church which marks Mary's "falling asleep" (the "Feast of Dormition" in many Eastern churches) and her heavenly birthday when she was received into heaven. Her reception into heaven is seen as a sign to all believing Christians of the promise Jesus made that we too would be received into paradise. At the last supper Jesus told his disciples that he would prepare a place for them in his Father's house. "And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:3).

Wednesday, August 16 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Stephen of Hungary,

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church. If he refuses to listen even to the Church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Meditation: If you believe that you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says our goal should not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. The emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force or threat of legal action.

Prayer: Grant your Church, we pray, almighty God, that she may have Saint Stephen of Hungary, who fostered her growth while a king on earth, as her glorious defender in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Saint Augustine provides a wonderful commentary on Jesus' instruction in today's gospel – something truly worth contemplating: "If someone has done you injury and you have suffered, what should be done? You have heard the answer already in today's scripture: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone." If you fail to do so, you are worse than he is. He has done someone harm, and by doing harm he has stricken himself with a grievous wound. Will you then completely disregard your brother's wound? Will you simply watch him stumble and fall down? Will you disregard his predicament? If so, you are worse in your silence than he in his abuse. Therefore, when any one sins against us, let us take great care, but not merely for ourselves. For it is a glorious thing to forget injuries. Just set aside your own injury, but do not neglect your brother's wound. Therefore "go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone," intent upon his amendment but sparing his sense of shame. For it might happen that through defensiveness he will begin to justify his sin, and so you will have inadvertently nudged him still closer toward the very behavior you desire to amend. Therefore "tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother," because he might have been lost, had you not spoken with him" [Sermon 82.7].

Thursday, August 17 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-19:1 Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart." When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee and went to the district of Judea across the Jordan.

Meditation: Jesus teaches that one must forgive in order to be forgiven. If we do not forgive our fellow human being we cannot expect God to forgive us. James says that "judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy" (James 2:13). Mercy is truly a gift and it is offered in such a way that justice is not negated. C.S. Lewis once wrote: "Mercy will flower only when it grows in the crannies of the rock of Justice: transplanted to the marshlands of mere Humanitarianism, it becomes a man-eating weed, all the more dangerous because it is still called by the same name as the mountain variety."

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: When Peter posed the question of forgiveness, he characteristically offered an answer he thought Jesus would be pleased with. Why not forgive seven times! How unthinkable for Jesus to counter

with the proposition that one must forgive seventy times that. Jesus made it clear that there is no reckonable limit to forgiveness. And he drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed an enormous sum of money – millions in our modern currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province – more than it would cost to ransom a king! The man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not, however bring himself to forgive his neighbor a very small debt which was fraction of his own debt. The contrast could not have been greater. If God has forgiven each of us our debt, which was very great, we, too must forgive others the debt they owe us.

Friday, August 18 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 19:3-12 Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?" He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate." They said to him, "Then why did Moses command that the man give the woman a bill of divorce and dismiss her?" He said to them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) and marries another commits adultery." His disciples said to him, "If that is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." He answered, "Not all can accept this word, but only those to whom that is granted. Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so; some, because they were made so by others; some, because they have renounced marriage for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it."

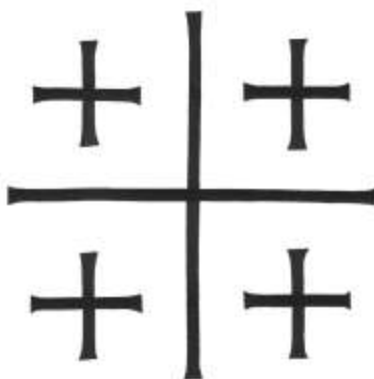
Meditation: Jesus sets a high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands. Jesus also sets the high ideal for those who freely renounce marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Both marriage and the single life are calls from God to live a particular form of consecrated life, that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Despite what we may think, or what others may "decree" as part of being modern and sophisticated, our lives are not our own – they belong to God. He gives the grace and power to those who seek to follow in his way of holiness in their state of life. The question for us becomes, then, do you seek Christ and his graces to help you live your state of life?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What is God's intention for our state in life, whether married or single? Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his hearers back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for the human race. In Genesis 2:23-24 we see God's intention and ideal that two people (one man and one woman) who marry should become so indissolubly one that they are one flesh. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. They are the pattern and symbol for all who were to come – including those, today, called to this vocation.

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Truly Living as the Mystical Body

by Constance T. Hull

Many of us live in cultures in which seeking help from others is frowned upon and viewed as weakness. We are told we should be able to go it alone and we define strength as one's ability to do everything themselves. It should become readily apparent that this type of thinking is diametrically opposed to Catholic thought.

- First, we are created to be completely dependent on God.
- Second, He gave us the Church, His Mystical Body, as a guide on the journey.
- Third, within the Mystical Body are our fellow sojourners on the path to holiness. We are meant to walk together. We are united by the power of the Holy Spirit to our Head, Jesus Christ. This unity means that when one member of the Body suffers, we all suffer at an ontological level.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. [1 Corinthians 12:12-26]

To echo St. Paul, we are not meant to go it alone nor are we meant to appeal to some disordered understanding of individualism as we go through the battles, trials, and sufferings of this life. We are meant to come together and to walk the path to Calvary together.

The reasons many of us do not seek help during trials may vary. I think many of us are infected with the idea that we are supposed to be able to do it ourselves, as our culture tells us. I also think it comes down to pride. We use the excuse that we are a burden to others, but really it boils down to our own pride. We don't *want* to have to ask other people to help us. We want to be able to do it ourselves. In reality, many aspects of our lives require help from our fellow members of the Mystical Body. This is especially true in periods of immense suffering and trial. Here are some things we need to think about in realizing our need to turn to the Mystical Body for help.

Humility is an indispensable part of the spiritual journey

Suffering is a great equalizer. It comes to every person who has ever lived, is alive today, or will live. Death is inevitable and it is the climax of our suffering here on earth. Suffering also teaches us humility. It teaches us that we must turn to God in all things. We must depend on Him entirely. Without Him our journey turns into a form of nihilism or existential dread as we await oblivion. In giving everything over to Him, we are able to bear our burdens through Him and with hope.

In learning to become dependent on God, we also become dependent on our neighbor. He shows us our need for other people. When we are sick, homeless, jobless, or suffering in a whole host of other ways, God reveals to us how much we rely on the help of the Mystical Body. We are not islands. We are human beings connected to one another at the deepest level of being. We are also social creatures by nature. We depend on one another and this dependence goes beyond the walls of our family homes. This is always true, but it comes quickly into focus when tragedy strikes. We need people to walk with us, guide us, and help with material, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs. It is in learning humility that we are able to rely on others, rather than focus on our perceived loss of freedom. Humility allows us to say “yes” to God and to our neighbor.

Charity binds the Mystical Body together

We are united to one another in charity. This love guides us in the service of our neighbors and also in reception of love from others. There can be a tendency to view others as a burden. This proclivity must be fought against. Our culture has a bad habit of treating the suffering among us as an expendable burden, hence the rise in euthanasia and abortion. We ourselves can give into similar thinking when we view our suffering neighbor as burdensome. That man, woman, or child sitting next to us in the pews is not a burden. They are our brother or sister in Christ. Love requires sacrifice. This means helping someone we don’t necessarily want to help. Charity demands that we freely give to others and that we not make people who are suffering trials feel even worse. We are not meant to increase the burden of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are called to lighten the load, not matter how small.

Pray for fortitude

In understanding our duty as members of the Mystical Body, we will learn quickly that we must enter into the Crosses of our neighbor. This may mean visiting the sick, helping the homeless, feeding the hungry, aiding when natural disaster or violence strikes, babysitting for the family in need, doing jobs around an elderly person’s home, or even just sitting beside someone who is hurting. We are called to *be* present to our fellow members of the Mystical Body. We must give freely of our time, materials, and spiritual wisdom. This requires great courage. It is not easy to watch other people suffer. It reminds us of our own frailty. It reminds us of our own weakness and powerlessness, but it teaches us to turn completely over to God. We can’t fix the suffering of our neighbor, but we can *love* them. Nobody is asking us to fix it. Stop trying, just *be*. God is “to be” itself (St. Thomas Aquinas) and we are made in His image and likeness. We must learn to be present to others. We must frequently pray for the fortitude to walk the path to Calvary with our neighbor. It will be deeply difficult, but it will transform us and them in the process. It will help us to move further along on the path to holiness.

Christ has united us to one another through His Church. We are called to walk together through the valleys and the peaks of this life. We must learn humility so that we can seek aid when needed. We must learn to love our neighbor as ourselves and to avoid treating others as a burden. When we choose to walk with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we must pray for fortitude so that we can bear their suffering alongside them through the grace of Christ. We are truly one body, let’s start living this reality every single day.

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PSR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Families, we are excited to announce that sacramental preparation for First Communion and Confirmation will be starting soon at St. Michael. Like last year, we will be using the Pathways Formation suite from Faith and Family Life Catholic Ministries. The philosophy of Pathways is to equip parents to teach, share faith, and pray with their children as they lead a series of family meetings in their home through a variety of hands-on and innovative activities. An informational table will be in Marian Hall after all the Masses on Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13. There will be a meeting with more information about Pathways for those who have more questions or want to be familiar on August 20th in Upper Meeting Room. Registration will be \$215.00 per family. If you cannot afford these programs, please call or email Jake Asuncion. Registration deadline is Friday, August 25; you can register using the QR code or by visiting the Family Faith Formation page on the parish website.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We are excited to offer Altar Server Training for both new and existing Altar Servers. Students in grades 4-12 are invited to attend a training session on August 19 at 9:30 a.m. or August 20 at 1:45 p.m. You only need to attend one session. Registration is required. You can register online at saintmichael-cd.org/altar-server-registration/ or by scanning the QR code.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Exciting things are happening with our High School and Middle School Youth Ministry! Please see the different ways you can get involved and receive updates as we prepare for a new year of youth group!

- **Sign up for updates on Flocknote** – Join our Flocknote groups to make sure you receive updates for youth ministry events this year. There are groups for High School, Middle School and Parents. Please visit <https://StMichaelChurchWor.flocknote.com> to sign up!
- **Middle School Youth Group Parent Volunteers Needed** – We are in need of parent volunteers for our Middle School Youth Group for this upcoming year. Any volunteers would need to have PGC clearance. If you are interested in helping in this way, please email Jake Asuncion at jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org.
- **High School Food Sponsors Needed** – Please consider sponsoring our high school youth ministry by providing food for their meetings! Use the QR code below to volunteer. Thank you for your generosity!



2023 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

The 2023 St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on September 16, 2023, at Saint Francis DeSales High School athletic track, 4212 Karl Road. Registration/check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Donations by cash or check to SVDP St. Michael Conference can be made at the registration table. All funds raised go to the St. Michael SVDP Conference to support our neighbors in need. T-shirts are free to each registered walker and there is no sign-up cost for the event.

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. MICHAEL PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

St. Michael Pre-Kindergarten is accepting registration for full-time and part-time classes for the 2023-2024 School Year. Our Pre-Kindergarten program uses a balance between hands-on instruction and centers for Kindergarten readiness. We also offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd which is Montessori-based, hands-on Catholic education and we use *Disciple of Christ, Education in Virtue* (<https://educationinvirtue.com/>).

For more information, please go to <https://www.stmichaelworthington.org/admissions/prekindergarten/> or contact Laura Wells at 614-885-3149, option 8 or lwells@cdededucation.org.

Help with the Festival!



Volunteer Signups are OPEN NOW!

We will need many volunteers for each day of the festival, as well as volunteers to help with setup the week before and cleanup on Monday. Please consider helping our parish in this way!

Grab a friend to work a shift together! Sign up at <https://www.saintmichaelfestival.com/volunteers/>

All volunteers are provided a voucher for one free food court item and pop/water stand drink per night.



The Silent Auction needs your help!

We are collecting donations of pre-made baskets to auction off at this year's festival. Tips to consider in creating a basket:

- Start with a theme: Sports, Game night, Legos, Game Tickets, Baking, etc.
- Make a list: Don't forget to list what is in your basket and its approximate value.
- Drop it off: Drop off all pre-made baskets to the Parish Office. We are happy to wrap the basket for you!
- Contact the committee: Do not hesitate to ask us any questions! Email us at coloradomallory@gmail.com
- Want to help, but can't make a basket? Purchase an item from our Amazon wish list, all purchases will come directly to the church to package together!



Amazon wish list

Festival Cash Raffle!

Prizes total \$3,000: The GRAND Prize of \$2,500 and the 2nd and 3rd prizes of \$250 each will be awarded on Sunday night of the festival. You have an opportunity to buy early for a chance to win the Early Bird \$100 drawing which will take place after the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, August 20th.

Ticket prices are: 1 ticket for \$5 or 6 tickets for \$25



Bake Sale

Cookies & Cakes & Pie, Oh My!

Make sweet things happen for our festival bake sale! A fun way to help - donate your favorite baked goods for our bake sale. Sign-ups are available online or in Marian Hall. Containers are available in Marian Hall.



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It has been said that one person can make a difference, and we all know that to be true. But, our church is universal, **think of what we can accomplish together!** As fellow Catholics, we are called. Called to serve one another. Called to help form one another. Called to both **local and global** opportunities. **On September 28th, join together with those you know to purchase a table or tickets to an event called: An Evening With.** This year, the keynote speaker is the founder and CEO of **Mary's Meals, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow.** Mary's Meals is a global hunger organization that provides meals in the classroom leading to a bridge out of poverty. **This inspirational evening supports two educational opportunities, locally and worldwide, through Mary's Meals.** Proceeds support both Mary's Meals and tuition assistance. Contact Julie at jnaporano@scprep.org.

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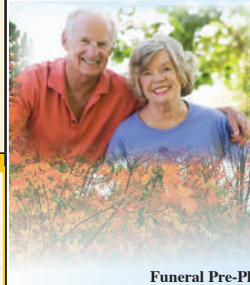
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