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As Jesus blessed
his disciples he parted
from them and was
taken up to heaven.

Luke 24:51



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Unpack Today's Mass Readings



Imagine you've spent an incredible three years with your best friend. Then one day, everything changes. He tells you that he is going to leave you and won't be coming back.

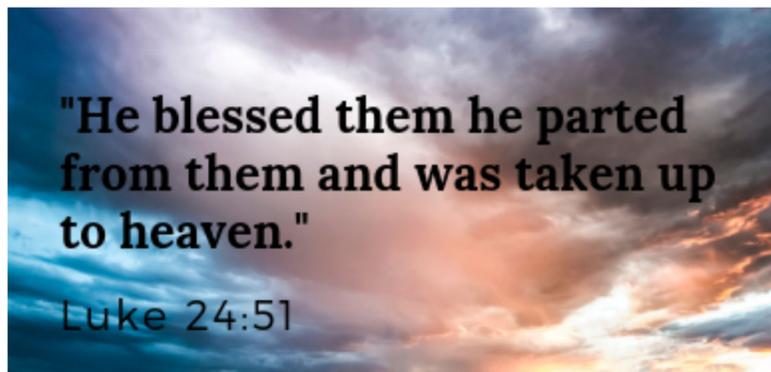
He gives you advice on how to live without him, reassures you of his love, then disappears. How would you feel? The pain would almost be unbearable. That seems to be the exact situation the disciples of Jesus faced in today's Gospel reading. Can you imagine how difficult this situation was for them to see Jesus ascend to heaven and how confusing their task ahead appeared to be?

And yet, Jesus promised them—and he promises us all—that he would never abandon us. Though he ascended to the Father in heaven, Jesus does not leave his disciples alone. He gives all Christians his Holy Spirit, to be our guide and eternal friend. Moreover, he shows them what their reward will be if they remain faithful. Just as Jesus ascends to the Father, so too will we fully enter into God's life if we remain faithful to his promises.

Unpack the First Reading Acts 1:1-11

It is a rare thing in the Liturgy when our first reading and the Gospel reading recount the same event. In the case of this important Solemnity of the Ascen-

sion, it happens because the author of both accounts is the evangelist Luke who uses this event as the culminating event of his Gospel and the opening event of his "Acts of the Apostles," which is the sequel, we might say, of the former. Jesus' being "taken up" is an event that is full of significance because it indicates visually to Jesus' followers—in the manner of a burnt offering of the Old Testament Temple regime—



that the offering of Christ has been accepted by the Father.

It also indicates that Jesus is now seated at the "right hand of the Father," as we say in the Creed, meaning that he is at that critical place of influence. (The right hand of the king was the hand of power and judgment, and the person at his right hand could "stay his hand" or recommend leniency in judgment.) From this place, at the end of time, the Lord Jesus "will return in the same way as you have seen him going," as the angel tells the disciples who were assembled at his Ascension. Until that time, the Church's charge is to spread from "Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." In this "last hour," this final age of the world

that is the time of the Church (CCC 670), we are not to busy ourselves looking at the sky for his return, but in spreading his kingdom.

Unpack the Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

From the council of Jerusalem and the assembly of the apostles in the first reading, we move now to the heavenly Jerusalem

whose foundations are the same: "the twelve apostles of the Lamb." The proliferation of twelves in this reading (twelve gates, twelve angels, twelve courses of stones and twelve apostles) remind us that the Church—both of earth and

heaven—means not an end to the twelve tribes of Israel, but the continuation of Israel. That was the issue that troubled the Church of the book of Acts. Is the Church something entirely new or is it just a continuation of the Jewish religion? And, as we have seen, the answer is emphatically "Yes!" That is, it is entirely new with the newness of grace in Christ, and entirely in continuity with God's plan from the beginning for Israel. So the ancient prayer of Israel, "let all the peoples praise thee!" (Psalm 67:5, RSV) is answered affirmatively by Jesus and the Church he founded, in which all the peoples now praise him.

In several verses from Acts 15

not part of our first reading, the Apostle James quotes three prophets of Israel in saying, “After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up, that the rest of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord” (Acts 15:16-18, RSV). Jesus is the rebuilt dwelling of David who calls both Jew and Gentile by name and who, as “living stones,” builds them up “into a spiritual house” (1 Peter 2:4-5). In its final, glorious form that spiritual house, the New Jerusalem, has no temple, “for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb.”

Unpack the Gospel Luke 24:46-53

These are the final words of Luke’s Gospel. They celebrate the event we sacramentally recall and relive today in the Church and point us toward Pentecost, but they also give us an important charge.

In our first reading from Luke’s Acts, he adds the further detail

from the event of the Ascension that Jesus commissioned his followers to “be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Our response to that important call to mission, to what we have come to call the New Evangelization in our own day, depends vitally upon our being “clothed with power from on high,” upon our drinking in of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promises us.

Note that the disciples are obedient to Jesus’ command to “stay in the city” and return to Jerusalem “with great joy” and are “continually in the temple praising God.” This is what we are charged to do too. We must constantly implore God’s grace for ourselves and his Church in the work of mission, which the Catechism calls a “requirement of the Church’s catholicity.” In order for the Church to be the “Catholic [universal] Church” she needs the Spirit. Once “clothed with power from on high” we, too, will find the joy of those first apostles and the energy to do what we were born in Baptism to do: be

“witnesses of these things” “to the ends of the earth!”

Reflection & Discussion

Please watch the short Opening the Word video on StMichael.FORMED.org

According to the presenter, what does it mean that Jesus ascended into heaven?

How is Jesus’ Ascension a message of good news for the disciples and Christ’s followers today?

At the end of the video, the presenter asked each of us to consider an important question. So let’s take some time to discuss that question now: Am I aware that through the sacraments I am clothed with power from on high—in other words, with the Holy Spirit?

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FORMED PICK

The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity

By Fr. Shannon Collins

Renew Your Relationship with the Spirit

Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he he wants to work in the lives of believers.

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Pray Throughout the Week



Mass Intentions

Saturday 6/1

8:30am Andy Logsdon †
5:00pm Jordan Garcia
7:00pm Sandra Gomez

Sunday 6/2

6:45am Jim & Neva d'Antonio †
8:00am Mass for Our Parish
9:30am Michael D'Adrea Diaz †
11:00am Coreen O'Rourke †
12:30pm Jack & Bernice Rooney †
6:00pm Gilda & Giovanni Piazza

Monday 6/3

8:30am Steve Hawkins

Tuesday 6/4

8:30am Herbert Quick

Wednesday 6/5

8:30am Fred Verticelli †
7:00pm John & Kate Egan †

Thursday 6/6

8:30am Mary Adah Malavolti

Friday 6/7

8:30am Monty & Alice Phipps
12:00pm Maria Dee Garalde †

To request a Mass Intention, please visit the church office.

The customary donation of \$10 goes to the priest celebrating the Mass.



Place yourself in the position of one of Christ's followers. You've been with Jesus for forty days. Now he tells you it's time for him to leave. You go out into the countryside and watch as he rises into the sky, and soon disappears. What sorts of emotions are you experiencing? Are you afraid? Sad?

Now recall that just before he left, he promised never to abandon you, and he assured you that help would soon come in the form of the Holy Spirit. Now how do you feel? What would you say to the people around you? As you walk back to the town, what might you talk about?

Resolution:

Just as the disciples were given a great mission to spread Christ's kingdom to the ends of the earth, so too does each of us carry a unique mission through the power of the Holy Spirit. This week ask God to show you what this mission is in your life, and choose one small way that you can carry out your mission as a follower of Christ.

Special Intentions

With joy and thanksgiving for all those who have received Sacraments this Easter season.

For the repose of the souls of those who have died, and for the comfort of their friends and family. For funeral information, please see StMichaelLivermore.com/Funerals

Submit your prayer requests to our growing prayer team at Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

Fr Carl's Message of the Week



Getting Married at St Michael's

The month of June is considered by many as the "June Bride Month". And since Livermore is a "destination" for weddings, due to our 50+ beautiful wineries and our iconic 100-year old church building, every other month is "Bride Month" at St Michael's as well!

For Catholics, marriage is a divine calling.

It is part of God's divine plan and our Sacred Scriptures are the foundation of this Truth. Here are just a few points:

1. Marriage is an indissoluble relationship except on the highest grounds (Matthew 19:9). It is for life. A couple who has a truly sacramental marriage cannot divorce.
2. Monogamous relationship between husband and wife as stated in the original law (Matthew 19:5, 1 Corinthians 6:16). Once married, always married till death do they part.
3. Husband and wife are equal before God (Ephesians 5:29-31, 1 Peter 3:7).
4. The relationship is to reflect the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27).
5. Husband is the loving head of relationship and wife is subordinate (1 Corinthians 11:8-9, 1 Timothy 2:13, Ephesians 5:21-33, Colossians 3:19, 1 Peter 3:1-6).
6. The relationship is fruitful (Genesis 1:28a). God designed marriage for the purpose of propagation of the world, that is to go

and multiply and be fruitful.

Steps for Getting Married at St Michael's Note: COMPLETE THESE STEPS BEFORE BOOKING THE RECEPTION!

STEP 1: Become familiar with Catholic marriage at ForYourMarriage.org. Then download the St Michael Wedding Packet from StMichaelLivermore.com/Weddings

STEP 2: Please call the church office at 925-447-1585 to set up your phone interview. During this interview, the priest or deacon will ask the bride and groom questions to determine if they are free to marry. If they are not yet free to marry, they must complete the paperwork dispensations and/or annulments. An in-person meeting with the priest or deacon will be scheduled at this time.

STEP 3: Couple meets with a priest in person with the completed Wedding Packet. They choose a wedding date and pay 30% of church fee as a non-refundable deposit. Both the bride and the groom must attend together.

STEP 4: The Wedding Coordinator will contact the couple and provide detailed information for the process toward their wedding. You will receive a preferred vendor list included in the Wedding Information Folder. If you would like to use additional musicians, you MUST contact our Director of Music for further information PRIOR to booking them.

As a policy, all paperwork, fees and outside clergy Letter of Suitability must be submitted to the church office no later than 45 days before wedding. Missing paperwork may cause the wedding to be canceled.

Since marriage is a lifetime commitment, Marriage or Convalidation Preparation Classes are required. The primary purpose of this preparation is to help the couple know deeper and understand consciously the responsibilities of married life as a covenant and as a vocation of service in the Church.

As of April 15, 2019, Marriage Prep and Marriage Convalidation prep is available at St. Michael's. Alternatively, there are several marriage preparation programs throughout the Diocese of Oakland.

I encourage all engaged couples and all married couples to watch the video-based study series BELOVED available free to parishioners on FORMED.org. Whether you are new in your relationship or veterans to the sacrament of matrimony, this series will help you grow in understanding of God's intention for your vocation.

Together let us all pray this month for engaged and married couples, and for single people who are praying to know God's will for them.

May God richly bless you and your families.

Fr Carl

Events Happening This Week



Golden Friends Mass & Luncheon

Friday, June 7 at 10 am
Large Hall

Seniors, come celebrate Mass and enjoy fellowship, entertainment, lunch and spiritual growth! Call Mary at 925-784-1812 to RSVP.

First Friday

Friday, June 7 at 12:00 pm
Church

Due to growing popularity, Mass will be in the CHURCH at 12:00 pm, followed by Adoration until 3:00 pm. The Chapel will be closed at this time for cleaning.

Holy Ghost Festa

Sunday, June 9 at 10:30 am

Parade at 10:30, followed by Mass at 11:00 am. Talent show, free sopas meal and Portuguese folklore group Tempos d'Outrora to follow. Contact: ideslp@outlook.com

Mission Co-Op Guest June 8—9 at All Masses

The Capuchin Franciscan Missionaries work in the mountain regions of Northern Mexico in the states of Sonora, Chihuahua, Nuevo Leon and Durango in the Dioceses of Ciudad Obregón, Cuauhtemoc-Madera, Monterrey and Durango. They have 30 young men in various stages of Capuchin Franciscan formation. The second collection on June 8-9 will be taken up to help the missions in northern Mexico. Thank you for your generosity to the missions.

Lead the Rosary

Saturday Vigil & Sunday Mass

To sign up to lead a Rosary before Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday, see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the courtyard entrance to the church. Or contact Glenda Dubsy or Marise Arena at dubskyglenda@gmail.com or marisearena@yahoo.com



EVERY WEEK

Mon & Fri: 7:30 am
Wed: 2:30 pm (Convent)
Sat: 9:15 am, 3:45 pm, 6:15 pm

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Save These Dates!



Mass in Tagalog

Sunday, June 16 at 3:30 pm

Our Filipino Community invites you to celebrate Mass in Tagalog! Stay after for a potluck reception in the Hall. Mass intention forms available in the church office or at StMichaelLivermore.com/Filipino

Corpus Christi Candlelight Procession

**Saturday, June 22 at 8:00 pm
Church**

Meet on the sidewalk in front of the Church to adore and process behind the Blessed Sacrament around the parish property. Bring a candle! Benediction and adoration to follow.

Please commit to a Holy Hour by signing up outside the chapel. We are offering our Corpus Christi prayers for the return of fallen-away Catholics.

Presence

**Anytime before June 23
From any browser**

As a preparation for Corpus Christi, Fr Carl is asking all parishioners to watch episodes 1, 2 and 3 of *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* available free on the community tab at StMichael.FORMED.org

Br Paul's Farewell

**Sunday, June 23
11:00 Mass**

Come celebrate with Br. Paul as he completes his Pastoral Year with us at St. Michaels. Let's thank him and bid him farewell as he moves back to St. Patrick's Seminary to complete his formation. A reception after Mass will take place in the Courtyard.

Send a message to Brother Paul by signing his guestbook at StMichaelLivermore.com/BroPaul

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Friday, June 28
Church**

Celebrate Mass with Act of Consecration and Reparation at 8:30 am in English or 7:00 pm in Spanish.

Prep for Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

Saturdays, July 6-August 10

As a whole parish, we will spend 33 days preparing to consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary in the St Louis de Montfort method.

Meet on Saturdays in the Hall from 9:30-11:00 am for guest speakers and discussion. Or you may prepare on your own or with your group by using the resources found at TotalConsecration.org

Consecration day for the parish will be on August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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Wednesday, June 19 in the Large Hall

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Teen Programs: 7:00 pm



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1st - 11th Grade



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1st - 11th Grade



Confirmation Prep

9th - 11th Grade



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Giving Report

Bishop's Appeal

www.oakdiocese.org/giving/bishops-appeal

Number of Donors	80
Funds Raised	\$26,445
Average Gift	\$331
Parish Goal	\$77,500
Percentage reached	34.12%

The 2019 "Rebuilding My Church" Bishop's Appeal provides funds to offset some of the following expenses:

- Parishes and Schools in Need
- Pastoral Ministries and Services
- Clergy Formation and Retirement
- Religious Education and Formation



Casarse en San Miguel

El mes de junio es considerado por muchos como el "Mes de la novia de junio". Y dado que Livermore es un "destino" para bodas, debido a nuestras más de 50 hermosas bodegas y nuestro icónico edificio de 100 años, ¡cada dos meses es el "Mes de la novia" en St Miguel también!

Para los católicos, el matrimonio es una vocación divina.

Es parte del plan divino de Dios y nuestras Sagradas Escrituras son el fundamento de esta Verdad. Aquí hay algunos puntos:

1. El matrimonio es una relación indisoluble, excepto en los terrenos más elevados (Mateo 19: 9). Es de por vida. Una pareja que tiene un matrimonio verdaderamente sacramental no puede divorciarse.
2. Relación monógama entre marido y mujer como se establece en la ley original (Mateo 19: 5, 1 Corintios 6:16). Una vez casados, siempre casados hasta que la muerte los separe.
3. El esposo y la esposa son iguales ante Dios (Efesios 5: 29-31, 1 Pedro 3: 7).
4. La relación es reflejar la imagen de Dios (Génesis 1: 26-27).
5. El esposo es la cabeza amorosa de la relación y la esposa está subordinada (1 Corintios 11: 8-9, 1 Timoteo 2:13, Efesios 5: 21-33, Colosenses 3:19, 1 Pedro 3: 1-6).
6. La relación es fructífera (Génesis 1: 28a). Dios diseñó el matrimonio con el propósito de propagación del

mundo que es ir y multiplicarse y ser fructífero.

Pasos para casarse en la nota de San Miguel: ¡COMPLETE ESTOS PASOS ANTES DE RESERVAR LA RECEPCIÓN!

PASO 1: Familiarícese con el matrimonio católico en ForYourMarriage.org. Luego descargue el paquete de bodas de San Miguel de StMichaelLivermore.com/Weddings

PASO 2: Llame a la oficina de la iglesia al 925-447-1585 para programar su entrevista telefónica.

Durante esta entrevista, el sacerdote o el diácono le harán preguntas a los novios para determinar si son libres de casarse. Si aún no están en libertad de casarse, deben completar las dispensas de papeleo y / o anulaciones. Se programará una reunión en persona con el sacerdote del diácono en ese momento.

PASO 3: La pareja se reúne con un sacerdote en persona con el paquete de boda completado. Elijen una fecha de boda y pagan el 30% de la tarifa de la iglesia como depósito no reembolsable. Tanto la novia como el novio deben asistir juntos.

PASO 4: El coordinador de bodas se pondrá en contacto con la pareja y le proporcionará información detallada sobre el proceso para su boda. Recibirá una lista de proveedores preferidos incluida en la Carpeta de información de la boda. Si desea utilizar músicos adicionales, DEBE ponerse en contacto con nuestro Director de Música para obtener más información ANTES de reservarlos.

Como política, todo el papeleo, los honorarios y la Carta de Adecuación

del clero externo deben presentarse a la oficina de la iglesia a más tardar 45 días antes de la boda. La falta de documentación puede hacer que la boda se cancele.

Dado que el matrimonio es un compromiso de por vida, se requieren clases de preparación para el matrimonio o convalidación. El propósito principal de estos preparativos es ayudar a la pareja a conocerse más a fondo y entender conscientemente las responsabilidades de la vida matrimonial como un pacto y como una vocación de servicio en la Iglesia.

A partir del 15 de abril de 2019, la preparación para el matrimonio y la preparación para convalidación del matrimonio están disponibles en St. Miguel. Alternativamente, hay varios programas de preparación matrimonial en toda la Diócesis de Oakland.

Animo a todas las parejas comprometidas y a todas las parejas casadas a que vean la serie de estudios basada en video BELOVED disponible de forma gratuita para los feligreses en FORMED.org. Ya sea que tenga una nueva relación o sea veterano en el sacramento del matrimonio, esta serie lo ayudará a comprender mejor la intención de Dios para su vocación.

Juntos, oremos todos este mes por las parejas comprometidas, casadas, y por las personas solteras que oran para conocer la voluntad de Dios para ellos.

Que Dios le bendiga ricamente a usted y a su familia.

Padre Carl

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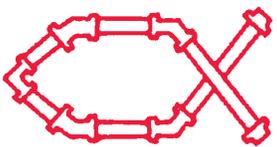
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Mass | Misa

Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

Wed | Mi 7:00 pm (español)

First Friday | Primer viernes
12:00 pm

Sat Vigil | Vigilia del Sábado

5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

Sunday | Domingo

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,
12:30 pm (español), 6:00 pm

Sign Language | Lenguaje por Señas

1st Sun, 11:00 am

Primer domingo a las 11:00 am

Traditional Latin Mass

2nd Sun, 8:00 am

Tagalog

3rd Sun, 3:30 pm

Vietnamese | Vietnamita

4th Sun, 3:30 pm

Cuarto domingo a las 3:30 pm

Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the Church |

Sábado en la iglesia

9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English

6:15 pm en español

Monday & Friday in the church |

Lunes y viernes en la iglesia

7:30 am in English & español

Wednesdays in the Convent Chapel

2:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick |

Unción de los Enfermos

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

1er sábado después de las 8:30 am

Misa o con cita previa: 925-447-
1585

Eucharistic Adoration |

Adoración Eucarística

24/7 in the Chapel. For after hours
access code, call 775-772-6369.

Office Hours | horas de oficina

M-F 9:00 am—5:00 pm

(Closed 12:00 pm—2:00 pm)

Clergy | Clero

Rev. Carl Arcosa, Pastor

Rev. Alfonso Borgen, Parochial Vicar

Rev. David Staal, Associate

Rev. Stanislaus Poon, Retired

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