



## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am  
10:30am  
12:30pm  
5:00pm

Daily  
Monday-Friday 6:30am  
Monday-Saturday 8:15am  
Wednesday 6:00pm

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

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**  
2:30-3:30pm every Saturday;  
Weekly Holy Hour with  
Confessions from 6:30-7:30pm  
every Wednesday.  
Anytime upon request.  
(Call for appointment.)

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
No date should be set prior to  
seeing a priest or deacon six  
months before desired date.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
Please contact the Parish office.

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# SAINT MICHAEL INFORMATION CENTER



## ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition each Tuesday from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and from 5:00 a.m. Wednesdays until 9:00 p.m. on Friday evening. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit [StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com](http://StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com) to sign up or use the QR code.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are currently available to schedule for 2024 & 2025. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please scan the QR code to order and pay online or visit the Parish Office. One should never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul, both for the living and the deceased.



## LOW-GLUTEN HOST

If you are in need of a low-gluten host, please scan this QR code for full details.



## NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at [www.saintmichael-cd.org](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org).

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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](mailto:rlund@saintmichael-cd.org) with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the 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.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing [srriya@stmichael-cd.org](mailto:srriya@stmichael-cd.org).



## ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## NOVEMBER 17, 2024

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 16**

4:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

**Sunday, November 17**

8:30 a.m. +Bill Costello

10:30 a.m. + Domenico Canini  
(Armando & Liliana Tempesta)

12:30 p.m. + Manuel Antonio Caseres  
(The Bowman Family)

5:00 p.m. + Joseph Garvey (The Camerlengo Family)

**Monday, November 18**

6:30 a.m. + Betty & Joe Maurer (The Maurer Family)

8:15 a.m. Mary Lee Hinger (Bill & Mary Beth Hinger)

**Tuesday, November 19**

6:30 a.m. + Lisa Colosimo

8:15 a.m. + Josephine Munhall  
(Joe & Kathleen Kohler)

**Wednesday, November 20**

6:30 a.m. + James W. Cecil (Rich & Theresa Agnello)

8:15 a.m. For the School

6:00 p.m. + M.L. DeShazor

**Thursday, November 21**

6:30 a.m. + Francesca & Mario Capoccia  
(Pierina Pizzuti)

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Rita Connolly

**Friday, November 22**

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Jacob Reash  
(The DeCenzo Family)

8:15 a.m. + Angelo & Giuseppa Pizzuti (Pierina Pizzuti)

**Saturday, November 23**

8:15 a.m. + Lisa Colosimo (Fr. Stash Dailey)

4:00 p.m. + Jeanette Bickle (Don & Mary Stuller)

**Sunday, November 24**

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

10:30 a.m. + Jody Munhall  
(The Cobb, Lund, Mauro, Schmitt & Wilson Families)

12:30 p.m. Special Intention of Sr. Mary Regina

5:00 p.m. Special Intention of Roberto Santos  
(Odee Dammarell)

### PARISH CALENDAR – NOVEMBER

<b>SUNDAY, November 17</b>	9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Baptisms (C) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (G)
<b>Monday, November 18</b>	6:00 p.m. High School Adoration (AC) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)
<b>Tuesday, November 19</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:30 p.m. WFF Bible Study (UMR)
<b>Wednesday, November 20</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
<b>Thursday, November 21</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. Knights of the Altar (LMR) 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry (UMR) 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout District Committee Meeting (MH) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
<b>Friday, November 22</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:00 a.m. Moms Day Out (UMR) 7:00 p.m. Opus Dei (C)
<b>Saturday, November 23</b>	7:00 a.m. Pietra (LMR) 8:00 a.m. Opus Dei Recollections (UMR, C) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C) 3:00 p.m. SVDP Food Box Sorting (UMR) SVDP Sponsor a Family & Giving Trees after Vigil Mass (MH)
<b>SUNDAY, November 24</b>	SVDP Sponsor a Family & Giving Trees after all Masses (MH) 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (G) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (G)

To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance, please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting:

[www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/)

(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel

### BAPTISMS

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

**SOL DIEGO ESTRADA,  
NAYELI COLIN SAUCEDO,  
YARELI COLIN SAUCEDO  
& ITZEL COLIN SAUCEDO**



### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER 10, 2024:

Envelopes .....	\$	23,429.87
Online Giving .....	\$	11,196.00
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>34,625.87</b>

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

### ***Praised be Jesus Christ!***

The spirit of the parish family here at St. Michael parish is incredibly strong!

When taking stock of what has been accomplished over the past few months, there are several striking examples of what can be done when the parish family unites around a common goal.

-The parish rallied together and, through incredible generosity, not only met our annual goal for the Diocesan Appeal but also went over the goal enough to pay off a significant portion of the parish's debt!

-Through the beautiful fidelity of the parish family's faith, we have been able to re-engage the powerful potential of the Adoration Chapel by expanding hours of Exposition to now include Adoration with Exposition Monday through Friday (Monday, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.; Tuesday, 5:00 a.m.-Friday 9:00 p.m.)!

-Mass attendance at the two daily Masses, Monday-Friday, and the morning Mass on Saturday, has increased over the past year!

-Confessions are now offered, AND MADE USE OF!, on Saturday afternoons 2:30-4:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sundays, 8:00-8:30 a.m., 9:30-10:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.!

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY...

-Sunday Mass attendance is on the rise over the past year! As you will see in the bulletin there is a summary of Mass attendance over the past few years and the number of the faithful attending Holy Mass for the Lord's Day at St. Michael is steadily rising!

While the spirit of the parish is indeed very strong, and becoming stronger, there is always an invitation from the Lord "to go deeper" into the love that we can have for Him.

I invite each and every one of our parishioners to consider how we as a family can become more "Eucharistic" as a parish. One may simply understand this request in a manner of "Thanksgiving" for that is the common translation of Eucharist but it's also meant to be interpreted in a Christ centered or Christocentric method, how do we become more "Jesus centered" as a parish?

-This could involve engaging more households to take an hour of Adoration in our Adoration Chapel,

-This could involve engaging our parishioners to attend at least one daily Mass a week in addition to their Sunday privilege.

-This could involve inviting parishioners to become active members in one of our vital apostolates; St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, Women's Faith Formation, serving the Lord and one's neighbor as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and going to one of our Nursing/Assisted Living residences, Respect Life Committee, or supporting our different Youth Ministry age groups.

-This could involve setting a challenge for each of us to invite at least one Catholic to make a Confession.

-This could involve each of us inviting one person, regardless of their background, to attend a Holy Mass.

-This could involve having our home blessed, literally Blessing the Hell out of our house (who doesn't need this!).

-This could involve Enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus as our King, Brother, and Friend in our residence.

-This could involve setting a goal to read one of the Gospels for the Season of Advent. (Hint and word to the wise, Mark's Gospel is the shortest, Luke's is very interesting if you have gentile roots, Matthew's has a lot of detail and proof in the pudding if you have Jewish roots and John's is my personal favorite! Choose accordingly.)

Simply put, there are many ways for us to grow deeper in our knowledge of Jesus, to meet Him through Love in more ways day by day, and to serve Him in every moment.

So many possible goals for us to focus on, where does one start? Come Holy Spirit!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Stash Dailey



## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 4: Opening Hymn

Now that we have reminded ourselves of our Baptism (holy water), given reverence to Jesus present in the tabernacle (genuflection), and quietly said our prayers of preparation, we are ready to stand for the Introductory Rites. For most parishes, these rites will begin with a hymn or the Entrance Antiphon.

There is no doubt that everyone has their “special way” of singing during the Mass. Some really belt out the song, whether they have a pleasant voice or not. Some lightly mumble the words so that even if they had a microphone, you could barely hear them. Some seemingly know the songs so well that they don’t even open the books! Some must have such a deep interior connection with God that they don’t even sing out loud—just in their hearts!

### Let us pray

Why do we sing? Looking back in our history and to the Jewish roots of our liturgy, we see that music and singing is an important part of our prayer together. Singing is one of the most fitting praises for God, since it involves the body and soul even more than speaking. (Singing is a lot more work than speaking!) When we sing, we use our whole beings to praise God. The General Instruction for the Roman Missal explains the importance of singing:

“The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord’s coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Col 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart’s joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, ‘Singing is for one who loves,’ and there is also the ancient proverb: ‘Whoever sings well prays twice over’” (GIRM, no. 39).

Given these admonitions, “Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass” (GIRM, no. 40).

At the beginning of Mass, the most common options for the “Entrance Chant” are an Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon. The purpose of singing at this time is “to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers” (GIRM, no. 47). The Entrance Hymn or Antiphon helps us to “get into” what we are about to do; it helps us set aside everything else that is going on in our lives and helps us to prepare our hearts to praise God and participate in the Mass. This singing especially reminds us that we are a community, because it is the first act that we all do together at the Mass.

I often hear individuals say, “I feel self-conscious because my voice is terrible!” To quote our Lord, Pope St. John Paul II, and many others: “Be not afraid!” God gave you the voice you have, and in singing praise to him, you are offering the gifts (or lack thereof) that he gave you. So, pick up that hymnal and join the song!

### For Reflection:

1. Reflect on your participation at Mass as an opportunity to fulfill the exhortation of Psalm 96: “Sing to the LORD a new song;/ sing to the LORD, all the earth./ Sing to the LORD, bless his name;/ proclaim his salvation day after day.” (Ps. 96:1-2)
2. Both the Old and New Testament offer many examples of individuals responding in songs, or “Canticles,” to God’s saving action, such as Moses and Miriam (Ex. 15:1-21), Moses (Dt. 32:1-44), Hannah (1 Sm. 2:1-10), David (1 Chr. 29:10-13), Tobit (Tb. 13:1-8), Judith (Jdt. 16:13-17), Sirach (Sir. 1:1-13), Isaiah (Is 20:1-6; 45:15-25), Jeremiah (Jer. 31:10-14), Daniel (Dn. 3:52-88), Habakkuk (Hab. 3:2-19), Zechariah (Lk. 1:68-79), the Blessed Virgin Mary (Lk. 1:46-55), and Simeon (Lk. 2:29-32). Take time to meditate on a scriptural Canticle and see how God moves you to respond.

## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 5: Altar Kiss

Why is Father kissing that table? Have you noticed that, during the entrance hymn or antiphon, the celebrant approaches the altar and kisses it? Why does he do that? As Charles Belmonte explains in his book, *Understanding the Mass*: “As a sign of veneration, the priest and deacon (if there is one present) kiss the altar... The altar symbolizes the heart of the Church. It is the Lord’s table and the center of the Eucharistic action. It has always been considered a symbol of Christ. That is why we cover the altar with a cloth, out of reverence for the celebration of the memorial of the Lord’s sacrifice” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 49).





## What Is the Significance of a Catholic Altar?

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, “altar” comes from the Hebrew word meaning “place of sacrifice” (Catholic Encyclopedia, p. 31). Perhaps this reminds us of the many altars erected throughout the Old Testament where sacrifices were offered to God. Altars were erected in special places where the people had an encounter with God, which then became places of prayer. This background leads us to the current altars in our churches, where the Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated and we encounter Christ truly present in the Eucharist. We call the Mass a sacrifice because we are given an opportunity to share in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Jesus Christ—body, blood, soul, and divinity—becomes present during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. Jesus Christ, God Himself, is present there with us! No wonder we give the altar special honor as the place where we encounter Christ dwelling among us!

## More Than A Simple Gesture

As Belmonte continues, “To kiss the altar is to kiss Christ. It is then understandable that we want to make ours this kiss of the celebrant. It evokes in our memory the many kisses of that sinful woman in the Pharisee’s house. She could not cease to kiss Christ’s feet, washing them with her tears. Great sins were forgiven her because she loved so greatly (Lk 7:38). And we have so many faults to ask pardon for! Now, by this kiss, the priest also signifies the union of the Spouse (Christ) with his Bride (the Church)... [W]hat the priest is beginning to accomplish here is nothing other than to forge the union of the Church with her Master, of the soul with its Redeemer” (Understanding the Mass, p. 49). As you may realize, kissing the altar is more than a simple gesture!

## Relics of Those Who Have Gone Before Us

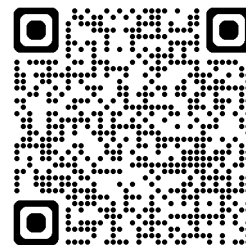
Given the dignity of the altar, it is fittingly constructed in a special way. “In keeping with the Church’s traditional practice and with what the altar signifies, the table of a fixed altar should be of stone and indeed of natural stone. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, wood which is dignified, solid, and well-crafted may be used, provided the altar is structurally immobile” (GIRM, no. 301). Altars typically also have a special set-in stone that contains the relic of a saint. The relic is usually a small bone fragment from one of the martyrs or perhaps a saint that is the patron or namesake for a particular church building. The tradition of the relic can be traced back to the first centuries of Masses celebrated at the burial places of the martyrs or in the catacombs.

For me as a priest, I often think of the saint at the altar and about his or her life and faithfulness to Christ. I think about how the witness of faith helps to strengthen us now. I remember that the intercession of the saints assists us in our own day. In celebrating Mass this way, there is a special connection between the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and the way the Eucharist strengthened that particular saint—to say the least, a great reminder of how the Eucharist strengthens us for holy and faithful life in Christ!

## For Reflection:

1. Pray with the account of the woman who kisses Jesus’ feet in Lk. 7:36-50. Reflect on God’s saving love in your own life, and consider how you can express your grateful love through reverence for Christ’s Body.
2. Make your own the Psalmist’s desire: “That I may come to the altar of God, to God, my joy, my delight” (Ps. 43:4). Next time you participate in Mass, pay attention to the kiss of the altar and unite yourself spiritually to this act of loving reverence towards God, our joy and delight.

Enjoying this series?  
Catch up on previous articles  
or read ahead by scanning  
the QR code.



# AROUND THE PARISH

Women of the St. Michael Community and their family and friends are invited to:

## Advent by Candlelight

Thursday, December 5 at 7:00pm  
featuring Father Daniel Bowen, O. de M.

Advent offers us a special opportunity to understand more fully that Jesus still dwells with us in his glorified state, and that a special bond exists between Jesus' incarnation and his continued presence with us in the Eucharist. This season encourages us to focus on this bond and to better appreciate Jesus' Eucharistic presence.

To host a table, RSVP as an individual or for more information on our candlelight evenings, please scan the QR code.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11445

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/17 — after 10:30 Mass — Corporate Communion (coffee & donuts)  
11/20 — 6:30-7:30 — Family Holy Hour

#### 11/22 — 7-9pm — Faith by Fireside

Come sit around a fire with fellow Catholic gentlemen and discuss issues of faith. There's no formal program, just prayer and fellowship.

All men of the parish are invited, even if you're not a Knight! Seating is limited, scan the QR code to RSVP.



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### Sacred Heart Corner November 2024

Bring His Sacred Heart into your home.

Would you like more graces to live a holy life?

Are you looking for peace in your home?

Do you want protection for your family from the evil one? If so, the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is being promoted throughout the Diocese of Columbus and here at St. Michael the Archangel! Make the decision to Enthroner your home to His Sacred Heart. Read more about Home Enthronement and the 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque by scanning the QR code.



## ELEVARI

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

THIS SUNDAY, 6-8 PM IN THE GYM

TALK: MISSION AND EVANGELIZATION

BRING FRIENDS AND EAT SOME FOOD

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM: SMELEVARI

## The Adventurers

Middle School Youth Ministry

Sunday, November 24

3-4:30 in the gym

Snacks and Games

Bring a friend!

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT  
DE PAUL INVITES YOU TO HELP  
OTHERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!



## THREE WAYS TO GIVE:

1

YOU CAN HELP TO PURCHASE FOOD FOR THE FAMILIES IN OUR SPONSOR-A-FAMILY PROGRAM. PICK UP A GROCERY BAG AFTER MASS ON NOV. 16 & 17. SHOP FOR THE ITEMS ON THE BAG. RETURN THE FULL BAG AT MASS ON NOV. 23 & 24.

2

YOU CAN SPONSOR A FAMILY BY SHOPPING FOR THE MEMBERS OF A PARTICULAR FAMILY OFF A WISH LIST. FAMILIES RANGE IN SIZE FROM ONE CHILD TO SIX CHILDREN. WE ASK THAT YOU SPEND ABOUT \$75 PER CHILD AND THAT ALL GIFTS ARE NEW. PACKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES NOV.16/17 & NOV. 23/24.

3

YOU CAN PURCHASE ANY GIFT FOR A CHILD OF ANY AGE AND PUT IT IN OUR GIVING TREE BOXES. THESE GIFTS ARE GIVEN OUT AT THE ST. FRANCIS CENTER AND THE SVDP DOWNTOWN CENTER. THE GIVING TREES WILL GO UP THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. WE NEED ALL OF OUR GIFTS NO LATER THAN DEC.8! WE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING GIFTS THROUGH DEC.15 FOR THE YOUTH GROUP'S TRIP TO CRANKS CREEK, SO PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT & GENEROSITY!



# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“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)

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*The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.*

***“He will never let the trial surpass the strength He gives you, and at the very moment you think yourself overwhelmed by sorrow, He will lift you up and give you peace.”***

**+SAINT ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE**

### **Monday, November 18 ~ Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time Dedication of the Churches of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 18:35-43** As Jesus approached Jericho a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging, and hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” He shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!” The people walking in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, have pity on me!” Then Jesus stopped and ordered that he be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He replied, “Lord, please let me see.” Jesus told him, “Have sight; your faith has saved you.” He immediately received his sight and followed him, giving glory to God. When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God.

**Meditation:** Bartimaeus knew who Jesus was and had heard of his fame for healing, but until now had no means of making contact with the Son of David, a clear reference and title for the Messiah. It took raw courage and persistence for Bartimaeus to get the attention of Jesus over the din of a noisy throng who crowded around Jesus as he made his way out of town. Why was the crowd annoyed with the blind man's persistent shouts? He was disturbing their peace and interrupting Jesus' discourse. It was common for a rabbi to teach as he walked with others. Jesus was on his way to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem and a band of pilgrims followed him. When the crowd tried to silence the blind man he overpowered them with his emotional outburst and thus caught the attention of Jesus.

**Prayer ~ Dedication of the Churches of Saints Peter and Paul:** Defend your Church, O Lord, by the protection of the holy Apostles, that, as she received from them the beginnings of her knowledge of things divine, so through them she may receive, even to the end of the world, an increase in heavenly grace. 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.

**Prayer ~ Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne:** Almighty God, who filled the heart of Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne with charity and missionary zeal, and gave her the desire to make you known among all peoples, grant us to follow her way and fill us with that same love and zeal to extend your Kingdom to the ends of the earth. 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.

**Contemplation:** This incident reveals something important about how God interacts with us. The blind man was determined to get Jesus' attention and he was persistent in the face of opposition. Jesus could have ignored or rebuffed him because he was disturbing his talk and his audience. Jesus showed that acting was more important than talking. This man was in desperate need and Jesus was ready not only to empathize with his suffering but to relieve it as well. A great speaker can command attention and respect, but a man or woman with a helping hand and a big heart is loved more. Jesus commends Bartimaeus for recognizing who he is with the eyes of faith and grants him physical sight as well. Do you recognize your need for God's healing grace? Do you seek Jesus out, like Bartimaeus, with persistent faith and trust?

### **Tuesday, November 19 ~ Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 19:1-10** At that time Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to

see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

**Meditation:** What would you do – how would you react – if Jesus Christ knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your house today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" — the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honor of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and in his encounter with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine. The Lord is always ready to make his home with us. Do you make room for him in your heart, your home, and in every area of your life?

**Prayer:** Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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:** Folks, each of us has been invited – and that invitation "to climb down from that tree" comes from no one other than Jesus Christ. He invites us to come down from that tree and embrace Him, and in doing so bring positive changes to our lives. Now is the time to come down from that tree. Simply say, "Here I am, Lord..." and joyfully experience this opportunity for conversion of mind and heart.

### **Wednesday, November 20 ~ Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 19:11-28** While people were listening to Jesus speak, he proceeded to tell a parable because he was near Jerusalem and they thought that the Kingdom of God would appear there immediately. So he said, "A nobleman went off to a distant country to obtain the kingship for himself and then to return. He called ten of his servants and gave them ten gold coins and told them, 'Engage in trade with these until I return.' His fellow citizens, however, despised him and sent a delegation after him to announce, 'We do not want this man to be our king.' But when he returned after obtaining the kingship, he had the servants called, to whom he had given the money, to learn what they had gained by trading. The first came forward and said, 'Sir, your gold coin has earned ten additional ones.' He replied, 'Well done, good servant! You have been faithful in this very small matter; take charge of ten cities.' Then the second came and reported, 'Your gold coin, sir, has earned five more.' And to this servant too he said, 'You, take charge of five cities.' Then the other servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your gold coin; I kept it stored away in a handkerchief, for I was afraid of you, because you are a demanding man; you take up what you did not lay down and you harvest what you did not plant.' He said to him, 'With your own words I shall condemn you, you wicked servant. You knew I was a demanding man, taking up what I did not lay down and harvesting what I did not plant; why did you not put my money in a bank? Then on my return I would have collected it with interest.' And to those standing by he said, 'Take the gold coin from him and give it to the servant who has ten.' But they said to him, 'Sir, he has ten gold coins.' He replied, 'I tell you, to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. Now as for those enemies of mine who did not want me as their king, bring them here and slay them before me.'" After he had said this, he proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem.

**Meditation:** The Jewish people in Jesus' time had a heightened sense that the Messiah would appear soon to usher in the kingdom of God's peace and righteousness on the earth. Jesus, in fact, spoke in messianic terms of the coming reign of God. Perhaps his entry into Jerusalem would bring about such a change and overthrow of Roman domination. Jesus speaks to their longing for a new kingdom in the parable of a nobleman who went away to receive a kingdom. The parable reveals something important about how God works his plan and purpose with humans. The parable speaks first of the king's trust in his subjects. While he goes away he leaves them with his money to use as they think best. While there were no strings

attached, this was obviously a test to see if the king's subjects would be faithful and reliable in their use of the money entrusted to them. Third, the king rewards those who are faithful and he punishes those who sit by idly and who do nothing with his money.

**Prayer:** Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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:** The Lord entrusts us with his gifts and graces and he gives us freedom to use them as we think best. With each gift and talent, the Lord gives sufficient grace and energy for using them in a fitting way. As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it's not worth trying. God honors those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. Those who are faithful with even a little are entrusted with more! But those who neglect or squander what God has entrusted to them will lose what they have. There is an important lesson here for us. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. We either get more or we lose what we have. We either advance towards God or we slip back. Do you trust in God's grace to make good use of the gifts and talents he has given you?

### **Thursday, November 21 ~ Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50** While He was still speaking to the people, behold, His mother and His brethren stood outside, asking to speak to Him. But He replied to the man who told Him, "Who is My mother, and who are My brethren?" And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Here are My mother and My brethren! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother, and sister, and mother."

**Meditation:** Jesus is God's love incarnate - God's love made flesh (ref. 1 John 4:9-10). That is why Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and the shepherd who seeks out the sheep who have strayed and lost their way. God is like the father who yearns for his prodigal son to return home and then throws a great party for him when he repents and comes back. Jesus offered up his life on the cross for our sake, so that we could be forgiven and restored to unity with God. It is through Jesus that we become the adopted children of God - his own sons and daughters. That is why Jesus told his disciples that they would have many new friends and family relationships in his kingdom. Whoever receives the Sacrament of Baptism and who does the will of God is a friend of God and a member of his family.

**Prayer:** As we venerate the glorious memory of the most holy Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession, that we, too, may merit to receive from the fullness of your grace. 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:** Our life with Jesus Christ changes the order of relationships and shows that true kinship is not just a matter of flesh and blood. Our adoption as sons and daughters of God transforms all our relationships and requires a new order of loyalty to God first and to his kingdom of righteousness and peace. The Sacrament of Baptism begins our life with Christ. "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people" (Rite of Baptism). "*Name of Baptized*, you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ" (Rite of Baptism). "Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He (she) is now called the child of God, for so indeed he (she) is" (Rite of Baptism). Do you want to grow in love and friendship? Allow God's Holy Spirit to conform your heart, mind, and will to enable you to faithfully live and love as Christ does.

**About the Presentation of Mary:** The Scriptures tells us nothing of Mary's hidden life. The inspired Word of God gives us no word about her Presentation in the Temple, the feast which we celebrate each year on November 21st. However, we do have the testimonies of tradition which are based on accounts which come to us from apostolic times. That which is known about the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple is found in the Apocrypha, principally in chapter seven of the *Protoevangelium of James*, which has been dated by historians prior to the year 200 AD. This book gives us a detailed account in which Mary's father, Joachim, tells Anna his wife that he wishes to bring their child to the Temple of the Lord. Anna responds that they should wait until the child is three years old lest she yearn for her parents. When the day arrived, the undefiled daughters of the Hebrews were invited to accompany Mary with their lamps burning to the Temple. There the priest received her, blessed her, and kissed her in welcome. He proclaimed, "The Lord has magnified thy name in all generations. In thee, the Lord will manifest His redemption to the sons of Israel." Mary was placed on the third step of the Temple and there danced with

joy and all the house of Israel loved her. It was there that she was nurtured and her parents returned, glorifying the Almighty. This story is a legend with no foundation in history and the point of the story is to show that even in her childhood Mary was completely dedicated to God. However, it is from this very account that arose the feast of Mary's Presentation. Historians tell us that the Emperor Justinian built a splendid church dedicated to Mary in the Temple area in Jerusalem. It was dedicated on November 21, 543 but was destroyed by the Persians within a century. Many of the early church Fathers such as St. Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople (+730) and St. John Damascene, his contemporary, preached magnificent homilies on this feast referring to Mary as that special plant or flower which was being nurtured for better things." She was planted in the House of God, nourished by the Holy Spirit and kept her body and soul spotless to receive God in her bosom. He Who is all-holy rests among the holy." We know that in the Byzantine Church this feast is considered one of the twelve great feasts of the liturgical year, called the *Dodecaorton*. Scholars believe that Mary's Presentation in the Temple is considered a major feast for the Eastern churches celebrating the same values that the Western church celebrates in the feast of the Immaculate Conception. (Excerpted from *Presentation of Mary* by Fr. Matthew Mauriello)

## **Friday, November 22 ~ Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 19:45-48** Jesus entered the temple area and proceeded to drive out those who were selling things, saying to them, "It is written, My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves." And every day he was teaching in the temple area. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people, meanwhile, were seeking to put him to death, but they could find no way to accomplish their purpose because all the people were hanging on his words.

**Meditation:** Foolishly, few seem to pay much attention to God's judgments today. His acts of judgments, nonetheless, are intended to bring us into greater purity, holiness, and reverence for God's word of truth and love. Jesus went to Jerusalem, knowing he would meet certain death on the cross, but victory as well for our sake. His act of judgment in the temple is meant to be a prophetic sign and warning to the people that God takes our worship very seriously. In this incident we see Jesus' startling and swift action in cleansing the temple of those who were using it to exploit the worshipers of God. The money changers took advantage of the poor and forced them to pay many times more than was right— in the house of the Lord no less! Their robbery of the poor was not only dishonoring to God but unjust toward their neighbor. In justification for his audacious action Jesus quotes from the prophets Isaiah (56:7) and Jeremiah (7:11). His act of judgment aims to purify the worship of God's people and to discipline their erring ways. Despite the objections of the religious leaders, all the people present stood in awe of Jesus and they "hung upon his words."

**Prayer:** O God, who gladden us each year with the feast day of your handmaid Saint Cecilia, grant, we pray, that what has been devoutly handed down concerning her may offer us examples to imitate and proclaim the wonders worked in his servants by Christ your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** The message in today's Gospel is short and simple: Grow in what you know is right, give praise to God for all the beauty and knowledge that continues to be created for us to enjoy and learn from the beauty and knowledge that enriches our lives. To be true to ourselves and not steal the qualities, the success, or what we see as the riches of others. Jesus has shared with us the Good News about how to love one another, to appreciate one another, to praise one another and to praise God for all that has been given uniquely to each of us. We are asked to continue to grow in our love of God and our fellow human beings and to not let those who are fearful, resentful or wrongfully prideful; steal our gifts or put to death our abilities to use our gifts to continue to enrich all of human kind.

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### **PRAYER OF SAINT GERTRUDE FOR THE RELEASE OF SOULS FROM PURGATORY**

*Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family.*  
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## OCTOBER MASS COUNTS

Every year in October, parishes in the Diocese of Columbus submit Mass counts to the Diocese to track Mass attendance. Below is our Mass attendance at St. Michael over the past four years. Join us in praying that the upward swing in Mass attendance continues as we look to the future. Praise be Jesus Christ!

2024 October Mass Count						
	Occupancy	Oct 5-6	Oct 12-13	Oct 19-20	Oct 26-27	
SAT - 4:00PM	700	185	188	248	213	834
SUN - 8:30AM	700	187	156	168	195	706
SUN - 10:30 AM	700	365	362	379	440	1546
SUN - 12:30PM	700	203	147	194	168	712
SUN - 5:00PM	700	170	165	141	122	598
		1110	1018	1130	1138	
2023 October Mass Count						
	Occupancy	1-Oct	Oct 7-8	Oct 14-15	Oct 21-22	Oct 28-29
SAT - 4:00PM	700	220	173	215	151	203
SUN - 8:30AM	700	195	188	189	165	164
SUN - 10:30 AM	700	391	282	284	312	313
SUN - 12:30PM	700	296	172	174	128	189
SUN - 5:00PM	700	142	153	164	113	172
		1244	968	1026	869	1041
2022 October Mass Count						
	Occupancy	Oct 1-2	Oct 8-9	Oct 15-16	Oct 22-23	Oct 29-30
SAT - 4:00PM	700	140	158	207	206	165
SUN - 8:30AM	700	141	210	162	185	189
SUN - 10:30 AM	700	241	274	238	286	272
SUN - 12:30PM	700	193	166	160	185	300
SUN - 5:00PM	700					0
		715	808	767	862	926
2021 October Mass Count						
	Occupancy	Oct 2-3	Oct 9-10	Oct 16-17	Oct 23-24	Oct 30-31
SAT - 4:00PM	700	124	125	147	169	168
SUN - 8:30AM	700	149	164	176	95	148
SUN - 10:30 AM	700	235	236	202	200	234
SUN - 12:30PM	700	160	137	149	163	187
SUN - 5:00PM	700					0
		668	662	674	627	737

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