



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
RECONCILIATION**

**Sundays at 8:00am,
9:45am & 11:45am**

**Wednesdays from
6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Saturdays from
2:30pm - 3:30pm**

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SAINT MICHAEL INFORMATION CENTER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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.



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 Monday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and from 5:00 a.m. Tuesdays until 9:00 p.m. Friday evenings. 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 to sign up or use the QR code.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are currently available to schedule for 2026. 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.



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.



LOW-GLUTEN HOST

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

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 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.



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.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 13

4:00 p.m. + Rosemarie Doersam (Laurie Luft)

Sunday, September 14

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Adeline Maisie Shepherd
(Lauren Jazwiec)

10:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory (The Adams Family)

12:30 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

5:00 p.m. Special Intention of James Kirby (SMS Class of 2025)

Monday, September 15

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Elizabeth Shepherd (Lauren Jazwiec)

8:15 a.m. + Jerry Rocco (The Rocco Family)

Tuesday, September 16

6:30 a.m. + Hector Lopez (Sean Farrell)

8:15 a.m. + Dawn Detter (The Hatem Family)

Wednesday, September 17

6:30 a.m. + Ed Downey (Jeanne & Jerry Kraus)

8:15 a.m. Orphaned Souls of Unborn Children

6:00 p.m. + Tina Fann (Rob Fann)

Thursday, September 18

6:30 a.m. + Tom Pitcock (The Rankin Family)

8:15 a.m. + Ed Rochan (Jeanne & Jerry Kraus)

Friday, September 19

6:30 a.m. + Jean Robert Joseph (Myriam Emanuel)

8:15 a.m. + Daniel Phillip Rako II (The Rako Family)

Saturday, September 20

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Mercy Jose (Donia Jose)

4:00 p.m. + Peter Luft (Laurie Luft)

Sunday, September 21

8:30 a.m. + Matthew Russell

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

12:30 p.m. Special Intention of Leena Rayan Miranda
(SMS Class of 2025)

5:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

PARISH CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, September 14	9:00 a.m. PSR (A) 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 11:30 a.m. St. Gerard Blessings (C) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (C) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Ministry (G) 5:00 p.m. Boy Scout Court of Honor Banquet (U) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (G)
Monday, September 15	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 5:30 p.m. PSR (A) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. Confraternity of Christian Mothers (LMR)
Tuesday, September 16	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Recruiting Night (MH) 7:30 p.m. WFF Bible Study (UMR)
Wednesday, September 17	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C)
Thursday, September 18	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:00 p.m. Festival Meeting (MH) 6:30 p.m. Knights of the Altar (LMR)
Friday, September 19	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:30 a.m. Mom's Day Out (UMR) 3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (UMR)
Saturday, September 20	6:45 a.m. That Man is You (UMR) 7:00 a.m. Pietra (LMR) 8:50 a.m. PSR (A) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
SUNDAY, September 21	9:00 a.m. PSR (A) 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (G)

To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance, please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting 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, (A) = Atrium

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SEPTEMBER 7, 2025:

Envelopes	\$ 20,594.15
Online Giving	\$ 14,192.22
Total:	\$ 34,786.37



± MARRIAGE BANNS ±



CONGRATULATIONS TO
SANTINO DIROSARIO & KIAUNA JOHNSON
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

JOIN THE AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

AMERICAN HERITAGE
GIRLS TROOP #OH-1247
HAS OFFICIALLY
BEGUN AT
ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH!

THIS YEAR WE ARE
ENROLLING GIRLS FROM
KINDERGARTEN
THROUGH 5TH GRADE.

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL AHG@SAINTMICHAEL-CD.ORG

MEETINGS
BEGIN IN
OCTOBER!



SCAN THE QR
CODE TO LEARN
MORE:



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel,
Praised be Jesus Christ!!

Available in the pews is a booklet entitled "9 Days of Prayer with St. Michael" and these are for the faithful to take home and use in your preparation for St. Michael's feast day. As we are named after the Holy Archangel, his Feast Day on September 29th is celebrated as a solemnity here at our parish. In celebration of the Feast of the Archangels we will have Holy Mass offered at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and again at 5:30 p.m. The 8:15 a.m. Mass will be offered by Bishop Fernandes and the 5:30 p.m. Mass will be followed by a hog roast with potluck.

Postcards have been mailed to all of our registered households with information on the Feast Day evening Mass and hog roast. Please use that information to register for the event. If you did not receive a postcard, please call the parish office to register for the hog roast and to also make sure we have you in our parish registry.

During the month of September, we will also have holy cards with a beautiful and powerful prayer to the Holy Archangel available at the doors to the church.

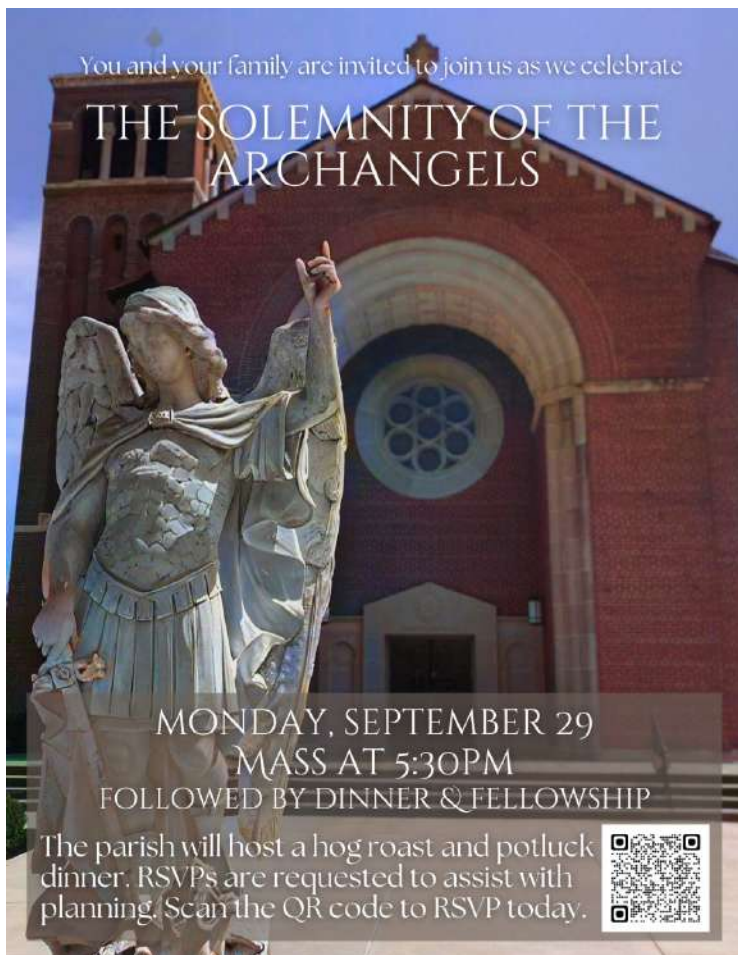
Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their organization of the traveling image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus visiting St. Michael.

Just as a friendly reminder, during the month of October, we will enter into our annual Adoration Appeal to invite all parishioners to commit to one hour a week in front of Jesus in the Adoration Chapel. We hope to expand the number of adorers as well as expand the hours where the Lord Jesus is exposed for Adoration in the chapel.

In this bulletin you will find a letter from me pertaining to the Year-End Fiscal Report. This report is for the fiscal year that ended at the end of June 2025. I would like to thank the members of the parish's Finance Council for their generous assistance offered through attendance at regular meetings as well as guidance and counsel offered in the stewardship of the parish's patrimony.

Entrusting all of you and your intentions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Fr. Stash Dailey

AROUND THE PARISH




You and your family are invited to join us as we celebrate

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ARCHANGELS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
MASS AT 5:30PM
FOLLOWED BY DINNER & FELLOWSHIP

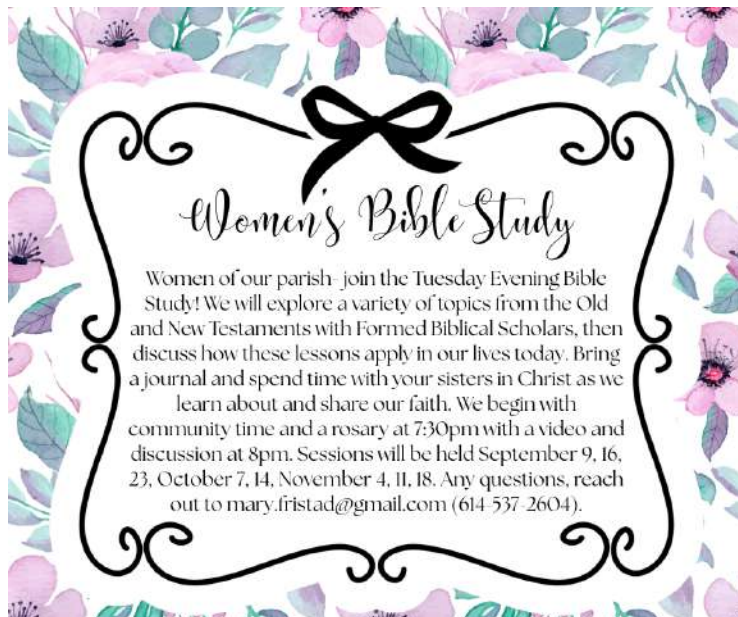
The parish will host a hog roast and potluck dinner. RSVPs are requested to assist with planning. Scan the QR code to RSVP today.



EXPERIENCE PIETRA

A whole-person fitness class that stretches and strengthens the body while refreshing the soul with prayer and meditation. In one hour, you will feel calmer, stronger, and renewed! Join our

Pietra classes! Saturdays from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church. Contact Maria Elliott at maria@viribuswellness.com for more information or scan the QR code to sign up today.



Women's Bible Study

Women of our parish- join the Tuesday Evening Bible Study! We will explore a variety of topics from the Old and New Testaments with Formed Biblical Scholars, then discuss how these lessons apply in our lives today. Bring a journal and spend time with your sisters in Christ as we learn about and share our faith. We begin with community time and a rosary at 7:30pm with a video and discussion at 8pm. Sessions will be held September 9, 16, 23, October 7, 14, November 4, 11, 18. Any questions, reach out to mary.fristad@gmail.com (614 537 2604).

FINANCE LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

After having submitted our parish's "End-of-Year Parish Report" to the Finance Council on Tuesday, September 9th, I now present this report to the parish family. This report is for the fiscal year that began in July of 2024 and ended with the close of June 2025.

I would like to draw your attention to a few points contained within the report which highlight the reality and vitality of life within our parish as well as its investment into the proclamation of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Before I delve into a few key points, I want to express my sincerest gratitude for your heartfelt investment in your parish family and its home, the parish church. Your constant care and concern for your faith, for your parish church, your priests and religious sisters is truly humbling.

A few takeaways from the Fiscal report:

-Our tithing as a parish continues to become stronger and more intentional thus resulting in a higher than projected Sunday offertory. While attendance at Holy Mass has also risen, the increase in offertory is by and large a result of larger tithes rather than simply more people tithing.

-This past fiscal year, we received a great deal of support from extraordinary sources of revenue, think about the very large amount raised last year during the Annual Appeal for the Diocese as an example. We also received funds that had been expected, but their arrival was unknown, e.g. The ERC from the Federal government. While these funds we received went to either pay off loans/debt or to reimburse us for expenses during Covid, they were, nevertheless, counted as income.

-Lastly, there has been an intentional decision to increase attention and financial investment given to three areas; 1) resources for deepening the faith through our Divine Worship, as well as knowledge of the faith through Catechesis and formation of disciples, 2) tithing towards missions and areas of corporal works of mercy, and 3) addressing major areas of maintenance and security around the parish. This change of priorities resulted in much higher than budgeted numbers for areas of 1) Parish, 2) Church and Ministry, and 3) Maintenance Expenses.

The above three areas of importance have received great attention and incredible investment. Our intentional enhancement (of the Liturgy and Study of the Faith), tithing (toward poor parishes and missions around the world) and investment (catching up on and addressing areas of improvement in the parish home) have meant that we have basically put our money where our mouth is as a parish family. While we have changed the course of financial management of the parish so that we not only pay our bills but also put some away for a "rainy day fund," we have also been able to truly care for our brothers and sisters in Christ in areas that are both near and far where poverty is a way of life and not something merely spoken of or thought about. This way of life we have embraced as a parish and manner of using our material goods is something we should not boast in, but rather, bring before the Lord as a holy offering. Our parish has accomplished an AMAZING amount of good in so many different areas of life. I invite you to remember how we have supported foreign missions in India and throughout Africa to keeping open a convent of nuns in Bethlehem in Israel; we have provided for the needs of a Catholic chaplain ministering to prisoners in a state prison in the northern part of our Diocese, while also assisting university students to grow in their faith through participation in Bible studies. Don't forget all of the activities and groups that have grown and flourished in our own parish environment!

Even with the above information shared, it is still important to highlight that, as we have shared an incredible amount with so many others, the Lord has blessed our parish in even greater abundance. While we had budgeted for a minor shortfall, we ended up well into the black with a surplus.

I close by offering a note of gratitude for those who serve on the Finance Council. The members of the Council have proven to be an incredible source of stability and guidance to me in my first year of serving the Lord and His faithful here at St. Michael.

In Jesus, our Lord,

Fr. Stash Dailey

St Michael Parish Catholic Church
Year End Parish Report
As of June 30, 2025

	2024-25	2024-25	Percent
Income:	Actual	Budget	Change
Offertory Contributions	\$1,350,946.36	\$1,260,000.00	7%
* Other Income	\$632,454.38	\$382,720.00	65%
** Diocesan Support Received	\$401,715.67	\$80,000.00	402%
Parish Activity Cost	(\$199,920.00)	(\$187,010.00)	7%
*** School Tuition / Student Income	\$2,280,079.21	\$2,472,917.00	-8%
Interparochial School Support	\$60,633.96	\$177,568.20	-66%
Other School Income	\$225,586.53	\$159,360.20	42%
Net Student Service Act Account Income/Expenses) (PreSchool & Cafeteria)	(\$25,396.63)	(\$48,576.04)	-48%
Religious Education	\$290.00	\$2,050.00	-86%
Total Income	\$4,726,389.48	\$4,299,029.36	10%
Expenses:			
Parish Salaries and Benefits (includes ministries and priests)	\$552,009.73	\$604,496.00	-9%
Parish Expenses	\$296,233.76	\$138,645.12	114%
Church Supply & Ministry Expense	\$146,405.77	\$37,500.00	290%
Diocese Assessment	\$116,411.28	\$140,000.00	-17%
Depreciation Expense	\$130,154.64	\$130,154.64	0%
Parish/Church/Rectory/Convent Maintenance	\$273,939.82	\$195,600.00	40%
Parish Utility Expenses	\$141,045.17	\$152,800.00	-8%
Parish Property Taxes	\$11,632.76	\$11,095.86	5%
Secondary Support	\$23,041.67	\$7,000.00	229%
School Salaries and Benefits (includes all school staff)	\$2,297,011.59	\$2,403,736.12	-4%
School Expenses	\$117,367.63	\$113,944.50	3%
School Technology Expenses	\$135,793.09	\$134,250.00	1%
School Maintenance	\$178,662.10	\$150,000.00	19%
School Utilities	\$74,420.60	\$90,188.51	-17%
Total Expenses	\$4,494,129.61	\$4,309,410.75	
Net Income	\$232,259.87	-\$10,381.39	

* Festival Income of \$89,000 included

** Employee Retention Credit (ERC) of \$240,000 included

*** Emmaus Road (SGO) Income of \$112,000 included

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 September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

"Our Mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close, help us with her intercession and love. So I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole church, for peace in the world, and let us ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace." + POPE LEO XIV

**Monday, September 15 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Sorrows**

Holy Gospel: John 19:25-27 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

Meditation: Recall that at the beginning of Jesus' birth, when he was presented in the temple, Simeon had predicted that Mary would suffer greatly – a sword will pierce through your own soul (see Luke 2:33-35). Many have called Mary a martyr in spirit. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux said: Jesus "died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since his." Mary did not despair in her sorrow and loss, since her faith and hope were sustained by her trust in God and the love she had for her Son. Jesus, in his grief and suffering, did not forget his mother. He entrusted her care to John, as well as John to her. No loss, no suffering can keep us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35-39). Paul the Apostle says that love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things (1 Corinthians 13:3). We can find no greater proof of God's love for us than the willing sacrifice of his Son on the cross. Do you know the love that enables you to bear your cross and to endure trial and difficulties with faith and hope in God?

Prayer: O God, who willed that, when your Son was lifted high on the Cross, his Mother should stand close by and share his suffering, grant that your Church, participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ, may merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows: <https://ourladyofsorrows.com/rosary/>

Prayer of Saint Alphonsus Liguori to Our Lady of Sorrows: O afflicted Virgin, O soul great in virtues, as in sorrows, both the one and the other spring from that fire burning in thy heart for God, the only love of thy heart! Mother, have pity on me, who has not loved God, and who has so greatly offended Him. Thy sorrows, it is true, assure me of pardon, but that's not sufficient. I wish to love God. Who could obtain for me the grace if not thee, who are the Mother of the holy love? O Mary, Thou consolest everyone; favor me also, with thy consolations. Amen.

Contemplation: As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary. We would serve ourselves well to spend quiet time reading sacred scripture and contemplating upon these seven sorrows:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)
2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30)
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37)
7. The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47)

Tuesday, September 16 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Cornelius, Pope and Martyr; and Saint Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:11-17 Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

Meditation: The scriptures make clear that God takes no pleasure in the death of anyone (see Ezekiel 33:11); he desires life, not death. Jesus not only had heart-felt compassion for the widow who lost her only son, he also had extraordinary supernatural power – the ability to restore life and to make whole again. Jesus, however, as an observant Jew incurred grave risk by approaching the bier, since the Jews understood that contact with a dead body made oneself ritually impure. His physical touch, however, not only restored life but brought freedom and wholeness to soul as well as body. This miracle took place near the spot where the prophet Elisha raised another mother's son back to life again (ref. 2 Kings 4:18-37). Jesus claimed as his own one whom death had seized as its prey. By his word of power he restored life for a lad marked for death. Jesus is Lord not only of the living but of the dead as well. Jesus triumphed over the grave and he promises that because he lives, we also shall have abundant life with and in him both now and forever (John 14:19). Do you trust in the Lord Jesus to give you abundant life and everlasting hope in the face of life's trials, misfortunes, and moments of despair?

Prayer: God our Father, in Saints Cornelius and Cyprian you have given your people an inspiring example of dedication to the pastoral ministry and constant witness to Christ in their suffering. May their prayers and faith give us courage to work for the unity of your Church. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: In a number of places the gospel records that Jesus was "moved to the depths of his heart" when he met with individuals and with groups of people. The word "compassion" doesn't fully convey the deeper meaning of the original Hebrew word which expresses heart-felt "sympathy" and personal identification with the suffering person's grief and physical condition. Why was Jesus so moved on this occasion when he met a widow and a crowded funeral procession on their way to the cemetery? Jesus not only grieved the untimely death of a young man, but he showed the depth of his concern for the woman who lost not only her husband, but here only child as well. When a member of the parish dies, how do you respond to the death of a member of the parish? What about the deceased's family members? Perhaps you may not know them well, but as a member of the parish community, should we not pray for the repose of the soul of the deceased, and extend heartfelt compassion and sympathy for the family? Of course we should. For this is an important aspect of community, of belonging to a parish, and what being a member of Christ body is all about.

Wednesday, September 17 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

"On the last day, when the general examination takes place, there will be no question at all on the text of Aristotle, the aphorisms of Hippocrates, or the paragraphs of Justinian. Charity will be the whole syllabus." +SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:31-35 Jesus said to the crowds: "To what shall I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another, 'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep.' For John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine, and you said, 'He is possessed by a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

Meditation: So, what do children's games have to do with the kingdom of God? The children in Jesus' parable react with disappointment because they cannot convince anyone to join in their musical medley. They complain that when they play their music at weddings, no one dances or sings; and when they play at funerals, it is the same dead response. This refrain echoes the words of Ecclesiastes 3:4 — there is a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance. Jesus' message of the kingdom of God is a proclamation of good news and of great joy for those who will listen; but it is also a warning for those

who refuse. Why did the message of John the Baptist and the message of Jesus meet with resistance and deaf ears? It was out of jealousy and spiritual blindness that the scribes and Pharisees attributed John the Baptist's austerities to the devil and they attributed Jesus' table fellowship as evidence for messianic pretense. They succeeded in frustrating God's plan for their lives because they had closed their hearts to the message of John the Baptist and now to Jesus.

Prayer: O God, who adorned the Bishop Saint Robert Bellarmine with wonderful learning and virtue to vindicate the faith of your Church, grant, through his intercession, that in the integrity of that same faith your people may always find joy. 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: Have you ever sat back and thought about those things that can make us spiritually dull and slow to hear God's voice? Like the generation of Jesus' time, our age is marked by indifference and contempt, especially in regards to the things of God's kingdom. Indifference dulls our ears to God's voice and to the good news of the gospel. Only the humble of heart can find joy in God's grace and favor. Do you listen to God's word with faith and obedience?

About Saint Robert Bellarmine: St. Robert Bellarmine was born at Montepulciano in Tuscany on October 4, 1542, the feast of the Poverello of Assisi toward whom he always cherished a special devotion. The day on which he died, September 17, is now the feast in honor of the stigmata of St. Francis. In 1560 Robert Bellarmine entered the Society of Jesus. He easily ranks among its greatest men, illustrious for learning as well as for piety, humility, and simplicity of heart. If it were possible to summarize his life in a single sentence, one that would resolve all the varied activities and accomplishments of his long career, a verse from the psalm might serve: "If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten." His most important work was controversial in nature but the impact of his presentation "resembled the final chord in a mighty cantata, a chord that resounded through all the vice and scandal resulting from the internal corruption of the Church of that day, and that chord heralded Mother Church as one, holy, and Catholic" (E. Birmingham). Bellarmine also acted as confessor to the youthful Aloysius and John Berchmans. It might be asked why three hundred years passed before the beatification and canonization of Bellarmine. Long ago Bishop Hefele pointed to the reason when he wrote: "Bellarmine deserves the highest degree of respect from Catholics, even though he has not been canonized. Those who labored to besmirch him have only erected a monument of shame for themselves!" Finally in 1923, he was beatified; canonization followed in 1930, and on September 17, 1931, Pope Pius XI declared him a Doctor of the Church.

Thursday September 18 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:36-50 A certain Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Meditation: Why did the woman approach Jesus and anoint him at the risk of ridicule and abuse by others? Mary's action was motivated by one thing, and one thing only, namely, her love for Jesus and her gratitude for forgiveness. She did something, though, that a Jewish woman would never do in public. She loosed her hair and anointed Jesus with her tears. It was customary for a woman on her wedding day to bound her hair. Thus, for a married woman to loosen her hair in public was a sign of grave immodesty. It is obvious that the woman was oblivious to all around her, except for Jesus. She also did something which only love can do. She took the most precious thing she had and spent it all on Jesus. Her love was not calculated but extravagant. In a spirit of humility and heart-felt repentance, she lavishly served the one

who showed her the mercy and kindness of God. Jesus, in his customary fashion, never lost the opportunity to draw a lesson from such an incident.

Prayer: Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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: No one who met Jesus could do so with indifference. They were either attracted to him or repelled by him. Why did a rabbi invite him to a nice dinner and then treat him discourteously by neglecting to give him the customary signs of respect and honor? Simon was very likely a collector of celebrities. He patronized Jesus because of his popularity with the crowds. Why did he criticize Jesus' compassionate treatment of a "sinful woman" — most likely a prostitute? The Pharisees shunned the company of "public sinners" and in so doing they neglected to give them the help they needed to find healing and wholeness. Jesus makes clear that great love springs from a heart forgiven and cleansed. "Love covers a multitude of sins" (ref. 1 Peter 4:8), "for love is of God" (ref. 1 John 4:7). The woman's lavish expression of love was proof that she had found favor with God. The stark contrast of attitudes between Simon and the woman of ill-repute, demonstrate how we can either accept or reject God's mercy.

Friday, September 19 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:1-3 Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

Meditation: Are you ready to serve the Lord and to support the work of the gospel with your personal resources? During his three years of public ministry Jesus traveled widely. The gospel records that a band of women accompanied Jesus and the twelve apostles. This was a diverse group of women; some came from rich and prominent families; some had been prostitutes, and others had been afflicted with mental and physical infirmities. We know that Mary Magdalene had lived a very troubled life before Jesus freed her from seven demons. She was privileged to be the first to see Jesus as the risen Lord. As the wife of King Herod's chief financial officer, Joanna was a wealthy lady of the court. It's unlikely that these two would have ever met under other circumstances. What brought them together and united them in a bond of friendship, service, and loyalty to Jesus? Certainly Jesus and his message of the kingdom of God had transformed them. Unlike the apostles, who took great pride in being the chosen twelve, these women did not seek position or demand special privileges. Jesus had touched them so deeply that they were grateful to do anything for him, even menial service. They brought their gifts and resources to Jesus to use as he saw fit. Or are you more like the status-conscious apostles who were concerned for their position, or like the women who were content to serve Jesus quietly and generously with their personal resources? In our fallen state, our natural tendency is to want to be served and placed first and to avoid giving too much of ourselves to the service of others. And besides, who really prefers to take the lowly place of a servant who puts the needs of others before their own needs? Jesus is our best example who "came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom" for us (Matthew 20:28). The gospel honors these women who imitated Jesus in his selfless sacrificial love and humble service.

Prayer: O God, who grant us to venerate the memory of the Martyr Saint Januarius, give us, we pray, the joy of his company in blessed happiness for all eternity. 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 privilege as children of God and disciples of Jesus is to serve as Jesus served with humility, selfless love, generosity, joy, and a willingness to do whatever God asks of us. God, in his turn, gives us every good gift and grace we need to carry out our task and mission. God in his infinite power needs no one, but in his wisdom and love, he chooses to entrust his work through each one of us. His Holy Spirit equips us with all that we need to love and serve others. No one is unimportant or unnecessary in God's economy. The least in his kingdom find a home and a mission at Jesus' side. Do you know the joy of serving Jesus in company with others who love and serve him willingly?

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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Your Eminences, Your Excellencies,

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Dear Ambassadors and Scholars of Mariology,

Dear brothers and sisters!

I am pleased to receive you at the conclusion of the Congress of the International Marian Academy. I greet the President, the Secretary, the members of the Executive Council, the collaborators and all the benefactors.

The Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, teaches us to be the holy People of God; hence the importance of this Pontifical Academy, a forum for thought, spirituality and dialogue, tasked with coordinating the studies and scholars of Mariology, in the service of a genuine and fruitful *pietas mariana*.

At this 26th Congress, you pondered whether the Church's Marian dimension is a remnant of the past or a prophecy for the future, capable of freeing minds and hearts from the customs and nostalgia of a "Christian society" that no longer exists. You have discussed the goals and values that Marian devotion offers to believers, considering whether they support the hope and consolation that the Church is called to proclaim. You have recognized in the jubilee and in synodality two biblical and theological themes that effectively express the vocation and mission of the Mother of the Lord.

As a "jubilant" woman, Mary is always ready to respond by first listening to the Word, according to the disposition described by Saint Augustine: "All consult you about what they want, but they do not always hear the answer they want. Your most faithful servant is the one who does not seek to hear from you what he wants, but rather to want what he hears from you" (Confessions, X, 26). As a "synodal" woman, she is fully and maternally engaged in the action of the Holy Spirit, who summons those who previously believed they had reasons to remain divided due to mutual distrust and even enmity as brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 5:43-48).

A Church with a Marian heart always better preserves and understands the hierarchy of truths of faith, integrating mind and heart, body and soul, universal and local, person and community, humanity and cosmos. It is a Church that does not shy away from asking herself, others and God uncomfortable questions – "how shall this be?" (Lk 1:34) – and to walk the demanding paths of faith and love – "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38).

A Marian *pietas* and practice oriented towards the service of hope and consolation frees us from fatalism, superficiality and fundamentalism; it takes all human realities seriously, starting with the least and the discarded; it contributes to giving voice and dignity to those who are sacrificed on the altars of ancient and new idols.

Since the vocation of the Mother of the Lord is understood as the vocation of the Church, Marian theology has the task of cultivating in all the People of God, first of all, a willingness to "start afresh" with God, his Word and the needs of our neighbor, with humility and courage (cf. Lk 1:38-39). It must also cultivate the desire to walk towards the unity that flows from the Trinity, in order to bear witness to the world, to the beauty of faith, the fruitfulness of love and the prophecy of hope that does not disappoint. Contemplating the mystery of God and history of Mary's inner gaze protects us from the distortions of propaganda, ideology and unhealthy information, which can never speak a disarmed and disarming word, and opens us to divine gratuitousness, which alone makes it possible for people, populations and cultures to walk together in peace (cf. Lk 24:36, 46-48).

This is why the Church needs Mariology. It should be considered and promoted in academic centers, shrines and parish communities, associations and movements, institutes of consecrated life, as well as in places where contemporary cultures are forged, valuing the limitless inspiration offered by art, music and literature.

In recent years, the Marian Academy has also launched various initiatives to advance the image and message of the Mother of Jesus as a way of encounter and dialogue between cultures. Indeed, as the perfect cooperatrix with the Holy Spirit, she never ceases to open doors, build bridges, break down walls and help humanity to live in peace and in the harmony of diversity.

I thank you for this ecclesial service, which continues to remind us that the Church always has a Marian "face" and a Marian praxis. I also congratulate those who have submitted their musical and artistic works for the annual international award "Mary, Way of Peace between Cultures."

Dear friends, may your Academy always be a home and a school open to all those who wish to place their Marian studies at the service of the Church. For this I pray and offer you my blessing. Thank you.

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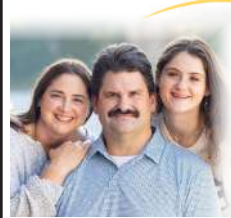
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