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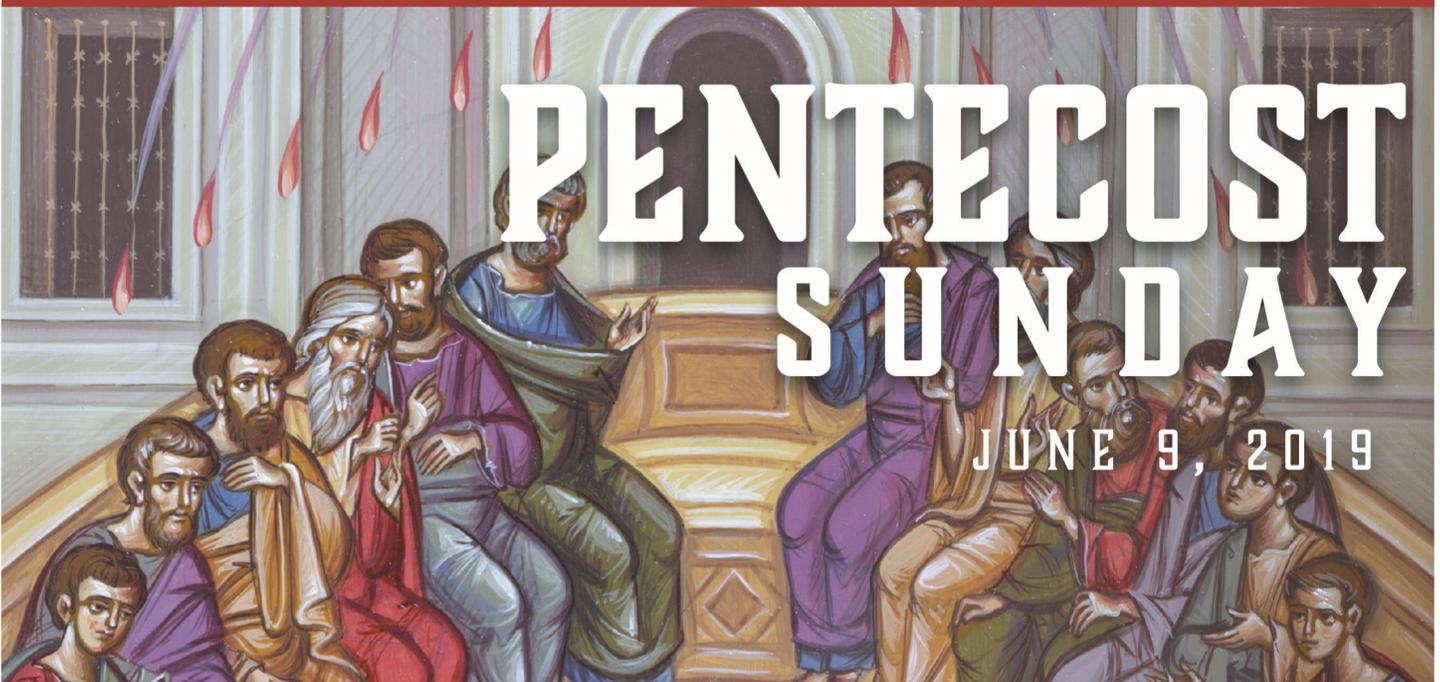
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THERE APPEARED TO THEM TONGUES AS OF FIRE,
WHICH PARTED AND CAME TO REST ON EACH ONE OF THEM.

ACTS 2:3

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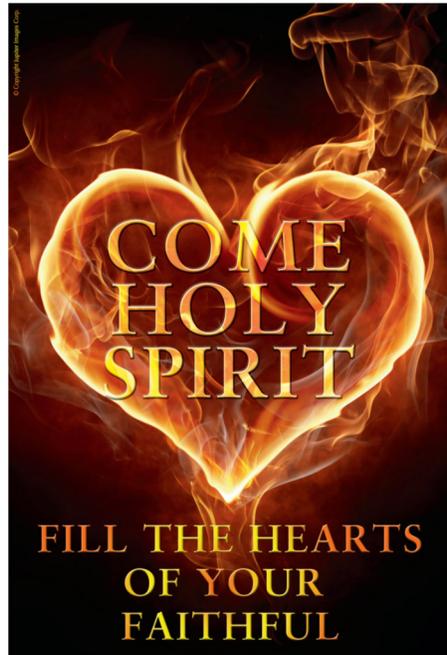


This week's first reading is an account of the Holy Spirit coming upon the apostles and empowering them to preach with confidence. One of the interesting things is the parallel between how the Spirit came down in fire, loud sound, and personal revelation to the apostles on that Pentecost day and how Moses received the Law on Mount Sinai, where similar things happened. But the most important aspect of this reading is not the extraordinary phenomena of fire, wind, and the gift of tongues. Rather, the crucial point is the transformation that took place in the lives of the apostles, who changed from timid souls cowering in a locked room to fearless witnesses of what Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection. These same changes occur today in all who receive the Holy Spirit. It is in this sense that Pentecost still happens, as those who live according to God's Spirit experience the same life-transforming power of God that changed the apostles two thousand years ago.

The second reading this week ties the coming of the Holy Spirit to Baptism. Not only does everyone receive "the manifestation of the Spirit for some benefit," but all are baptized into one body, where all "drink of one Spirit." In like manner, the Gospel links the Holy Spirit with the forgiveness of sins—the sins wiped away at Baptism and the forgiveness of sins committed after Baptism. The Holy Spirit does not come only once to us but continues to form us.

Unpack the First Reading Acts 2:1–11

The readings which is sometimes called the Feast of Weeks or Sabbaths because it occurs seven Sabbaths after the feasts that commemorate the Passover events at the time of the Jewish exodus from Egypt, was to mark



the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai, as well as to celebrate the full barley harvest in the spring of the year. The giving of the Law, the Ten Commandments, was accompanied by dramatic events—loud trumpets, smoke, and fire on Mount Sinai—that revealed the divine presence and power at work in the formation of the covenant with Israel at the time of Moses.

On this new and first Christian Pentecost, God again demonstrates his presence and power by signs and wonders. And the clearest revelation that we re-

ceive from these signs and wonders is that the Church is already "catholic," which means universal. The first twelve names of nations listed in Acts represent the Greek pattern of the "twelve peoples," a symbol for all the nations, and then to these is added a thirteenth, Rome, indicating the goal of Luke's book of Acts: It begins in Jerusalem and ends in Rome where Paul and Peter will be martyred in witness to the truth of Christ. Already Luke shows us, according to Joseph Ratzinger, that even before the first step of that journey to Rome is taken, "the one Church, the Church that speaks all tongues—the *ecclesia universalis*" is already revealed. This new Mount Sinai, this new Pentecost, will form a new Israel of all nations and peoples bound in a catholic unity born of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Unpack the Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

In this reading we see revealed the mystery of the Church as the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Recall that Jesus said in John 2:19 "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Then John interjects, "But he was speaking about the temple of his body" (John 2:21). In St. Paul's writings Jesus' body is the figure of the Church of which we are all members by Baptism. Just as a soul animates the human body, the Holy Spirit animates this Mystical Body of Christ, which is his Church. "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit," Paul tells

us. On this Pentecost we should ask what “benefit” for the Church am I to manifest in the Spirit? Every one of us is by Baptism a custodian of some gift that is meant to benefit the Body of Christ. The Spirit is still falling and still manifesting his gifts, and we ought to long to receive and to exercise them. St. Peter reminds us that we are “chosen and precious,” and he further exhorts us, “Like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:4-5).

Unpack the Gospel Reading John 20:19-23

In this scene from the Resurrection account of John we have a kind of mini- Pentecost. The dramatic events of Pentecost day that will reveal the Church to the wider world are already being played out in this Resurrection event, which is itself connected in John’s Gospel to the moment of Jesus’ death on the cross, when “he bowed his head and gave up his spirit” (John 19:30, RSV). His last breath is the sign of the forgive-

ness of sins that is now set in motion in the Church on “that first day of the week.”

This text from John 20 is considered to be the clearest sign of the institution of the sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation in the Gospels. What Jesus had promised to Peter in particular and then to the Twelve collectively in Matthew 16:19 and 18:18, “Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven,” now finds a precise form in the ministry of mercy. When we think of the gift of the priesthood to the Church, do we first think of the gift of God’s mercy that it brings to us? Often we think of the Pope, bishops, and priests as “authority figures,” as a kind of necessary concession to the needs of ordering a human society on earth. But the mystery of the priesthood is much deeper and richer than mere organizational requirements, as real as they are. In the Church, Peter and the apostles, and their successors, the Pope and bishops, are a gift of his mercy to us.

Reflect & Discuss

Watch the short Opening the Word video on StMichael.FORMED.org.

This week’s presenter, Edward Sri, described three ways the New Testament Pentecost experience parallels the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai on the first Pentecost. What are the parallels?

What is one example given in the video of how the Holy Spirit changes us?

In the video, Edward Sri pointed out that, through the sacrament of Baptism, the Holy Spirit dwells in us, and we become radically changed people. We also know from experience that we will fall into sin even after Baptism. In his wisdom, God has given us the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which restores the life of the Holy Spirit within us.

How important a gift is this sacrament to you personally, and how might you thank the Holy Spirit for it?

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THE WILD GOOSE 

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power.

Parishioners can watch the series free at StMichael.FORMED.org
Available in English or Spanish.

Pray Throughout the Week



Mass Intentions

Saturday 6/8

8:30am Rufino Soliva
5:00pm Ramos & Zaczek Families
7:00pm Margarito Guzman †
Salvador Guzman †

Sunday 6/9

6:45am JP & Anne Mikolajczyk
8:00am James & Eileen Sweeny †
9:30am Mass for Our Parish
11:00am James Kane
12:30pm Edith Centerio &
Danio Salazar
6:00pm Paulette Achondoa †

Monday 6/10

8:30am The Flores Family

Tuesday 6/11

8:30am Susan Llacer

Wednesday 6/12

8:30am James Kane †
7:00pm Felicitas Jimenez

Thursday 6/13

8:30am Antonieta Ypil †

Friday 6/14

8:30am Porferio Abellar
Raul Santa Maria

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

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



Imagine being at that first Pentecost and seeing the Holy Spirit fall upon the apostles. You know the apostles as good men, but you also know that they are filled with weakness, pride, and cowardice. One by one, you see them become emboldened by the Holy Spirit to preach the Gospel without fear and become ideal witnesses to Jesus Christ. You see, for example, Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, now taking the lead in publicly proclaiming Christ as Messiah and Lord. He is a changed man! You see the others boldly proclaiming their faith. Now if you knew the Holy Spirit were to come to you next, how might you envision your life being changed? If there is one area of personal weakness in your life that you think the Holy Spirit would want to transform the most, what would that be? Take a few moments in prayer to ask God about this.

Resolution

Talk to God about this one area of weakness and ask him how you can work on it this week. Make a particular resolution that would help you improve in this area of weakness and invite the Holy Spirit to give you his strength, just as he strengthened Peter and the apostles at Pentecost long ago.

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



3 Important Marriage Principles

Dear St Michael Family,

As we continue our catechesis on the Sacrament of Matrimony, let's look at three important principles of marriage:

1. Marriage Is a Divine Institution Given by God as a Part of the Created Order.

The first principle, seen in Genesis 2, is that marriage is divinely instituted by God as a part of His created order. Marriage was not "figured out" by man; it was instituted by God right from the start. And it is God's definition that matters, not any later attempts by man to redefine it.

Genesis 2:18 states that "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper corresponding to him." Then Genesis 2:19-20 makes the point that none of the animals qualify as a helper. Therefore, in Genesis 2:21-22 God creates a woman, Eve, out of Adam's rib. All of this work was God's initiative and His design from the beginning. Adam had nothing to do with it!

2: Marriage Is the Union of a Man and a Woman to Become One Flesh.

A second principle is seen from the rest of the narrative of Genesis 2, that marriage is the union of a man and a woman to become one flesh. That the woman is fashioned from the man in the first place, indicates

that they are of the same essence. In the famous words of Matthew Henry, the woman was "not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved." Once God makes the woman, he brings her to Adam, who exclaims in Genesis 2:23: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman because she was taken out of man."

Even more importantly, the following verse (Genesis 2:24) says that they are "one flesh": "therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." This principle is true both on the physical level, as the man and the woman join in physical intimacy; but it is also true on the spiritual/emotional level, as the two together become one.

3. Marriage is for Life and meant to last for a lifetime. No Divorce.

In the New Testament, Jesus reaffirms this teaching on marriage in his discussion with the Pharisees. When the Pharisees ask Jesus if it is lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason, Jesus takes the Pharisees back to these verses in Genesis 1 and 2. He says, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his

father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matthew 19:4-6).

Divorce violates the one-flesh principle. That is why later in Matthew 19:9, Jesus says that other than for sexual immorality, a man should not divorce his wife. They are one flesh.

A reminder for couples who were married in the Catholic Church, may these words refresh your commitment and promises you said to God and to your spouse: "I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life."

And if you are married and a practicing Catholic, but were not married in the Church, I urge you to seek marriage Convalidation. Essentially, Convalidation makes your civil marriage a sacramental marriage. As with all sacraments, the sacrament of matrimony is a gift of divine grace! All marriages need this special grace from God. Please, visit StMichaelLivermore.com/Weddings to start the Convalidation process.

May God bless all engaged couples, married couples, and single people discerning God's will for them.

Fr Carl

Events Happening This Week



Mass in Tagalog

Sunday, June 16 at 3:30 pm

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

Father's Day Choir

Sunday, June 16 at 11 am Mass

All men and boys are invited to sing in a special Men's choir in honor of Father's Day on Sunday, June 16 at the 11:00 am Mass. All are welcome - dads, sons, grandfathers, uncles. There will be no weeknight rehearsal, we will gather for a short warm up at 10:30 am in the Music Practice Room in the Convent. For more information, please call JaNet Hancock at 925-292-5071 or email Music@StMichaelLivermore.com

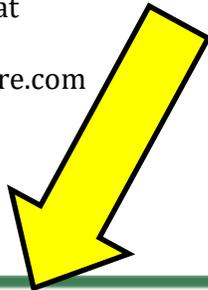
Lead the Rosary

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

Register for Vacation Bible Camp!

If you haven't already done so, this week register your kids and grand-kids for St Michael's Vacation Bible Camp. Your kids will discover how Mary brings us closer to Jesus through the power of the Rosary. Mysteries and messages revealed at each train stop! Through music, skits, activities, crafts and games, your kids will experience the wonder of Our Lady.



DAILY ROSARY



**Mon- Fri at 7:00 am
in the Church**

**Mon-Sat at 9:15 am
in the Chapel**

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

St Michael Church & School

Pre K - 6th Grade

June 24 - June 28

Questions | Registration | Volunteer: vbc@stmichaellivermore.com

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Save These Dates!



Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest

Saturday, June 22, 9am-3pm

Help make simple dresses for girls in poverty-stricken countries. Sew, cut, iron: we'll put you to work! Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com.

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.

Novena of Masses

September 20 - 27 at 7:00 pm
(September 25 in Spanish)
September 28 at 5:00 pm

Gala Dinner & Auction

September 28 at 7:00 pm.
Outdoor seating at St
Michael School grounds

Parish Raffle

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Feast of St Michael the Archangel

September 20 - 29, 2019



INFO NIGHT



St Michael Faith Formation Programs
for Children & Teens

Wednesday, June 19 in the Large Hall

Children's Programs: 6:00 pm

Teen Programs: 7:00 pm

Kingdom Kids

Ages 3-6



GENESIS YOUTH GROUP

3rd - 6th Grade



Edge Youth Group

7th & 8th Grade



LIFETEEN YOUTH GROUP

9th - 12th Grade



BAPTISM PREP

1st - 11th Grade



FIRST COMMUNION PREP

1st - 11th Grade



Confirmation Prep

9th - 11th Grade



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Giving Report

Collection Report: May 26

5/26/19 Collection	\$14,404.33
Month-to-Date	\$82,631.25
Month Goal	\$87,058.82
Percentage Reached	95%
Faith Direct	\$11,381.00
Maintenance (for Month)	\$7,495.75
Catholic Charities	\$3,868.00

Collection Report: June 2

6/2/19 Collection	\$16,046.22
Month-to-Date	\$16,046.22
Month Goal	\$108,823.53
Percentage Reached	15%
Faith Direct	
Maintenance (for Month)	\$6,273.50



3 Principios importantes del matrimonio

Querida familia de San Miguel, Mientras continuamos nuestra catequesis sobre el Sacramento del matrimonio, veamos tres principios importantes del matrimonio:

1. El matrimonio es una institución divina dada por Dios como parte del orden creado. El primer principio, visto en Génesis 2, es que el matrimonio es instituido divinamente por Dios como parte de su orden creado. El matrimonio no fue "resuelto" por el hombre; Fue instituido por Dios desde el principio. Y es la definición de Dios lo que importa, no los intentos posteriores del hombre para redefinirlo.

Génesis 2:18 declara que "no es bueno que el hombre esté solo; Le haré un ayudante que se corresponda con él". Luego, Génesis 2: 19-20 señala que ninguno de los animales califica como ayudante. Por lo tanto, en Génesis 2: 21-22, Dios crea a una mujer, Eva, de la costilla de Adán. Todo este trabajo fue la iniciativa de Dios y su diseño desde el principio. ¡Adán no tuvo nada que ver con eso!

2: El matrimonio es la unión de un hombre y una mujer para convertirse en una sola carne.

Un segundo principio se ve en el resto de la narrativa de Génesis 2, que el matrimonio es la unión de un hombre y una mujer para convertirse en una sola carne. Que la mujer esté formada por el hombre en primer lugar, indica que son de

la misma esencia. En las famosas palabras de Matthew Henry, la mujer "no fue hecha de su cabeza para gobernar sobre él, ni de sus pies para ser pisoteada por él, sino de su lado para ser igual a él, debajo de su brazo para ser protegido, y cerca de su corazón para ser amado". Una vez que Dios hace a la mujer, la lleva a Adán, quien exclama en Génesis 2:23: "Esto ahora es hueso de mis huesos y carne de mi carne; será llamada mujer porque la sacaron del hombre.

Aún más importante, el siguiente versículo (Génesis 2:24) dice que son "una sola carne": "por lo tanto, un hombre dejará a su padre ya su madre y se unirá a su esposa, y se convertirán en una sola carne". Este principio es cierto tanto en el nivel físico, ya que el hombre y la mujer se unen en la intimidad física; pero también es cierto en el nivel espiritual / emocional, ya que los dos juntos se convierten en uno.

3. El matrimonio es para toda la vida y está destinado a durar toda la vida. No hay divorcio.

En el Nuevo Testamento, Jesús reafirma esta enseñanza sobre el matrimonio en su discusión con los fariseos. Cuando los fariseos le preguntan a Jesús si es lícito que un hombre se divorcie de su esposa por alguna razón, Jesús lleva a los fariseos a estos versículos en Génesis 1 y 2. Él dice: "¿No has leído que el que los hizo al principio? 'los hizo hombres y mujeres', y dijeron: 'Por esta razón, un hombre dejará a su padre ya su madre y se unirá a su esposa, y los dos se convertirán en una sola carne'?

Entonces, ya no son dos sino una sola carne. Por lo tanto, lo que Dios ha unido, no lo separe el hombre "(Mateo 19: 4-6).

El divorcio viola el principio de una sola carne. Es por eso que más adelante en Mateo 19: 9, Jesús dice que aparte de la inmoralidad sexual, un hombre no debe divorciarse de su esposa. Son una sola carne.

Un recordatorio para las parejas que se casaron en la Iglesia Católica, que estas palabras le refresquen el compromiso y las promesas que le dijo a Dios y a su cónyuge: "Prometo serle fiel en los tiempos buenos y malos, en las enfermedades y en la salud. Te amaré y te honraré todos los días de mi vida".

Y si usted está casado y es un católico practicante, pero no estaba casado en la Iglesia, le insto a que busque matrimonio por convalidación. Esencialmente, la convalidación hace que su matrimonio civil sea un matrimonio sacramental. ¡Como con todos los sacramentos, el sacramento del matrimonio es un don de la gracia divina! Todos los matrimonios necesitan esta gracia especial de Dios. Por favor, visite StMichaelLivermore.com/Weddings para iniciar el proceso de Convalidación.

Que Dios bendiga a todas las parejas comprometidas, parejas casadas y personas solteras que discernen la voluntad de Dios para ellas.

Padre Carl

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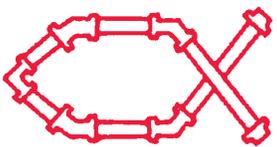
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Mass | Misa

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
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