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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's  
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

# FROM FR CARL



## INTRODUCING COMMUNITY CARE

Dear St Michael Family,

I am constantly inspired and encouraged by the deep devotion to our Lord that I see at our parish. Your commitment to prayer, your love for Jesus present in the Eucharist and your dedication to the sacraments is a beautiful witness to our Catholic faith. Your commitment to the liturgy is an example to the Diocese of Oakland. Your obvious love of the Lord is the foundation of our parish!

But now is the time to take our faith to the next level, in service to those in need in our greater community. While many families and small groups within our parish have taken the initiative to serve our neighbors in need, St Michael's has lacked a unified, parish-wide ministry of outreach. This terrible pandemic is a tragedy, but also an opportunity for us to organize, to stand and act out our faith in visible and accessible ways to the Livermore community.

**Hence, I am pleased to introduce to you a new ministry at St Michael's: Community Care.**

Community Care will serve the basic needs of people of Livermore in four areas: free fresh groceries, onsite prayer, emergency financial assistance and counseling workshops.

**Free fresh groceries** will be distributed in a drive-through format starting on Saturday, August 22, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, then every 1st and 3rd Saturday to follow. Anyone in need of food is welcome to drive up to receive basic staples, especially fresh produce. Delivery options will be available for the sick, elderly, homebound or those without transportation.

**Onsite prayer** teams will be available during grocery distribution to pray for and with our guests in their cars.

**Emergency Financial Assistance** will be available for those in crisis and in danger of homelessness. Help with utilities, rent and transportation can make a dramatic impact on stabilization. We hope to offer this aspect in the fall.

**Counseling workshops** and referrals will also begin this fall, to offer online support groups for a variety of topics. Watch for a survey coming soon where you can let us know what topics are most interesting to you.

Please join with me in supporting Community Care. We will need volunteers, financial donations and in-kind donations. There will be opportunities for everyone to be involved, families, ministry groups, individuals. We will need people with different skills: introverts and extroverts, listeners and organizers, leaders and heavy lifters! We will need people to work behind the scenes and out front with the guests. Most especially, we need people to pray for this new ministry. Please watch your Friday Flocknote for information on how to get involved or email [Care@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Care@StMichaelLivermore.com)

This is a new movement at St Michael's and the timing is right. People are out of work, lonely, suffering, grieving. Let us bring Christ to them in the most basic ways!

"For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." James 2:26

May God bless you and your families.

Fr Carl



Community Care at St Michael Catholic Church offers FREE groceries to struggling individuals and families in Livermore.

We focus on providing our neighbors with FRESH produce and other basic food staples. No one should go hungry!

Free groceries will be distributed on Saturday, August 22, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and then every 1st and 3rd Saturdays to follow. Drive through our parking lot and volunteers will place food kits in your car.

Food is available while supplies last.

Onsite Prayer Teams are also available to pray for you and with you from your car.

For those who are sick, elderly, homebound or without transportation, please request a delivery by messaging us on Facebook or emailing [Office@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Office@StMichaelLivermore.com). You may also call 925-447-1585 and leave a message (slowly!) with your name and address. Delivery is limited to Livermore.

Special thanks to our partner organizations: Fertile Ground Works, Contreras Market, Open Heart Kitchen and Alameda County Food Bank.

If you would like to volunteer, please email [Care@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Care@StMichaelLivermore.com)

## **NOURISH: CARE FOR CAREGIVERS**

Anyone who is caring for a loved one is invited to receive support at our next online gathering, Thursday, August 20th at 7:00 pm.

Please contact Elizabeth to register:

Elizabeth Bautista  
[bethbarnachea@yahoo.com](mailto:bethbarnachea@yahoo.com)  
 925.980.2932



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**August Goal**  
 \$103,558.82

**Collection from 8-9-2020**  
 \$17,595.30

**August collection to date**  
 \$47,625.82

**Percentage reached**  
 46%

**August Maintenance Goal**  
 \$9,500

**August Maintenance collection to date**  
 \$5,556

**Percentage reached**  
 58%

# GOD FIXES WHAT IS BROKEN



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”  
And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour. (Mt 15:28)**

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, “I’m tired of struggling with this cold, I can’t wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better.” Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not

possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

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# RESPONDING to the *Call*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### The Challenge of Stewardship

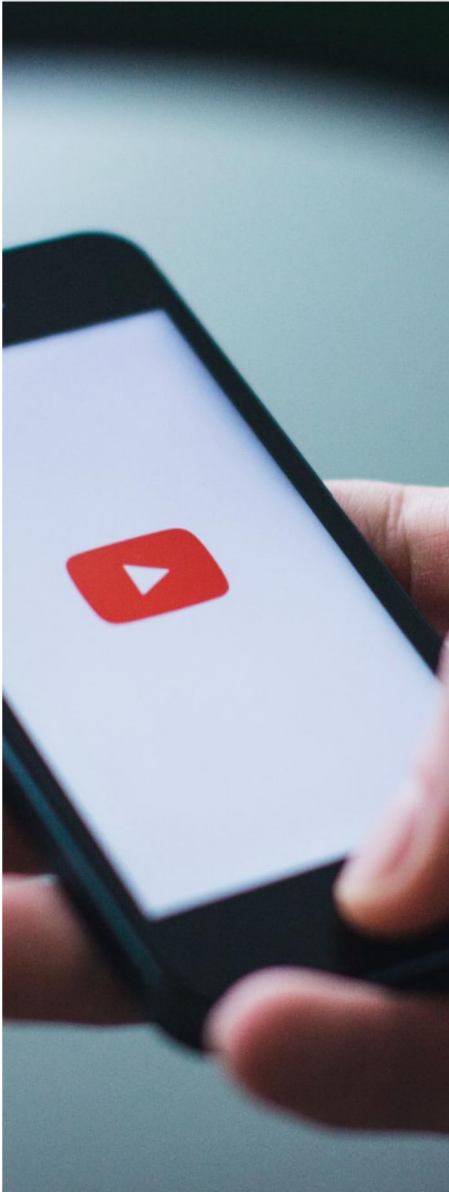
Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word “no” used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say “yes.” We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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# Livestream Mass

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**[YouTube.com/StMichaelLivermore](https://www.youtube.com/StMichaelLivermore)**

## **MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

8:30 am in English (filmed inside)

6:00 pm Mass in Spanish (filmed inside)

## **WEDNESDAY**

6:00 pm Mass in Spanish (filmed outside)

## **SATURDAY**

8:30 am in English (filmed inside)

5:00 pm in English (filmed inside)

## **SUNDAY**

8:00 am Traditional Latin Mass (filmed inside)

9:30 am Mass in English (filmed outside)

12:30 pm Mass in Spanish (filmed inside)

## **JOIN THE PARISH AV TEAM**

It takes a team of volunteers to produce livestream Mass, so that hundreds of people can pray along at home. It is our intention to broadcast Mass on Facebook and YouTube on the schedule above, but we need more help! If you or someone you know can follow instructions well and would like to be part of this important ministry, please call or text Rochelle at 925-997-5674

## **ABOUT THE SOUND QUALITY**

You will notice that the sound quality of livestream Mass is better when it is broadcast inside, and you see the different camera angles. This is when we are using the professional livestream equipment that requires trained volunteers. When you see only one camera angle, it means no volunteers were available to operate the system, and a simple iPad solution (with less than optimal sound) is being used as a backup.



# Outdoor Mass

**In the Courtyard.**

**Wear a face covering.**

**Bring your own chair and sit 6-feet apart.**

## **MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

6:45 am Mass in English

## **WEDNESDAY**

6:00 pm Mass in Spanish

## **SATURDAY**

6:45 am Mass in English

7:00 pm Vigil Mass in Spanish

## **SUNDAY**

6:45 am Mass in English

9:30 am Mass in English

6:00 pm Mass in English

## **DISPENSATION**

Bishop Michael Barber has offered a dispensation from the obligation to celebrate Mass to all the faithful, indefinitely. This means that we are not required, under the penalty of sin, to attend Mass. Those who are high risk for COVID 19 should not attend Outdoor Mass or Walk-In Communion.

## **KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE**

While attending Outdoor Mass, please sit at least 6-feet apart from non-household members. Wait until directed to enter the Communion procession. After Mass, please keep socializing at a distance and avoid congregating.



# Walk in Communion

**Communion is offered at the end of each Mass.**

**Please arrive promptly at the times listed below.**

**Wear a face covering.**

**Exit immediately after receiving.**

## **MONDAY - FRIDAY**

7:25 am, 9:10 am, 6:40 pm

## **SATURDAY**

7:25 am, 9:10 am, 5:40 pm, 7:40 pm

## **SUNDAY**

7:25 am, 9:00 am, 10:15 am, 1:15 pm, 7:15 pm

## **RECEIVING COMMUNION**

Enter the church as directed. Wear a face covering and sanitize your hands. Keep 6-feet apart from non-household members. For those who are sick, homebound or at high risk for COVID 19, please contact the church office at 925-447-1585 to arrange for a priest to visit.

## **HAND OR TONGUE?**

Receiving Communion in the hand is acceptable in our diocese.

The faithful cannot be denied receiving Communion on the tongue. Our priests sanitize their hands if they inadvertently come in physical contact with the communicant.

Note that the norm at the Traditional Latin Mass is to receive on the tongue.





# Confession & Adoration

**Park in the parking lot or side streets.**

**Walk to the Courtyard.**

**Face coverings required.**

**For adoration, please bring your own chair.**

**Sit at least 6 feet apart from others.**

## **MONDAY - FRIDAY**

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

## **SATURDAY**

9:30 am – 10:15 am

## **CONFESSION FOR HOMEBOUND**

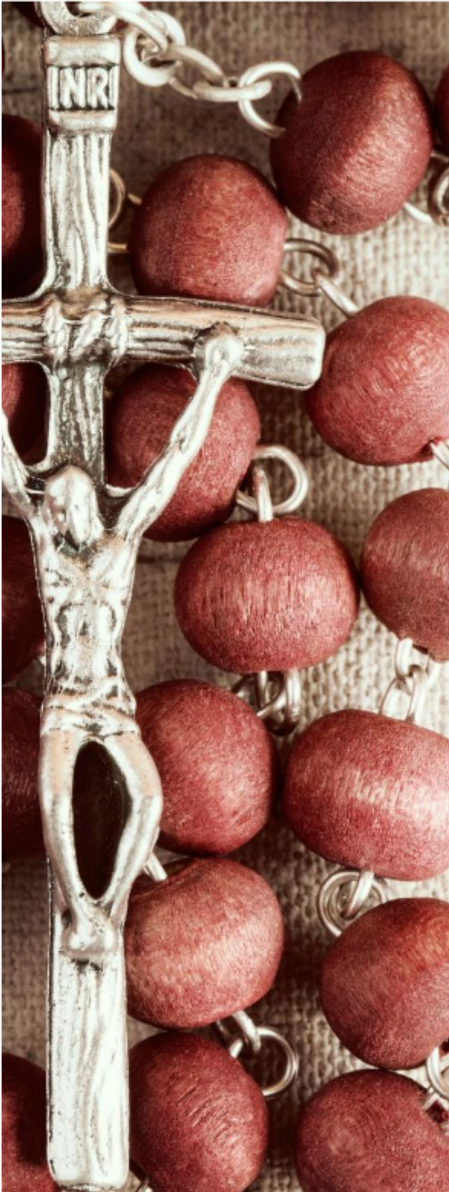
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## **OUTDOORS IN THE BREEZEWAY**

We have two “Confessionals” set up in the breezeway, on either side of the altar. A partition is set up between a two chairs: one for the priest, and one for the penitent. All of our priests also wear face coverings.

## **ADORATION**

Anyone can bring a chair to the courtyard to pray, basking in the presence of the Lord!



# Zoom Rosary

**In English.**

**Gather online.**

**Pray together.**

**Support each other.**

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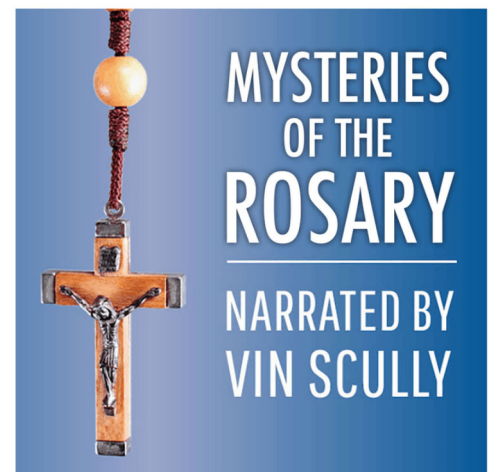
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