



ST MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS, GROW DISCIPLES, BRING CHRIST TO PEOPLE

FOURTH SUNDAY *of Advent*



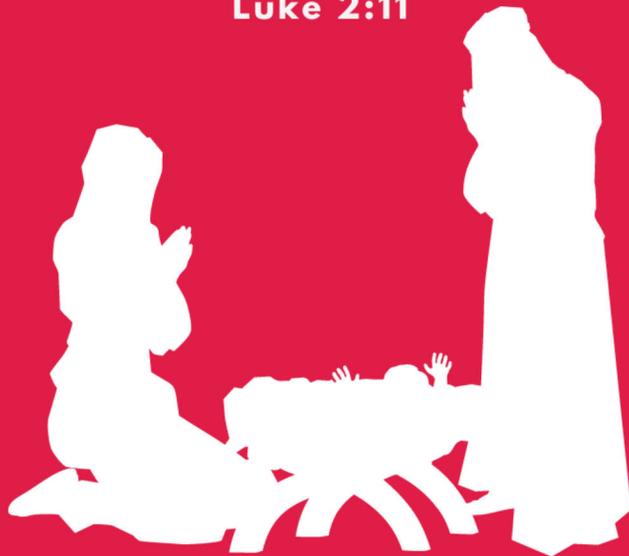
DECEMBER 20, 2020



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

For today in the city of David a savior has
been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.

Luke 2:11



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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

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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.

Every day

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

6:45 am in English

8:00 am Traditional Latin

9:30 am in 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.

PLUS on Sunday at 5:00 pm

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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I WILL SING YOUR

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WHEN AT ST MICHAEL'S

Wear a face covering.
Sanitize your hands.
Remain at a 6-foot distance from others.

If you or anyone in your house is sick, please stay home.

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Livestream Mass and Outdoor Mass
Walk In Communion
Confession & Adoration

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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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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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STORY OF THE NATIVITY

Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. Watch free on FORMED.



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NICHOLAS: THE BOY WHO BECAME SANTA

Here is the fascinating story of the boy whose love and care for others make him one of the most popular figures of all times. Watch free on FORMED.



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THE KING IS BORN

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son!



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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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GROCERY DRIVE THRU VOLUNTEERS

Packaging Team, Delivery Team,
Distribution Team, Traffic Team and
Prayer Team members needed.



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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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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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YEAR END *Giving*



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LIVERMORE, CA 94550**



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LET YOUR LONGING LEAD YOU TO THE FATHER

GOSPEL MEDITATION

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity,

revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Today's reading from Second Samuel narrates the context in which God establishes his covenantal promise to King David around the year 1000 B.C. In the birth of Jesus, God fulfills his covenant with David. What does this teach us about the idea of "salvation history?"

Second Reading:

Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God for the long-awaited revelation that all are saved and justified through faith in Christ. In what ways are you praising God during this season of Advent?

Gospel:

Today's Gospel reading records the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary of the upcoming birth of Christ. Mary's acceptance of God's will for her life ("May it be done to me according to your word.") models for all of us unconditional faith. How can we encourage others to embrace such faith?

RESPONDING to the

Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go

hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.



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