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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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Saint Michael Information Center

Sacrament of Baptism

Pre-Baptism classes offered at 2:00 p.m. on the second Sunday; preregistration required. All Baptisms are by appointment only; sponsors need Letter from their pastor. Baptisms may be scheduled on Saturdays in the morning and early afternoon as well as Sunday afternoons following the 12:30 p.m. Mass – schedule permitting. Please contact the Parish Office.

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

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Mass Intentions

2027 is now available (2026 is completely booked). 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 office@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 sriya@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.

Media & Bulletin Requests

To be included in the upcoming weekend, all bulletin and media requests must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the Monday prior. Early submissions are always appreciated and help us serve our parish community more effectively. Please plan ahead, as holiday and holy day schedules may require earlier submission deadlines. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This past Tuesday, on September 29th, we had a phenomenal celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel (and St. Gabriel and St. Raphael, too!) The turnout of parishioners was great, the weather was wonderful, and the spirit in the air was nothing other than perfect! PLEASE mark your calendars for SEPTEMBER 29th, 2027, for the next Feast Day Mass and Hog Roast!

Now that October is here, we have several important events taking place. This month is the **Month of the Holy Rosary!** October as a month is dedicated to **RESPECT FOR LIFE!** This month has several important Feast Days, too!

In Union with the whole Church, we honor Our Lady of the Rosary, feast day on October 7th, and strive to pray the Rosary with greater fervor and devotion every day. The Holy Father Pope Leo was recently in Lourdes, and he asked every disciple of Jesus to pray the Rosary every day in October for the intention of PEACE. May we listen to the Holy Father and give 15-20 minutes each day to praying the Rosary.

Here at St. Michael, we will begin our parish's Confraternity of the Holy Rosary with our first ever enrollment into the Confraternity. This will happen on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Our Holy Father has been reminding all of us that technology should not be allowed to, nor put into a place of, authority so as to take away our dignity. Every human life is precious and belongs only to the Living God. Every transgression against the beauty and dignity of humanity in the life of each person should be seen for what it is – evil. The month of October gives each of us a sometimes uncomfortable reminder that life, ALL HUMAN LIFE, is precious and needs defended. This means every life in the womb of a mother as well as every life in need of care in a hospice bed and all stages in between those two is precious and worthy of respect and defense. "Mercy" cannot be militarized or weaponized and used against those who are vulnerable because their presence is challenging for those addicted to their own comfort. Our society sweeps away all acts of violence against the most innocent and vulnerable and eventually AND intentionally desensitizes us against what is now all too often a tragic norm, the destruction of human dignity and the wiping away of precious people. The Gospel of Life which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ demands our attention to the defense of human life in every stage of its existence.

This week, October 4th is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi! It is the 800th anniversary of his death. On October 7th, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, formerly known as Our Lady of Victory!

This month has much to offer and consider!!! Through prayer and confidence in God's unending mercy may we each grow in our love for the Lord, our love for ourselves and then a true love for our neighbor.

In Jesus our Lord,

Fr. Stash Dailey

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

The Holy Rosary, in its popular form today, was given by Our Lady to St. Dominic. So as to unite the faithful who pray the Holy Rosary daily and with devotion, the Church organized and blessed the union of the faithful under the organization of a Confraternity of the Holy Rosary. This Confraternity is entrusted to the governance and pastoral care of the Dominican Friars. The Friars delegate to local pastors the permission to erect local chapters of the Confraternity in their parishes and enroll new members.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish has received official permission from the Provincial of the Dominican Friars and Bishop Fernandes to have a Confraternity of the Holy Rosary.

Our Confraternity will have its first enrollment on The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7th following the 6:00 p.m. evening Mass in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord.

Membership is open to any faithful Catholic who strives to live in accordance with the 10 Commandments, the Precepts of the Church, The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, and pray a Rosary every day. Members benefit from the prayers offered by all other members of the Confraternity around the world and are encouraged to likewise pray for the intentions of all other members. All of our parishioners are encouraged to consider and, if interested in pursuing membership, are invited to this enrollment.

Monthly Rosary and Formation meeting for enrolled members will be held on the 4th Thursday of the Month in the Upper Meeting Room.

We are blessed to have Br. Adam from the Fathers of Mercy lead the "St. Michael the Archangel Parish Confraternity of the Holy Rosary."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 3

- 8:15 a.m. S.I. Helmut Titz (Brigitte Bohnen-Hartley)
4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish

Sunday, October 4

- 8:30 a.m. +Edmund Mayer (Charlene Scott)
10:30 a.m. S.I. Lily Adams (Adams Family)
12:30 p.m. +Rosemary Trelease
5:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Shimp Family

Monday, October 5

- 6:30 a.m. S.I. Cecil Family
8:15 a.m. +Phyllis Ort (Jon & Gail Ryan)

Tuesday, October 6

- 6:30 a.m. S.I. Joseph Barlage (Kevin Barlage)
8:15 a.m. S.I. Michael & Jackie White

Wednesday, October 7

- 6:30 a.m. +Allen & Margaret Hopfensperger (Dcn. John Crerand)
8:15 a.m. S.I. Sr. Ava Maria (SMS 2025-2026 2nd Grade Class)
6:00 p.m. +Joan Martha Cunningham
(Cunningham & Johnson Families)

Thursday, October 8

- 6:30 a.m. Lou Griffith (Karen Griffith)
8:15 a.m. +Joan Cunningham (Dcn. John Crerand)

Friday, October 9

- 6:30 a.m. S.I. Eileen Minette (Fiala-Fristad Family)
8:15 a.m. +Edward & Lenore Graf (Cobb Family)

Saturday, October 10

- 8:15 a.m. +Elaine Cruz Jones (Joseph Gecan)
4:00 p.m. S.I. Don & Cheryl Sands

Sunday, October 11

- 8:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish
10:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Bohnen-Hartley Family
12:30 p.m. S.I. Adriana Ferguson
5:00 p.m. +Mike Hammontree

Parish Calendar October

Sunday, October 4	Friendship Sunday Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Pre-Scheduled Baptism (C) 6:00 p.m. Elevari High School Y.M. (G)
Monday, October 5	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)
Tuesday, October 6	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:00 p.m. Women's Faith & Fellowship (UMR)
Wednesday, October 7	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
Thursday, October 8	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. Confraternity of Christian Mothers (LMR)
Friday, October 9	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:30 a.m. Mom's Day Out (UMR) 4:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (C)
Saturday, October 10	6:45 a.m. Men's Faith & Fellowship (UMR) 9:30 a.m. SVDP Monthly Meeting (UMR) 12:00 p.m. Wedding (C/UMR/LMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
Sunday, October 11	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 11:30 a.m. St. Gerard Blessing (C) 2:00 p.m. Seasons of Hope (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Pre-Registered Baptism Class (MH/PO) 6:00 p.m. Elevari High School Y.M. (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



Baptism
Thea King



Wedding Banns

Bryan Devon Harant and
Avery Venetta
Thomas M. Andrejczak and
Lisa M. D'Amico

Financial Stewardship
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Envelopes \$ 9,443.00
Online Giving ... \$ 7,427.00
Total: \$ 16,870.00

Around the Parish



Live Wires

Join us for Taco Tuesday, October 13th at 11:30 a.m. in Marian Hall. All senior parishioners are warmly invited to join the Live Wires for our monthly gathering and a fun Taco Tuesday lunch. \$3.00 per person includes tacos, dessert, and drinks. To help with food preparation, please RSVP to the Parish Office by Sunday, October 11th at 614-885-7814. We look forward to sharing good food, fellowship, and time together!



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

2026-27 OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? We invite you to join us for an upcoming OCIA information session. OCIA is the process for adults who would like to explore the Catholic faith, become Catholic, or complete their Sacraments of Initiation. Come learn about the OCIA process, what to expect, and what participants can look forward to throughout this faith journey. We look forward to walking with you as you learn more about the Catholic faith! Classes held on Sunday, at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. For more information, see our website at <https://www.saintmichael-cd.org/evangelization/ocia/> or contact Fr. Michael Suhy at the Parish Office.

Around the Parish (continued)



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 Sunday from 5:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Monday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and from Tuesday at 6:00 a.m. through Friday at 9:00 p.m. A second Adorer is needed for many hours. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Can't commit to a weekly hour? Sign up to be a substitute. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com to sign up or use the above QR code.



St. Vincent de Paul

The SVdP Coat Drive: We are collecting new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, or scarves during the month of October for Sponsor A Family distribution. Coats are needed for all ages and genders. Donations may be dropped off at the collection chute behind the school gym. Thank you for your generous support!



Compassion Without Conditions

Every patient is welcomed with dignity, regardless of religion, ethnicity, or ability to pay. This is Christ's healing ministry in action.



Seasons of Hope

Sundays, October 11, 18, 25 and November 1 & 8, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, you are invited to join Seasons of Hope, a five-week grief support series centered on Jesus Christ, exploring mourning through Scripture, prayer, faith sharing, and reflection activities.

For more information or to register, please contact Debbie Kennedy at 614-937-0516 or kennedydeborah@yahoo.com. Registration deadline: Sunday, October 4. Come and be comforted.



Seven Sisters Apostolate

Do you love to spend time with Jesus in weekly Adoration? Do you love and pray for our priests? Consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate at St. Michael. The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a group of seven women who commit to pray in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord (at any Catholic Adoration chapel or church) for one Holy Hour a week for one of the priests currently serving at our parish.

The day of the week would be consistent for the year, but the hour within that day can vary. It is a commitment for one year. We are in need of completing the seven for two of our St. Michael priests as well as looking for subs for each group. To find out more information about the apostolate, scan the code or email:

7sisters.stmichael.worthington@gmail.com



ST. GERARD MAJELLA BLESSING

Sunday, October 11th is the monthly blessing of those who are hoping to conceive, who are expectant mothers, who are sick children or mothers, as well as all particular intentions through the intercession of St. Gerard Majella.

This will take place after the 10:30am Mass in front of the Blessed Virgin's side altar. Thank you to the Confraternity of Christian Mothers who sponsor the monthly blessing.

Around the Parish (continued)

Dear Saint Michael Middle School Families,

Hello! My name is Grace Elliott and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Middle School Youth Ministry Coordinator! As some of you may know, I am a parishioner at Saint Michael's and a current Junior at Bishop Watterson High School. I am truly looking forward to this opportunity to work with you all. My main goal is simple - to help each and every one of the participants in youth ministry to grow in their relationship with themselves, one another, and of course Jesus Christ!

Throughout the year, we will focus on growing in faith, building friendships, and creating a space/time where students can aim to grow closer to Jesus. A basic outline for a day your children could expect is a daily topic and a talk, small group conversation, or bible/journaling time in relation to that topic. Of course there will be food, games, and friendship (as I'm sure they are very excited for ;)). There may be days we implement confession, adoration, etc. as well. Prior to the scheduled youth groups on Sunday afternoons, we will be having a "kickoff" to start the year. This is a more "welcome back" and "get to know you" type event, which will be held on Tuesday October 13th from 6:00-7:30. All middle schoolers are welcome for a casual night of food, games, and community. All in all, I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity to begin working with you all, as well as witnessing the Lord work beautifully in the lives of each child. Please reach out with any possible questions or concerns. I can't wait to get started!

God Bless,

Grace Elliott

THE ADVENTURERS

COME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY!

D a t e s

- Oct. 18th
- Nov. 1st 8th & 26th
- Dec. 6th & 13th



3:00-4:30PM

- FOOD
- FUN
- FRIENDS
- JESUS!

STAY FOR MASS AFTER!



FIRST TUESDAY DEVOTION TO THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Fasting ✙ Mortification ✙ Prayer ✙ Mass

Tuesday, October 6
6:30am Mass at St. Michael

Chaplet and Litany for the
Holy Souls will be recited
after Mass in front of St. Joseph

Mortis et Orationis

CENTRAL OHIO
Purgatorial Society
www.holysoulsolumbus.com

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 October – a Marian Month – is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary

"Lord Jesus, over the centuries you've inspired your Church to give the Faithful the doctrine of the Holy Rosary as the foundation for devotion to the Rosary. Help us, in our own lives, to show the progress of our understanding of the mysteries of the Rosary, and becoming more devoted every day to your Mother, so that by our growing knowledge of her and of experiencing her help we might be in our lives channels of grace to everyone whose life we touch because it [is] through your Mother, dear Savior, that we hope to reach that destiny for which we were made. Amen." ~PRAYER OF FATHER JOHN HARDON, S.J.

Monday, October 5 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Meditation: When personal tragedy strikes, or when there is a great human calamity, people will often ask "If God is all-loving and compassionate, then why is there so much suffering and evil in this world?" Jesus' parable about a highway robbery gives us a helpful hint. Jesus told this dramatic story in response to a devout Jew who wanted to understand how to apply God's great commandment of love to his everyday life circumstances. In so many words this religious-minded Jewish person said: "I want to love God as best as I can and I want to love my neighbor as well. But how do I know that I am fulfilling my duty to love my neighbor as myself?" Jesus must have smiled when he heard this man challenge him to explain one's duty towards their neighbor. For the Jewish believer the law of love was plain and simple: "treat your neighbor as you would treat yourself." The real issue for this believer was the correct definition of who is "my neighbor." He understood "neighbor" to mean one's fellow Jew who belonged to the same covenant which God made with the people of Israel. Up to a certain point, Jesus agreed with this sincere expert but, at the same time, he challenged him to see that God's view of neighbor went far beyond his narrow definition.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 does Jesus' story tell us about true love for one's neighbor? First, we must be willing to help even if others brought trouble on themselves through their own fault or negligence. Second,

our love and concern to help others in need must be practical. Good intentions and showing pity, or empathizing with others, are not enough. And lastly, our love for others must be as wide and as inclusive as God's love. God excludes no one from his care and concern. God's love is unconditional. So we must be ready to do good to others for their sake, just as God is good to us. Jesus not only taught God's way of love, but he showed how far God was willing to go to share in our suffering and to restore us to wholeness of life and happiness. Jesus overcame sin, suffering, and death through his victory on the cross. His death brought us freedom from slavery to sin and the promise of everlasting life with God. He willingly shared in our suffering to bring us to the source of true healing and freedom from sin and oppression.

Tuesday, October 6 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Bruno, Priest, Founder of the Carthusian Order;
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Holy Gospel: John 1:47-51 Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Meditation: Jesus enjoyed visiting the home of Martha and Mary as they were gracious and hospitable. But notice in this brief encounter we see two very different temperaments in Martha and Mary. Martha loved to serve, but in her anxious manner of waiting on Jesus, she caused unrest. Mary, in her simple and trusting manner, waited on Jesus by sitting attentively at his feet. She instinctively knew that what Jesus the Lord most wanted at that moment was her attentive presence. Who are we more like – Martha or Mary? When in prayer in church or at home or work does anxiety and preoccupation keep us from listening and from giving the Lord our undivided attention. What about that mobile phone that seems to be glued to our hand, waiting for the next text message from someone, rather than turning it off so we can focus totally on our prayer conversation with Jesus? Folks, the Lord asks us to give him our concerns and anxieties because he is trustworthy and able to meet any need we have. His grace frees us from needless concerns and preoccupation. Do you seek the Lord fully and attentively? Do you welcome him?

Prayer ~ Saint Bruno: O God, who called Saint Bruno to serve you in solitude, grant, through his intercession, that amid the changes of this world we may constantly look to you alone. 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.

Prayer ~ Blessed Marie Rose Durocher: Lord, who enkindled in the heart of Blessed Marie Rose Durocher the flame of ardent charity and a great desire to cooperate in the mission of the Church as a teacher, grant us that same active love, so that, in responding to the needs of the world today, we may lead our brothers and sisters to the blessedness of eternal life. 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 Jesus desires that we make a place for him, not only in our hearts, but in our homes and in the daily circumstances of our lives as well. We honor the Lord when we offer to him everything we have and everything we do. After all, everything we have is an outright gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14). Paul the Apostle urges us to give God glory in everything: "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17). Practically speaking, do you have a framed image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus hanging noticeably in your home? Do you have crucifixes hanging in various rooms of your home? Is your Bible a ready source of reading in your living room, den, or bedside? When is the last time you had your home blessed? All of these help us remember Jesus by visibly welcoming him into our physical homes (dwellings) – honoring him, remembering him, praying to him, thanking him – and will nourish and strengthen the spiritual home we build in each of us.

Wednesday, October 7 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of the Rosary

"The Church has always attributed particular efficacy to this prayer, entrusting to the Rosary, to its choral recitation and to its constant practice, the most difficult problems. At times when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of this prayer, and Our Lady of the Rosary was acclaimed as the one whose intercession brought salvation."

+Pope Saint John Paul II, Apostolic Letter ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIAE, October 2002, No. 39

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Meditation: Do you want to live a grace-filled life? Of course you do! The angel Gabriel salutes Mary as "full of grace." To become the mother of the Savior, Mary was enriched by God with gifts to enable her to assume this awesome role. There is a venerable tradition among many Christians, dating back to the early church, for honoring Mary as the spotless virgin who bore the Son of God in her womb. A number of early church fathers link Mary's obedience to this singular grace of God, including Saint Irenaeus who said: "Being obedient she became the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race... The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by Mary's obedience: what the virgin Eve bound through her disbelief, Mary loosened by her faith."

Prayer: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

A wonderful "all things Rosary" resource: The Rosary Center ~ www.rosarycenter.org

Contemplation: October is the Month of the Rosary – a time set aside to devote our time and attention to this ancient form of prayer, the devotion to Our Lady, and the Christocentric walk we take with Jesus when praying and meditating on the mysteries and life of Jesus our Savior. By praying the rosary we also implore the aid of our Blessed Mother to help us in the various challenges and struggles each of us face in life, and to help those whom we pray the rosary on their behalf. Recall the words of Saint Paul: "In all things we suffer tribulation, but we are not distressed; we are sore pressed, but we are not destitute; we endure persecution, but we are not forsaken; we are cast down, but we do not perish; always bearing about in our body the dying of Jesus, so that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our bodily frame."

Thursday, October 8 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:5-13 Jesus said to his disciples: "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Meditation: Jesus used the illustration of a late-night traveler to teach his listeners an important lesson about how God treats us in contrast to the kind of treatment we might expect from good neighbors. The rule of hospitality in biblical times required the cooperation of the entire community in entertaining an unexpected or late-night guest. Whether the guest was hungry or not, a meal would be served. In a small village it would be easy to know who had baked bread that day. Bread was essential for a meal because it served as a utensil for dipping and eating from the common dishes. Asking for bread from one's neighbor was both a common occurrence and an expected favor. To refuse to give bread would bring shame because it was a sign of in-hospitality.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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: God will always give us what we need – not what we want, but what we need. There is a difference, obviously, and we should find contentment that God does provide, not the way we want, or according to the time we want, but the way that God wants “it” for us – whatever “it” happens to be.

Friday, October 9 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Denis, Bishop and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:15-26 When Jesus had driven out a demon, some of the crowd said: “By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he drives out demons.” Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven. But he knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house. And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his possessions are safe. But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armor on which he relied and distributes the spoils. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

“When an unclean spirit goes out of someone, it roams through arid regions searching for rest but, finding none, it says, ‘I shall return to my home from which I came.’ But upon returning, it finds it swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and brings back seven other spirits more wicked than itself who move in and dwell there, and the last condition of that man is worse than the first.”

Meditation: Evil is not an impersonal force that just happens. It has a name and a face and it seeks to master every heart and soul on the face of the earth (1 Peter 5:8-9). Scripture identifies the Evil One by many names, ‘Satan,’ ‘Beelzebul’ - the ‘prince of demons,’ the ‘Devil,’ the ‘Deceiver,’ the ‘Father of Lies,’ and ‘Lucifer,’ the fallen angel who broke rank with God and established his own army and kingdom in opposition to God. Jesus declared that he came to overthrow the power of Satan and his kingdom (John 12:31). Jesus’ numerous exorcisms brought freedom to many who were troubled and oppressed by the work of evil spirits. Jesus himself encountered personal opposition and battle with Satan when he was put to the test in the wilderness just before his public ministry (Matthew 4:1; Luke 4:1). He overcame the Evil One through his obedience to the will of his Father.

Prayer: O God, who sent Saint Denis and his companions to preach your glory to the nations and strengthened them for their mission with the virtue of constancy in suffering, grant, we pray, that we may imitate them in disdaining prosperity in this world and in being undaunted by any trial. 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 you see evil at work in the world, what kind of protection do you seek for yourself and for others? Jesus came to free us from the greatest danger of all - the corrupting force of evil which destroys us from within and makes us slaves to sin and Satan (John 8:34). Seek Jesus first, foremost and always.

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