



ST MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS, GROW DISCIPLES, BRING CHRIST TO PEOPLE

NOVEMBER 22, 2020



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” - Mt 25:34

FROM FR CARL

Christ the King and Thanksgiving Day

Dear St Michael Family,

Before Advent, there lies before us the Solemnity of Christ the King and Thanksgiving Day. What are those things for which we must give thanks and whom shall we thank? Going back to the history of our nation, the founders of this republic humbly thanked the Great Divine Lord and Ruler for the gift of being a free nation, with her democratic principles for the pursuit of truth, happiness and justice for all. In the first national Thanksgiving Day proclamation under the Constitution, George Washington signed this powerful and inspiring prayer:

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks, for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation ...

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually, to render our national government a blessing to all the people...

The founding fathers of this great nation gave us an insight who truly is the Sovereign Ruler and King of the World. Our free nation's principles and constitution are grounded in this TRUTH. This reminds us also of what was said in the Vatican II papers: "God willed to leave them [human beings] in the hands of their own counsel, so that they would seek their Creator of their own accord and would freely arrive at full and blessed perfection by cleaving to God." (*Gaudium et Spes* 17; *Veritatis Splendor* 38)

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day and Christ the King, let us reflect upon these questions: Who is first in my life? Who has blessed me with all that possess and have right now?

I hope that the answer is Our Almighty God! Let us not forget this truth. Let us put forth our best efforts to pass this on to our children, family members and friends. For without God, there is no free state and no true freedom.

"For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!"
(Psalm 47:7)

God bless America! Jesus, King of the Universe, have mercy on us!

Fr Carl



Worship Schedule

Effective November 18, 2020

OUTDOOR MASS

Weather permitting.
Bring your own chair.
Face covering required.

Monday—Saturday

8:30 am

Sunday

8:00 am Traditional Latin

9:30 am English

11:00 am English

12:30 pm Spanish

LIVESTREAM MASS

On Facebook and YouTube.

Monday - Saturday

6:45 am

In English

Wednesday

8:30 am School Mass

In English

5:00 pm

In Spanish

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

In English

7:00 pm

In Spanish

Sunday

8:00 am

Latin

9:30 am

English

PARK & LISTEN

Tune in to 87.9 FM

Park in the parking lot or side streets within a block of the church and tune in to 87.9 FM to listen to Mass.

WALK IN COMMUNION

Pray with Livestream Mass or listen from the parking lot on 87.9 FM.
Face covering required.

Arrive exactly 45 minutes after Mass begins to receive Communion.

CONFESSION & ADORATION

In the Courtyard.
Weather permitting.
Face covering required.
Bring your own chair for Adoration.

Monday - Friday

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturday

9:30 am - 10:30 am

DAILY ZOOM ROSARY

12:00 pm in English
<http://bit.ly/RosaryDec>

8:00 pm in Spanish
<http://bit.ly/RosarioDec>

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Worship schedule is subject to change based on the latest from Alameda County Health Department and the Diocese of Oakland.

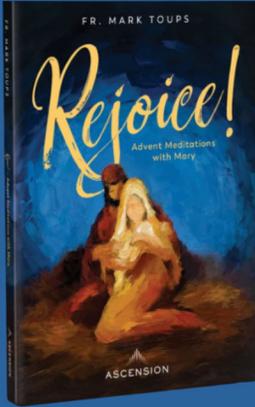
Outdoor Mass, Confession and Adoration is offered weather permitting.

Bookmark StMichaelLivermore.com/MassTimes (or scan the code below) for the most current schedule.



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ADVENT



ADVENT MISSION RETREAT

Mondays on Zoom

November 23 - December 21

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

StMichaelLivermore.com/Advent



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ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING & BLESSING

November 28

Livestream on Facebook & YouTube

5 pm in English, 7 pm in Spanish



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

December 7: 5 pm English, and 7 pm Spanish

December 8: 6:45 am and 8:30 am

We remain dispensed from the obligation to celebrate Mass during the pandemic



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ADVENT RECONCILIATION

December 9 and 16 at 6:30 – 8:00 pm

for St Michael School and Faith Formation.

Mon-Fri at 6:30 pm and Sat at 9:30 am for parish community.



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CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS



NOW SCHEDULING BABY BAPTISMS

Preparation classes for parents and godparents are online. Download the information packet to start the process.



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CONFESSION IN THE COURTYARD

In the the Courtyard, weather permitting.

Face covering required.

M-F at 6:30 pm, Sat at 9:30 am.



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Courtyard, weather permitting.

M-F at 6:30 pm and Sat at 9:30 am.

Wear a face covering.

Bring your own chair.



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SACRAMENT PREP FOR ADULTS

Now enrolling adults to prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Classes are online!



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GROW DISCIPLES



DAILY DECEMBER ROSARY

Meet on Zoom at 12:00 pm
Everyday in December
Rosary beginners welcome
Let's pray together



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FORMED NOW! PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

Dr. Tim Gray sits down with Dr. Ben Akers to discuss the Church's teaching on prayer and how prayer is our response of love and faith to God's thirst for us. (30 min video)



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GUADALUPE THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE



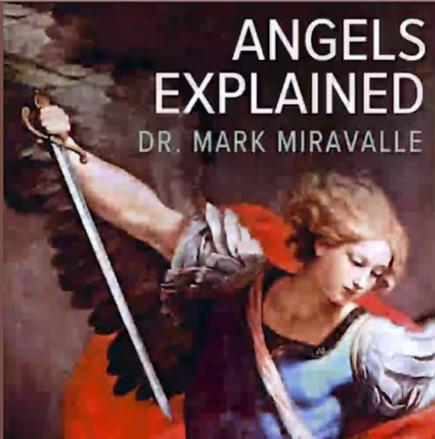
GUADALUPE

In 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith. (58 min documentary).



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ANGELS EXPLAINED DR. MARK MIRAVALLE



ABOUT THE NINE CHOIRS

Dr. Mark Miravalle explains the nine choirs of angels, their differing roles and hierarchical order, and how much angels can help us if we only ask. 1-hour audio talk.



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BRING CHRIST TO PEOPLE



COMMUNITY CARE FREE GROCERIES

Saturdays 12/5, 12/12, 12/19
9:00 am - 11:00 am while supplies last
St Michael School yard
Enter the gate at 4th Street and Maple



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SPONSOR HOLIDAY GROCERIES

\$25 sponsors a family with
groceries for a holiday meal,
including ham, side dishes, baking
supplies and desserts



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ORDER SEE'S CANDIES

Our Catholic Daughters are selling
See's Candies to raise funds to help
our community members in need.



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SANTA'S SECRET SERVICE 2020

No gifts to care facilities this year.
Collecting grocery store gift cards
instead to be distributed on
December 19



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Dear St Michael School Parents and Parishioners,

I personally continue to give thanks to our God for our blessings here at St Michael School:

- our teachers and staff all returned to on-campus learning
- we had the space for 2 new families who began on Monday (4 children total) who wanted their children to experience the joy of Catholic education here at SMS
- so far all procedures seem to be working pretty smoothly
- we have a group of people who have dedicated hours to building up our school community spirit even with the restrictions of Covid
- our Fitness Challenge is going well
- our School Board members are planning best practices for marketing and enrollment
- our teachers have gone above and beyond to keep pivoting as the need has arisen to do what's best for each student
- our staff goes above and beyond to support anyone who may need help
- we are the only TK - 8th grade school with in-person learning 5 days a week for all children
- we have 138 students who are happy to be here each day, and we have a waitlist for some grades because we simply cannot fit anymore with safety guidelines in place
- we have delightful parents who happily smile each morning and afternoon who all want their child(ren) to thrive in our faith-filled, academic environment
- our faith and mission remains at the core of all that we do each day

My heart is full with much gratitude and love!

Abundant Autumn Blessings,

Alison

Alison Wilkie
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Thank You!

Donate Options:

Online
at Faith Direct
bit.ly/StMOffering

Text
any dollar amount to
925-258-2969

Drop off
at St Michael's in the donation box or mail slot.

Mail
458 Maple Street
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November Goal
\$103,558.82

November 15 Collection
\$13,379.34

November Collection to Date
\$57,902.83

Percentage Reached
56%

Maintenance Collection Goal for November
\$9,500.00

Maintenance Collection to Date
\$7,136.00

Percentage Reached
75%



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an

earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at

some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?

RESPONDING to the

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to

others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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