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When Jesus saw the crowds,  
he went up the mountain  
and began to teach them.

Matthew 5:1

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Mass Times

Mon-Fri: 7:00 am & 8:30 am  
Wed: 7:00 pm (Spanish)  
Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
7:00 pm (Spanish)

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

Sign Language: 1st Sun, 11:00 am  
Vietnamese: 4th Sun, 3:30 pm

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Saturday, in the Church  
9:00 am & 3:45 pm  
6:15 pm in Spanish  
1st & 3rd Wed, Convent Chapel, 2:30 pm

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# Sunday Readings

## TRUE HAPPINESS

### FIRST READING

***You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).***

The idea of the remnant is a continuing theme in the prophetic book. The remnant isn't simply a limited number of survivors of some catastrophe that awaits in the future, but what has been described as an eschatological remnant that not only survives, yet continues to do so because its members are holy. This idea passes into the Christian age through St. Paul, who identifies those Jews who accept Christ as the faithful remnant of the true Israel onto which the Gentiles are grafted in a new Israel. It's this remnant that makes it possible for God to remain true to his covenantal promises and yet deliver justice to the sinner.

Within the covenant there's always a universal promise of blessing, but there's also implied a particular application of the promise made to all. That is, to receive what's promised to all, one must struggle to be numbered among the remnant of the true Israel which is "a people humble and lowly." As has often been said, God's justice and mercy are one and the same thing. The unrepentant experience it as the justice meted out on "the day of the Lord" while the righteous receive the blessings of his sheltering mercy in the covenant to which they have been faithful.

### SECOND READING

***God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).***

This section of Paul's letter to the Corinthians is a perfect fit with the theme of the lowly and humble remnant mentioned above, which will be described as those blest in the Gospel just following. It has always been one of the most salient characteristics of Christianity that appeals to the lowly. That's one of the causes of its rapid spread in disparate places such as ancient Rome and modern India. The low-born plebeians and slaves of the Roman empire found that they were as welcome amongst the Christians as the high-born patricians, and they spread the faith throughout the world. Likewise, the low caste peoples of India, the so-called "untouchables," are embraced by the Christian community to the point that the majority of Indian Catholics are from those castes.

To this very day, St. Paul's words sound as though he's speaking directly to the average Catholic in the pew: "Not many of you are wise, as men account wisdom; not many are influential; and surely not many are well-born."

### GOSPEL

***Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).***

The goal of life in Christ is beatitude, blessing. That story needs so much to be told. So many think that the moral life consists entirely of following laws. One who lives life in Christ

# and Meditation

will certainly be law abiding. But as the introduction to this section of the Catechism makes clear, our faith, celebrated in the sacraments, brings us into a new life of grace which expresses an inner impulse to do all that Christ has commanded and to love in the measure that he loved—that is, without measure. It's the grace of the sacraments which gives us this life, which is why in the Catechism's first article on the sacraments, it says that the whole of God's plan is "one vast divine bless-

words? In what area of your life are you mourning? How do you think that God can comfort you in your sorrow?

Next, you hear Jesus go on to say, "Blessed are the meek, / for they will inherit the land. / Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, / for they will be satisfied. / Blessed are the merciful, / for they will be shown mercy. / Blessed are the clean of heart, / for they will see God. / Blessed are the peacemakers, / for they will be called children of God. / Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, / for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. / Blessed are you when they

*Blessed are they which do  
hunger and thirst  
after righteousness:  
for they shall be filled.*

*Matthew 5:6*

ing" and that "in the Church's liturgy, the divine blessing is fully revealed and communicated" (CCC 1079,1082).

The life of Christ, or perhaps, rather, the life of Christ in us, leads us to live as he did. The Beatitudes describe everything that he was. Whether the least or the greatest, when we live this blessed life we do come to know him. Knowing him, we love him and our neighbor all the more.

## MEDITATION

Imagine that you are seated on the hillside, listening to Jesus preach. Now you hear him say, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." What goes through your mind when you hear these

insult you and persecute you / and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me."

Which of these statements do you find the most challenging? Which of these teachings do you think Jesus might be asking you to practice more in your life right now?

## RESOLUTION

Choose one of the Beatitudes and write down three ways that you might live it out this week in your family, your workplace, or your parish.

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

**Tuesday:** St. John Bosco

**Thursday:** The Presentation of the Lord

**Friday:** St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday; Blessing of throats

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

## Prayer to St Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the divine power of God, cast into hell satan, and all the evil spirits, who roam through out the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

# Prayers & Devotion

## Pray for True Happiness

The world says that blessing or good fortune is based on riches, honor, fame, pleasure, and worldly possessions. The problem is that all these things don't make us happy for very long. Think about how you feel when you make a large purchase like an expensive electronic device or a new car. Sure, you feel happy for a while, but in six months, will you still feel that thrill? Probably not.

Jesus offers us a very different picture of happiness. He tells us that only one thing can make us truly happy and that is God. God alone gives us perfect happiness, but in order to have that perfect happiness, we need to do what Jesus describes in the Beatitudes.

This week, pray the Beatitudes.



## The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 1/28

8:30am Ursula Edwards †

5:00pm Abraham Mata †

7:00 pm Melanie Maher †

### Sunday 1/29

6:45am Imelda & Reynaldo

8:00am Melanie Maher †

9:30am Lucia Mata †

11:00am Ursula Edwards †

12:30pm Mass for Our Parish

6:00 pm Vivencio Banta †

### Monday 1/30

7:00am Denise McGroary

8:30am Makenzie Mandelenis

### Tuesday 1/31

7:00am Deborah Morin

8:30am Vincent Zoret †

### Wednesday 2/1

7:00am Thomas McMahon

8:30am Patricia Werner †

7:00pm For the Souls of the Orlando Tragedy & Michael Jackson †

### Thursday 2/2

7:00 am William Lawrence †

8:30 am Juanito Borromeo †

### Friday 2/3

7:00am Patricia Christman †

8:30am Mary Ann O'Reilly †

### Saturday 2/4

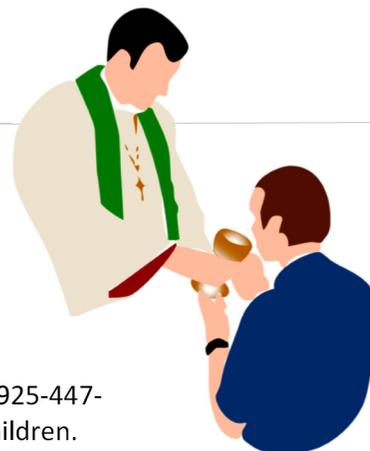
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7:00 pm Julia Fardo †

*To request a mass intention, please visit the church office.*

# Reminders



## How to Receive Holy Communion

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: the most precious center point of our lives. As Catholics, we understand that the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. Therefore, receiving Eucharist must be done so with the highest form of reverence:

- Approach with a bow
- When the minister says "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ", respond clearly with AMEN.
- If receiving in the hand, support one hand under the other. Lift your hands at chest level.
- If receiving on the tongue, slightly tilt your head, open wide and extend your tongue.
- Consume the Eucharist immediately.

Note: We never "take" Communion. We "receive" Communion. This verb choice will help keep us in the correct mind-set.

## When You Should Not Receive Holy Communion:

**If you are Catholic and have not yet received First Communion.**

To enroll in Sacrament prep, please call 925-447-2925 for adults and 925-447-8814 for children.

**If you are Catholic and have a serious sin on your soul.**

Some serious sins include (but are not limited to) being married outside the church, being unmarried but living together or purposely not attending Sunday Mass or holy days of obligation. If you are unsure of what is a serious sin, see the examination of conscience guide available at the [StMichaelLivermore.com/Confession](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/Confession) or ask a priest. God's mercy and love await you in the Sacrament of Confession!

(also see Marriage Convalidation Program on the Upcoming Events page)

**If you are not Catholic.**

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion.

For those who cannot receive Eucharist at this time, we welcome you to join in our liturgy, to pray and sing with us. Please remain in the pew during the Communion Procession, offering your heartfelt prayers to our God of love and mercy. We eagerly await the time when you will join us at the Eucharistic table!

## Tax Statement for Your Contributions

2016 Tax statements have been sent out to all Parishioners this week who have contributed \$250.00 or more to the Parish community. For those who didn't receive a 2016 tax statement, please contact the Parish office and we will gladly send one out to you. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our wonderful St. Michael community. For any questions, please call 925-447-1585.

## Collection Report

Thank you for your generous financial offerings to our parish!

1/22/17 Collection: \$21,249.32  
Average Collection: \$23,102.34  
Maintenance to Date: \$4,658.00

## If You are Sick



Please do your part to keep our community healthy. If you are sick, please...

- Give a verbal sign of peace instead of shaking hands.
- Clasp your hands together during Our Father, instead of holding hands with your neighbor.
- Receive Eucharist only in the host, and do not receive from the cup.



# Catholic Schools Week

Come celebrate Catholic Schools Week today. We invite you to visit St. Michael School following our 11:00 am Mass as we showcase our school at our Open House until 2:00 pm.

Faculty, staff, and students will be present to answer any questions that you might have. You will experience what makes St. Michael School so special.

## Catholic Schools Week Schedule:

January 29-February 3, 2017: Faith ~ Knowledge ~ Service

### Reserve Tickets for Our 58th Annual Wine Tasting Gala & Auction! Saturday, February 25th



Reserve your seat at St Michael School's biggest fundraising gala of the year at Robert Livermore Community Center on Feb 25.

Enjoy food pairings with award winning wines and beers poured by representatives from local wineries and craft breweries, Dessert Bar, Wine Pull and Heads or Tails Game with Cash Prize, Oscar Nominee Pool with Cash Prize \$\$\$ and Silent & Live Auction.

Ticket Prices: \$60 per person/\$75 for VIP (which includes champagne reception from 5:30-6:00 pm)

Purchase tickets online at [www.smsliv.org](http://www.smsliv.org) or at St. Michael School or parish offices.

Contact: Vanessa Gallo at 925-963-7958

#### SUNDAY, January 29: FAITH

Catholic Schools Week Mass at 11:00 am at St. Michael Church  
Open House following Mass from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

#### MONDAY, January 30: FAITH - SERVICE

Flag Salute and Prayer Assembly: 8:00 am.

Free dress for all students who wore their uniform to Sunday's Mass. Student Leadership will provide hot chocolate for all students during recess as part of student appreciation.

#### TUESDAY, January 31: FAITH - SERVICE

Flag Salute and Prayer Assembly: 8:00 am.

School Tour - Doors open to the public for a school tour, 8:00-10:00.

Celebrate our 100th day at school with our St. Vincent de Paul can collection class competition - Student Leadership will count and collect food cans brought in by each class at our Flag Salute

#### WEDNESDAY, February 1: FAITH - SERVICE - KNOWLEDGE

Flag Salute and Prayer Assembly: 8:00 am.

Student Teaching: Our 8th graders will team up with teachers to design a lesson that the students will teach.

#### THURSDAY, February 2: FAITH - KNOWLEDGE - COMMUNITY

Flag Salute and Prayer Assembly: 8:00 am.

Jersey Day - In honor of Super Bowl, students may wear any sports jersey. Game Competition - Student Leadership will host a fun and friendly game competition following Flag Salute.

#### FRIDAY, February 3: FAITH - SERVICE

Flag Salute and Prayer Assembly: 10:00 am.

Special Person's Day - Special guests will join their student host at Flag Salute at 10:00. Classroom activities for students and their special guests will be from 10:15-11:15, followed by Prayer Service at 11:15. Dismissal is at 12:15.

#### ALL WEEK January 29-February 3 KNOWLEDGE

Scholastic Book Fair: St. Michael School will host our Annual Scholastic Book Fair starting Sunday, January 29, at our Open House in the St. Michael School Library from 12:00-2:00. The Book Fair will continue throughout the school week (Jan 30-Feb 3) during morning recesses, lunchtime, and after school for one hour. Readers of all ages (preschool children to adults) will find books of interest at the Book Fair.

# Upcoming Events

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## **WINGS Presents: Picturing the Holy Spirit**

**Thurs, Feb 2 at St Charles**

Art Connoisseur, Barbara Mitchell, will be our keynote speaker this week. Her presentation is entitled: "Picturing the Holy Spirit" Barbara holds a B.A. in studio art and art history, and a PhD in Italian Renaissance Art History. Since the late 70's, she has offered slide lectures on religious art and architecture at Bay Area parishes, and at the Cathedral of Christ the Light where she volunteers as a docent. She is a parishioner at St. Michael Parish.

Women of all ages are invited to join us at 9:30 am at St Charles for this enlightening look at the Holy Spirit through Art! Questions: Phyllis Clearwater 925-337-4299 or Donna Leach 925-443-6815

## **Scout Sunday**

**Sun, Feb 5 at 8am Mass**

Calling all Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Adult Scout Leaders in St. Michael Parish! Come and sit with us at the 8 am, Mass—regardless of your home unit—in full uniform. Meet in the Church courtyard at 7:45 am to join the procession.

If you have earned a religious emblem in the past year, let us know in advance so that you can be recognized before the Mass. Contact Mr. Aufderheide at 925 443 6352 or email at aufderheide3@msn.com.

## **Birthright "For the Love of Family" Benefit Dinner and Auction**

**Feb 11, 5:30 pm at St Raymond**

Hosted by Birthright of Livermore and Knights of Columbus, Fr. John C. Murphy, Council #7987, come learn about God's plan for our families and enjoy live music, fine food and fellowship. Reserve tickets by calling 925- 449-5887.

## **Knights of Columbus 44th Annual Crab Feed**

**Feb 11, 4:30-11 pm at Robert Livermore**

Enjoy crab and pasta dinner in town, along with a no host bar - wine, beer and cocktails, live entertainment and dancing, door prizes and raffles, live and silent auctions. Contact Dennis Lundbom at 775-772-6369

## **Bilingual Mass of Remembrance**

**Mon, Feb 13 at St Charles**

We gather to remember departed loved ones at 7:00 pm. Please bring photos of loved ones to place before the altar during Mass. A Ritual of Remembrance gives us the chance to come forward with a rose (provided), light a candle, and speak about the people we are remembering, if we wish.

## **St Michael's El Salvador Mission Dinner Dance**

**Feb 18. 6-11 pm at St Francis of Assisi**

Join us at a fundraising dinner dance at St Francis of Assisi in Concord to help the families who are a part of our El Salvador Mission.

Contact Edwin Henriquez  
650-279-5175.

## **Prepare for Marriage Convalidation**

**March, June or October**

The Convalidation Program is designed for those couples who are married civilly and now wish to marry in the Church. Some couples, because of differences in religious background or, a sense of distance from the Church at the time of their marriage, or due to complicating family situations, were married civilly or in some other manner that did not meet the Catholic Church's legal requirements for a valid church marriage.

The Church's intention is to provide couples with a sufficient understanding of Catholic Christian marriage to enable them to enter into marriage with integrity and knowledge. If you are interested in learning more, please call 510-893-4711 and save one of the Convalidation Weekend Program dates: March 4-5, June 3-4 and October 14-15

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# Noticias Parroquiales

## Misa del Recuerdo en St. Charles Borromeo

**El 13 de Febrero**

Nos reuniremos a recordar nuestros amados difuntos a las 7:00 p.m. Nuestra Misa bilingüe nos da la oportunidad de traer fotos de nuestros seres amados difuntos y ponerlos junto al altar durante la Misa. Es un Ritual para recordar. Nos da la oportunidad venir hacia delante con una rosa (será dada), encender una vela, y si lo desean, hablar sobre la persona que recuerdan.

Esta misa trimestral esta ofrecida por medio del ministerio de Apoyo del Dolor de San Michael y St. Charles. Todos son bienvenidos.

## En Busca de Oradores para Nuestra Capilla



Necesitamos voluntarios que se registren una hora en cualquier día de cada semana.

Debemos tener al menos una persona en la capilla con el Santísimo Sacramento en todo momento, y hay muchas horas en las que nadie se a inscrito.

Por favor regístrese en [Adoration@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Adoration@StMichaelLivermore.com) o en la hoja de inscripción fuera de la capilla.

## Misión de El Salvador de San Miguel: Celebración del Décimo Año y Cena-Baile

Estamos en el décimo año de la Misión de San Miguel en El Salvador y hemos terminado 28 casas, gracias a sus generosas contribuciones. Después de su visita a El Salvador el 3 de enero, el padre Ismael Gutiérrez informa que hay 14 nuevas familias en la propiedad, y que necesitan nuestra ayuda.

Acompáñanos en una cena de recaudación de fondos el 18 de febrero de 6:00-11:00 en San Francisco de Asís en Concord para ayudar a estas familias. Las entradas son \$ 20 por persona. Para comprar boletos, o simplemente para ofrecer una donación, comuníquese con Edwin Henriquez 650-279-5175.

## Los Santos y Otras Celebraciones

**Domingo:** Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Semana de las Escuelas Católicas

**Martes:** San Juan Bosco

**Jueves:** La Presentación del Señor; Día de la Marmota

**Viernes:** San Blas; San Óscar; Bendición de las gargantas; Primer viernes

**Sábado:** Santa María Virgen; Primer sábado

“ El ideal cristiano no se ha probado y encontrado deficiente. Se ha encontrado difícil y se ha dejado sin probar.

--Gilbert K. Chesterton ”

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# La Parroquia de San Miguel

En la Parroquia de San Miguel nosotros como mission celebramos los sacramentos, formamos discipulos, y llevamos a Cristo a la comunidad.

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## Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Yo dejaré en medio de ti, pueblo mío, un puñado de gente pobre y humilde; entonces serán como el rebaño que pasta y que descansa, y no habrá quién los perturbe (Sofonías 2:3; 3:12-13).

Salmo -- ¡Dichosos los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos! (Salmo 146)

Segunda lectura -- Es por la gracia de Dios que ustedes moran en Jesucristo. "El que se gloría, que se gloríe en el Señor" (1 Corintios 1:26-31).

Evangelio -- Dichosos los pobres de espíritu; alégrense y salten de contento, porque su premio será grande en los cielos (Mateo 5:1-12a)

### CUESTIONES DE PODER

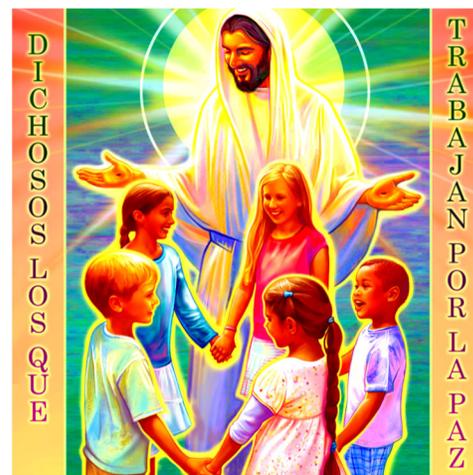
De todas las lecturas de hoy, especialmente la del Evangelio de Mateo, afirma que Dios honra a los pobres y a los humildes, y promete la bendición de Dios en el reino proclamado por Jesús. Muchos de aquellos que Jesús encontró, y luego Pablo, pensaron que esos

dichos acerca de los mansos heredarían la tierra era una tomada de pelo. ¿No era obvio que el "poderoso", con poder militar, económico y social, son los que se encargan de las cosas? Pablo parece decir que primero debemos entender la naturaleza y el propósito del poder. A causa de Cristo, el poder que surge de estructuras humanas egoístas se desvanecerán tarde o temprano. El poder duradero viene solo de Dios, el poder que provee cuidado por los demás y reconcilia las divisiones entre nosotros. El poder del mundo es de valor verdadero, pero solo si se ejecuta responsablemente, al servicio solo de los propósitos de Dios. Este es el tipo de poder que al final es el que importa.

Los mansos y puros de corazón parecen entender esto de manera muy clara. Porque ellos están libres de la carga de proteger su propio poder, ellos pueden revelar más plenamente la verdad del poder de Dios.

### EL SIGUIENTE PASO

¿Qué se requiere para ser pobre de espíritu y de corazón puro? El Evangelio de hoy presenta el Sermón de la



Montaña (Mateo capítulo 5 al 7) explora esto en detalle. El Sermón sugiere que aprender a abrir nuestros corazones para confiar en Dios es fundamental. El Sermón sirve para entrar al camino del aprendizaje para poner nuestras vidas en las manos de Dios. Considera dedicar un tiempo para leer todo el Sermón una vez de corrido. Escucha los movimientos del Espíritu. Al irlo leyendo, podrías preguntarte que es lo más tranquilizador y que es lo que es más desafiante para ti en este tiempo de tu vida. ¿Qué es lo que te invita a meditar más profundamente? ¿Qué te invita a decidir o tomar una acción para el siguiente paso en tu camino de fe?



Para obtener información en español sobre eventos y noticias de nuestra parroquia.

Si estan interesados en agregar o presentar un artículo en el boletín en español, por favor contactar a Brenda Zavala 510-691-2864