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**“Lord, do you not care that my sister
has left me by myself to do the serving?
Tell her to help me.”**

Luke 10:40

July 17, 2016, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times

Mon-Fri: 7:00 & 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Wednesday: 7:00 pm in Spanish

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm in English
7:00 pm in Spanish

Sunday

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am 11:00 am
and 6:00 pm and 12:30 pm in Spanish

Sign Language 1st Sunday 11:00 am
Vietnamese Mass 4th Sunday 3:30 pm

Confession

Saturday in the Church
9:00 am and 3:45 pm English
6:15 pm Spanish
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
2:30 pm in the Convent Chapel

Anointing of the Sick

Every 1st Saturday after the 8:30 am
Mass or by appointment: 925-447-1585

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

24/7 in the Chapel. For after hours
access code, call 925-980-4826.

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Reflect &

Hospitality to God

by Opening the Word

First Reading

In this strange yet evocative story of what the Fathers of the Church consider to be a pre-incarnational manifestation of the Lord, he appears to Abraham in the form of “three men,” two of whom are later referred to in chapter 19 as “angels.” There are many mysteries in this scene. The narrator calls these three figures “the LORD,” which is indicative of the name Yahweh, and yet Abraham, while being very solicitous toward them in the manner required by the manners of the desert, refers to the three in the singular, “My lord,” indicating not the divine name but a polite form of human address.

These three have come on a dual errand. First, they announce the birth of Isaac to Abraham and Sarah in a year’s time, and then two of the three go off in chapter 19 to bring destruction to Sodom and Gomorrah for its immorality. The only survivors will be Lot and his family. The common element in the two very different errands is the gracious hospitality shown the heavenly visitors by Abraham and his nephew Lot. Both men, although masters of very large households with many servants (Genesis 13), wait upon these visitors as though they were servants themselves, and in each case this is the mark of their righteousness, the hospitality they show. This reminds us that courtesy is more than just good manners; it is a common hallmark of holiness.

Second Reading

The mysteries of our first reading are, in some measure, disclosed in St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians. The primary mystery of God’s Trinity, which is only hinted at in Genesis 18 in the three mysterious men who appear to Abraham, is evident at the beginning of this

first chapter when Paul blesses the Colossian Church with the grace and peace “from God our Father” (1:2) and commends, first, their “faith in Christ Jesus” (1:4) and then their “love in the Spirit” (1:8). In addition to this central mystery of our faith, this present passage opens other deep mysteries “hidden from ages and from generations past,” now “manifested to his holy ones.” The mystery of suffering is disclosed as salvific, and even a cause for joy when we share our difficulties with Christ and allow him to make of them a share in his own afflictions “on behalf of his body, which is the church.” And we see, too, the mystery of the “hope for glory” that has come to the Gentiles, who, like the citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah, “once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds” (Colossians 1:21, RSV), but have now been made coheirs with the Jews and capable of being made “perfect in Christ.” These two revelations—human suffering and the plan for the Gentiles—represent a great wealth of mystery in just five verses.

Gospel

Although it’s not uncommon to see interpreters of this passage portray Martha as the “bad guy” in this Gospel scene, many others suggest that Martha and Mary taken together—and not just Mary alone—represent a composite of what the Christian life ought to look like. Martha, like Abraham in the first reading from Genesis, is the picture of love acting in hospitality, while Mary is the picture of pure contemplative love, gazing upon the Lord. Many religious orders since the Middle Ages, like the Franciscans, Dominicans, and Jesuits, have striven to be both active and contemplative in their approach to the service of Christ.

But in keeping with the Lord’s clear declaration that “one thing is needful”

Discuss

(RSV), the Church has always stressed that prayer itself is the lifeblood of service. Without that foundation, service, however extensive, becomes formal and stale because it won't be fed by love. And we must recall that the simple contemplative gaze is also a representation of our heavenly goal, the beatific vision, when we shall see God as he is in himself. Contemplation is, we could say, heaven practice, where the one needful thing will be the one object of our constant attention and joy. With no offense meant to the Marthas among us (and within all of us), our lives as Christians should rightly express a growing simplicity of focus and less troubling of ourselves about the "many things" of life. And it is only prayer that will enable us to serve without anxiety and to care for others without getting lost in the complexities of life.

Reflection

In this week's readings, we encounter a God who is willing to knock at the door of our hearts asking for a place of welcome. We see this exemplified in Sunday's first reading from Genesis where Abraham shows hospitality to the Lord, who appears in the form of three unex-

pected visitors. What is Abraham's central plea to the Lord when he appears? How does his concern connect with today's theme of "hospitality to God"? In the busyness and chaos of our world, we often miss when God "passes by." In what ways do you miss God passing by in your daily life?

The Gospel story of Martha and Mary gives readers a glimpse into the proper and improper attitudes of disciples, as well as the meaning of true hospitality. How are Mary's actions a model for Christian discipleship? What does "sitting at the foot of Jesus" look like in your own life? What was wrong with Martha's service to the Lord?

Opening the Word offers prayers and insights for the Sunday Scriptural lessons. Featuring videos designed to facilitate thought and discussion for faith formation, Personal Prayer Journals and a Group Leader's Guide, Opening the Word helps you to make the most of the Sunday readings. Opening the Word is one of many programs available at Formed.org.



*Mary
has
chosen
the
better
part*

Sunday Readings

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 17, 2016**

First Reading -- Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the LORD (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm -- He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading -- Paul speaks of the stewardship given to him to complete the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages past (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel -- Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part (Luke 10:38-42).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Camillus de Lellis

Wednesday: St. Apollinaris

Thursday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Friday: St. Mary Magdalene

Saturday: St. Bridget of Sweden; Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayers

sanctity of human life

For Our Parish

For the financial means necessary to continue on our mission to celebrate the sacraments, grow disciples and bring Christ to people.

For the financial means necessary to make the necessary improvements to our facilities.

For Deacon Jimmy as he returns to the Boston area to complete his formation with hopes to be ordained a priest in May 2017.

For our Faith Formation, Confirmation and RCIA ministries, that those who are seeking a closer relationship with Christ through the sacraments be moved to register for classes.

Answered Prayers!

When God's people pray, miracles happen! Marie Lambert, the woman for whom we were praying would find a home, has a family willing to share house space with her. She is so pleased and grateful to be blessed by those who answered her call. She especially thanks all of those who prayed for her and her situation.

We were also praying for two couples who were struggling in their marriages, facing divorce. The Lord heard our prayers, and both couples are now working on reconciling.

For the Repose of Souls

Valerie Nyser and Jerica Alaine Harris

For the Sanctity of Life

Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by you.

In your mercy, restore this country into a culture that values of all human life, without regard to ethnicity, gender or lifestyle, from conception until natural death.

We ask that you shower your comfort upon those who are grieving, upon those who are in danger of violence and upon those who are persecuted.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Send prayer request to:
Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7/16

8:30am Mildred Wilson †
and Brett Velarde †

5:00pm Larry DeRosa †
7:00pm Soto Valencia Family

Sunday 7/17

6:45am Mass for Our Parish
8:00am Marian Herrera †
9:30am Antony Pham Van Hoi †
and Phero Cao Dang Huan †
11:00am Patricia Werner †
12:30pm Greorio & Glicería Arevalo †
6:00pm Ernesto Torres †

Monday 7/18

7:00am Harry & Marie McVey
8:30am Tri Nguyen †

Tuesday 7/19

7:00am Harry & Marie McVey
8:30am Gene Dove

Wednesday 7/20

7:00am Raul Santamaria †
8:30am Apollo B. Grospe
7:00pm Jose Maria Arevalo

Thursday 7/21

7:00am Matt Kupski †
8:30am Patricia Werner †

Friday 7/22

7:00am Asunción Esto †
8:30am Ildio Pereira †

Saturday 7/23

8:30am Susan & Tim Horgan
5:00pm John Owens † and
Jeffrey Owens †
7:00pm Greorio & Glicería Arevalo †

Parish News

Text pictures of
your ministry to
925-961-7231



The pilgrim image of Our Lady El Rosario from Tonalá, Mexico visited St Michael's on 4th of July, with a marching band, dancing and Holy Mass.



The Morning Rosary Group gathers in the chapel after 8:30 am Mass, Monday-Saturday to pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



Thanks to the families who shared their musical talents in our one-day Family Choir. Watch for the next Family Choir opportunity in August.



We had 14 babies who were baptized in the month of June! For information about baptism, visit the church office or StMichaelLivermore.com.

Ministry Directory

You will notice that the ministry directory is no longer published in this bulletin on page 8, so as to allow a second page for the Spanish speakers in our parish.

An updated ministry directory is on our new website at StMichaelLivermore.com. From the menu, look under Ministries, then click on Ministry Directory. For those without internet access, a hard copy directory will be printed upon request.

Lights, Sound and Playground

Thanks to your generous donations, the remaining lights inside the church will be installed soon. Some have complained that they are too bright, but don't worry! Once the installation is complete, the dimmer feature will be functional.

The new sound system is getting closer to being installed. The new playground at St Michael School will be installed this week.

Collection Reports

St Michael's has a very skinny budget of \$21,995 per week. Please give generously. Thank you to all who have made financial sacrifices to keep our lights and air conditioning on.

6/26/16 Collection: \$13,558.39
7/3/16 Collection: \$20,561.82
7/10/16 Collection: \$17,875.73
Average Weekly Collection: \$21,572.12
Maintenance to Date: \$32,506.00
Faith Direct for June: \$10,859.00

This Week

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Wednesday, July 20 at 2:30 pm
Convent Chapel**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is made available by the priests of Opus Dei every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 2:30 pm in the Convent chapel.

**Saturday, July 23
9:00 am, 3:45 pm, 6:15 pm**

Our regular Saturday hours are 9:00 am, 3:45 pm and 6:15 pm (Spanish) in the church. If a wedding is not quite finished, please quietly enter from the front entrance of the church and take a seat in the back pews.

Learn to Read Music

**Saturday, July 23 at 9:00 am
Convent**

To many people, reading music is an intimidating, mysterious activity. But it doesn't need to be! It's actually quite simple, once you understand the secrets behind it. Please join us in the convent on Saturday morning, July 23 from 9:00 – 12:00 for a fun, informative time spent learning the basics of reading music.

The class is free, but in order to make sure we have adequate materials and refreshments are available for all, reservations are required. Please contact JaNet Hancock, Director of Music Ministries, at 925-292-5071 or Music@StMichaelLivermore.com

Mass in Vietnamese

**Sunday, July 24 at 3:30 pm
Church**

All are invited to celebrate Mass with our Vietnamese Catholic community.

Reverence Reminder

Our clergy reminds us to be mindful that the church is a living house of prayer. Jesus, present in body, blood, soul and divinity, is in the tabernacle. Our every action should reflect the wonder and awe that the creator of the universe is here for us. With that in mind, please remember the following:

Turn off mobile devices before entering the church.

Greet friends and socialize outside of the church, either before or after Mass.

Do not bring food, drinks or pets into the church.

Remain silent, creating an environment for prayer.

Open Registrations

Altar Server Training Throughout the Summer

Pope Francis addressed thousands of altar servers and said:

"Serving at the altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus. This in turn enables you to open yourselves to others, to journey together, to set demanding goals and to find the strength to achieve them."

Are you being called to be an altar server? The altar server program at St Michael's is open to boys and girls 5th grade and up. Training sessions are being held throughout the summer. For more information, please leave your name and phone number with the parish office admins at 447-1585 Ext.10

Register Your Child for Faith Formation

Students entering first grade through fifth grade this fall are encouraged to join our Faith Formation program. Registration packets are available in the church office, Faith Formation office, or www.StMichaelLivermore.com. Return them to the Faith Formation office M-Th between 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Confirmation Classes

High School students, please pick up your registration packet in the church office or at StMichaelLivermore.com and return it by August 25.

Adults contact Marjorie 925-447-2925 or RCIA@StMichaelLivermore.com by September 7.

Register for OnFire NorCal Jam

Attention all high school students!

Join us at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo to celebrate Mass with over 4,000 Catholic teens, to be inspired by great speakers, to enjoy an all-you-can-eat lunch, to ride rides till we drop, and to rock out to an amazing praise and worship concert!

It all happens Saturday, September 17. The cost is \$65 per person. We leave St Michael's at 6:00 am and return at 9:00 pm.

Payment and permission slip are due to the church office by August 15.

Upcoming

Scripture Safari Vacation Bible School July 25-29

This one-week vacation bible school program for children entering grades K-6 provides an atmosphere in which young people can enjoy close contact with God's word, play in a scriptural environment and pray together.

The cost is \$15 per child, or \$35 for a family of three or more. We meet from 9:15 am - 12:15 pm, July 25-29 at the Church.

Please pick up the registration form in the church office. For more information, call Mary Dayton at 925-784-1911

Deacon Steve Greco on "The Holy Spirit ALIVE in Scripture"

Healing Service to Follow
Tuesday, October 18
6:30 pm in the Church

Come experience how to unleash the Holy Spirit in your life, making Scripture come alive!

Deacon Steve Greco, our special guest speaker, will teach on the power of the Holy Spirit, and how the healing power of the Lord restores His people, spiritually, emotionally and physically. He will inspire us on how to allow Scripture to come alive through the power of the Holy Spirit that was given to us at Baptism and Confirmation.

This event is a must for Small Groups studying the Bible, those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, those newly returned to the Church and anyone who is ready to get serious about discipleship!

Join us on October 18 in the church.
6:30pm: Songs of praise and worship
7:00pm: Holy Spirit ALIVE in Scripture
7:45pm: Healing Service

Deacon Steve is the founder of Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry and gives talks and healing services throughout California and the United States. He currently is host of a weekly radio show, "Empowered by the Spirit" heard on Immaculate Heart Radio and is the author of a number of books.

For more info, visit:
spiritfilledhearts.org

Small Groups Register by Sunday, September 11

St Michael parishioners will have the opportunity to register to join a small home-based group of eight to grow in faith and build strong communities. We will have three program formats available:

1. **Study the Bible and the faith.** Parishioners will have access to 38 programs by Ascension Press.
2. **Reflect on the Sunday Mass Readings.**
3. **Gather for a Catholic Book Club.**

Register NOW online at StMichaelLivermore.com (from the menu, choose Group Study then Home-based Study). "In Person" registration will be after all Masses on September 11. Groups will be assigned in the week to follow.

Group Host orientation will be on September 17 and 22

For more info, call or text Tina at 925-961-7231

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- ◆ **K of C "Bayou Ball" Dinner & Dance**
- ◆ **Live & Silent Auctions**
- ◆ **Raffle Drawing**

Saturday, October 1	Sunday, October 2
11:00am - 10:00pm Food and Game Booths	7:30am - 11:00am Buffet Breakfast
K of C "Bayou Ball" Dinner & Dance	10:00am - 4:00pm Food and Game Booths
5:00pm - 6:30pm Family Dinner Seating	1:00pm - 2:30pm Silent Auction
6:30pm - 8:00pm Adult Dinner Seating	2:30pm - 3:30pm Live Auction
8:00pm - 10:00pm Dance & Costume Contest	4:00pm Raffle Drawing & Festival Closes



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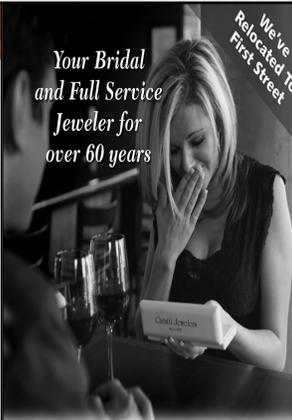


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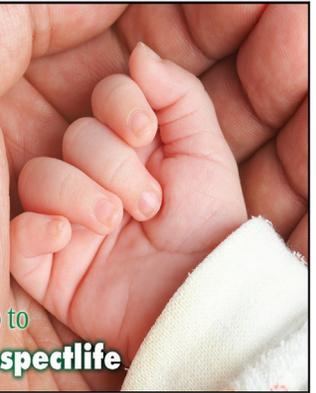
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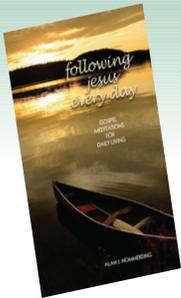
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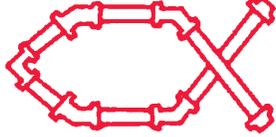

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Recuerdos de nuestra celebración de la peregrinación de La Virgen del Rosario el pasado lunes 4 de julio. Fotos tomadas por Lorena Casillas y Patty Murillo.



CUIDA TU POSTURA

Nuestra postura es muchas veces un indicio de nuestra hospitalidad y reverencia por el Señor. Observa las acciones de Abraham cuando saludó al Señor en presencia de tres hombres que aparecieron cerca de su tienda. Corrió desde la entrada de la tienda a saludarlos. Se postró en tierra a su encuentro. Él y Sara, su esposa, se apresuraron a preparar una comida y llevarle alimento y agua a sus invitados.

En el relato del Evangelio, María, la amiga de Jesús, se sentó a sus pies para escucharlo hablar.

¿Cómo le damos la bienvenida y reverenciamos al Señor? ¿Qué demuestran nuestras acciones? ¿Recordamos la presencia del Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento? ¿Cómo le damos la bienvenida al Señor en las lecturas de las Escrituras? ¿Cómo reconocemos su presencia en nuestros hermanos y hermanas, tanto en la Misa como después?

Ya sea que nos arrodillemos, nos pongamos de pie o nos sentemos ante la presencia del Señor, que nuestro corazón y nuestra mente esté siempre en sintonía con él.

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En la Parroquia de San Miguel nosotros como Mision Celebramos los sacramentos, Formamos discipulos y llevamos a Cristo a la comunidad.

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Sábado 7:00 pm y Domingo 12:30 pm
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Primer y tercer miércoles a las
2:30 pm en el convento

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“Señor, ¿no te has dado cuenta de que mi hermana me ha dejado sola con todo el quehacer?
Dile que me ayude”.

Lucas 10:40

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