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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

FROM FR CARL

REPORT ON OUR PARISH FINANCES

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

We have made tremendous cuts in our parish budget and continue to be wise stewards of our finances.

Yet we were short \$10,829.98 for our regular collection for July. We were also short \$2,691 for our July Maintenance and Improvement Fund.

Thank you to those parishioners and guests who have continued to make regular financial offerings to St Michael's. It is because of you that we can livestream Mass, celebrate Mass outside and offer numerous Confession and Adoration hours. It is because of you that we keep our website updated daily, our social media platforms current, our sacramental preparation programs and so many other things going strong for you through these challenging times.

If you have not yet made an offering for July, or if you have been blessed and are able to give a little more, please prayerfully consider your level of giving. We want to continue to meet the needs our community, but we cannot without your help.

Help us recover our July goal and get August off to a good start!

Donation options:

- online at Faith Direct: bit.ly/StMOffering
- text any dollar amount to (925) 258-2969
- drop off at the mail slot just past the St Michael statue
- mail to St Michael Church, 458 Maple Street, Livermore, CA 94550

Thank you for your sacrifices and your prayers.

Fr Carl



“Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

COMMUNITY CARE



A NEW ministry at St Michael's

to meet four basic needs
of individuals and families

FREE FRESH PRODUCE

Drive Through
1st and 3rd Saturdays
10:00 am—12:00 pm
Starting August 22

Most local food pantries lack fresh food. Community Care will fill the gap with fresh fruits and vegetables for anyone who is in need.

ONSITE PRAYER

Drive Through
1st and 3rd Saturdays
10:00 am—12:00 pm
Starting August 22

Community Care prayer team will be available to pray with people in their cars during the fresh produce drive through.

COUNSELING

By appointment
Days and times to be determined
Starting Fall 2020

Community Care will offer guidance toward local support agencies and onsite workshops for Christ-centered mental health.

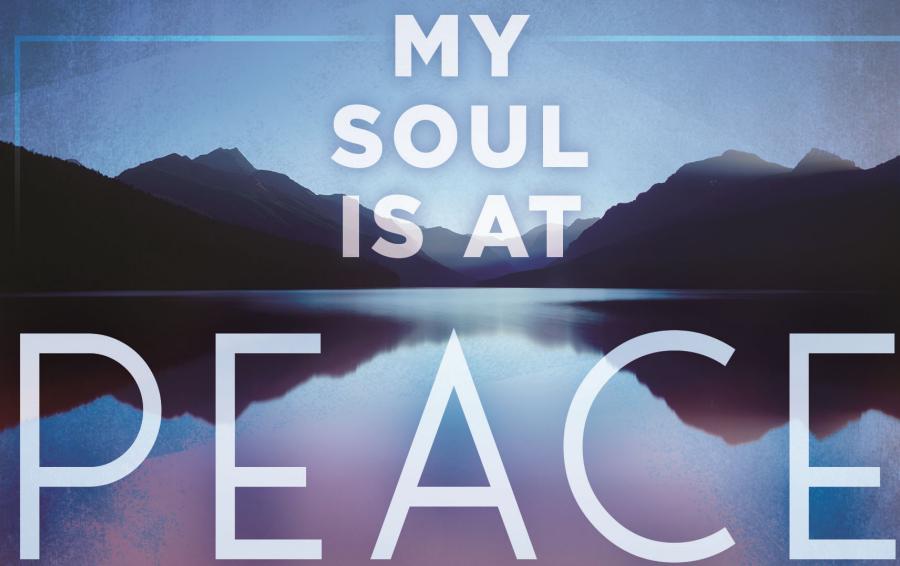
EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

By appointment
Days and times to be determined
Starting Fall 2020

Community Care will have funds available to offer one-time assistance for people in immediate crisis.

VOLUNTEER!

If you, your family, group or ministry would like to be involved in any of the four areas of Community Care, please email Care@StMichaelLivermore.com or call 925-667-4051



MY SOUL IS AT PEACE

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Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees

me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Being Human is to Doubt

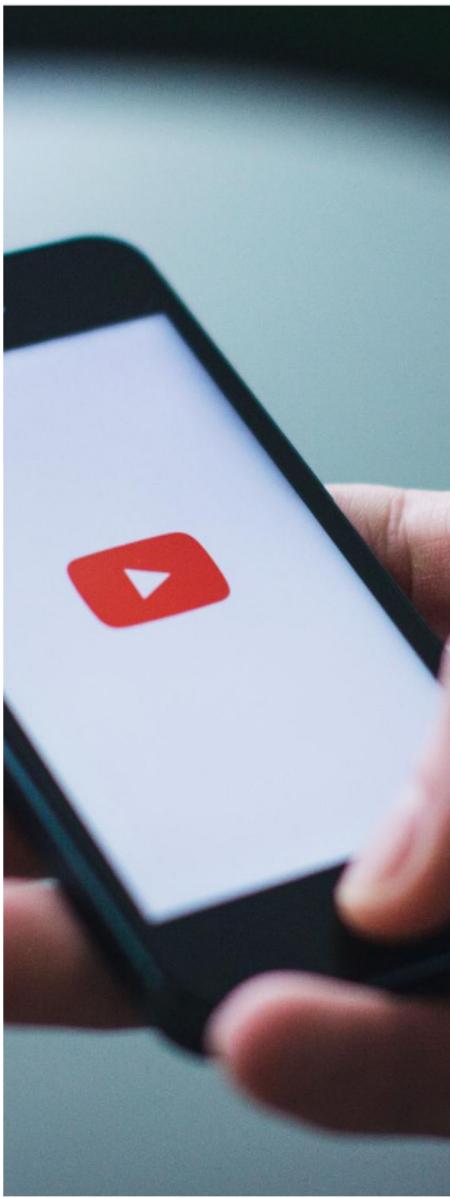
Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

– Tracy Earl Welliver





Livestream Mass

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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)

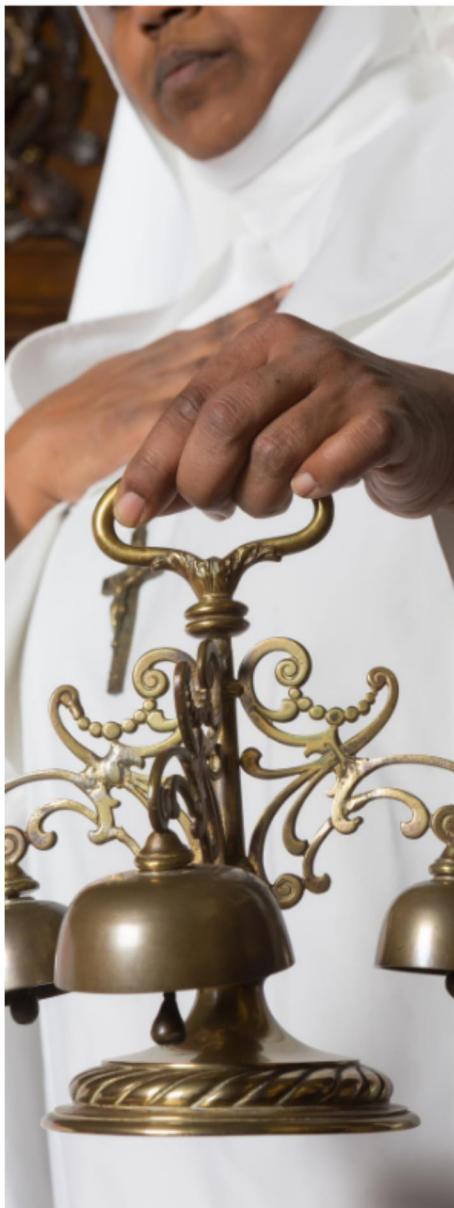
12:30 pm Mass in Spanish (filmed inside)

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

CONFESSON FOR HOMEBOUND

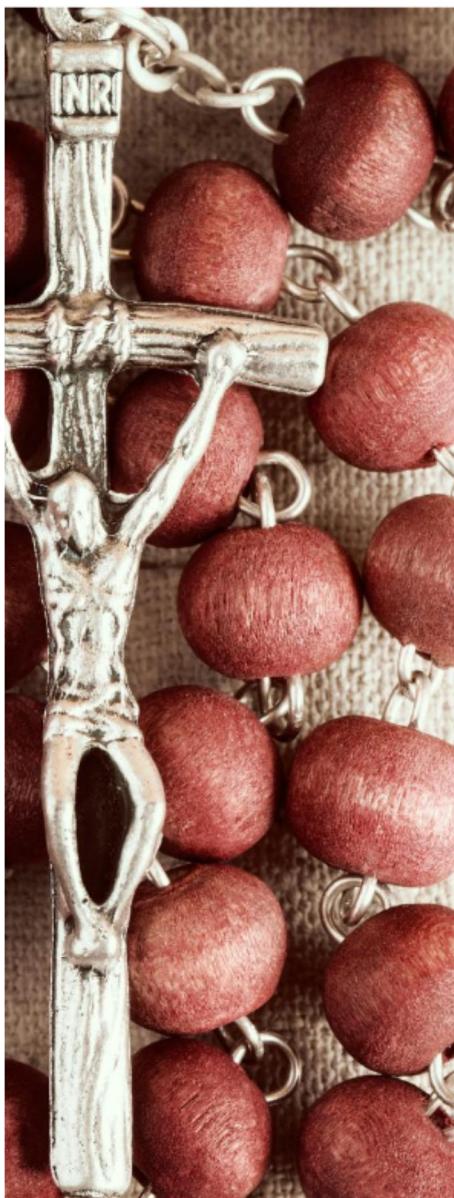
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OUTDOORS IN THE BREEZEWAY

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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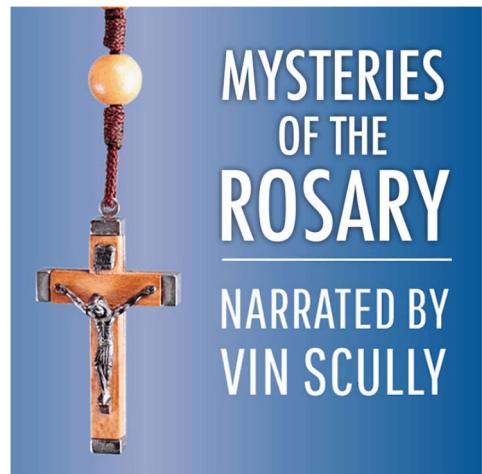
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