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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall
leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and
the two shall become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8



OCTOBER 7, 2018

A Vision for Marriage

The readings for today focus on God's vision of marriage, which is a hot topic in our culture.

Today the Church invites us to meditate on the truth about marriage. And as we'll see, God created marriage to reveal the very meaning of our existence, and it is very good!

First Reading Reflection Genesis 2:18–24

Today's first reading from Genesis, alongside the Gospel reading from Matthew, can help us to understand man as male and female, as well as the Sacrament of Matrimony.

We know that God created us in His image and likeness by giving us the spiritual faculties of the will and intellect. No other creature, other than the angels, has been given this sublime gift. The source of our natural dignity comes from the fact that we have the ability to reason and to choose. The dignity of the human person reveals the divine origin of the equal dignity of male and female. Adam is able to say to Eve, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" because God creates both in equal dignity.

The uniqueness we possess by being spiritual creatures is something that permeates every aspect of our lives; we cannot divorce our physical selves from our spiritual selves. This is especially true with respect to the question of marriage and it is always important to consider not

only the physical end (to be fruitful and multiply) but the spiritual as well. A husband and wife join themselves together in the most intimate way not only by the union of their bodies but especially by the union of their spirits. The biblical language of Genesis does not make the same kind of philosophical distinction between the soul and body that we make today. So when Genesis says that "the two of them become one body," this means that the totality of each person becomes a unity of body and soul in marriage.

This union of the man and woman is the basis for the indissolubility of marriage. God has created marriage such that only death can dissolve the union of the husband and wife. God is the Author of marriage, which means that we cannot change its definition or understanding to meet our own society's desires. For this reason, the Church upholds the doctrine of indissolubility, because of its good for the couple and the good of the children who come from the union of the spouses. Couples are given the gift of children; this is why the husband and wife are called "procreators." This procreation is derived from God's command to be "fruitful and multiply."

Second Reading Reflection Hebrews 2:9–11

Hebrews 2 must be understood in light of Hebrews 1. In Hebrews 1, there is strong emphasis that Jesus Christ is superior to the angels. As such, His New Covenant is greater than Covenant

of the Old Testament; his Covenant fulfills the promises made in the Old Covenant.

Hebrews 1 states that Jesus is above the angels and prophets. In Hebrews 2, we are presented with the following paradox: how can the Son, who is far greater than all the angels, take on human flesh and thereby become inferior to the angels? For, the audience of this letter was the Jewish Christians, who would have had a difficult time reconciling Christ's Incarnation, suffering, and death with the reality that he is also God. This great love is still a mystery for us today. Hebrews 2 quotes Psalm 8, which foretold Christ's Incarnation.

What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man, that you should care for him? You have made him for a little while lower than the angels... (Heb. 2:6-7)

It is important to note that the title "Son of Man" is the most frequent title that Jesus uses to describe himself. The beginning of the Psalm states the son of man seems insignificant next to the sun, stars, and the entire cosmos. Yet, the Psalmist sings, God has made him lower than the angels for only "a little while." This indicates that Christ took on flesh for only a short time; he submitted himself humbly as a servant, even to the point of death on the Cross, as Philippians 2:5-11 beautifully describes.

Why did Jesus take a form lower than the angels; in other words,

why did he become Incarnate in flesh? The Catechism of the Catholic Church answers this question in the words of St. Irenaeus. For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God (no. 460).

Jesus took on flesh so that we might become the sons of God. This is the meaning of Hebrews 2:10, which says He brings “many sons to glory.” In other words, Christ became man to save man from his sins. Jesus saves fallen humanity by giving us the ability to become sons of God and to be divinized. Just as the sick body needs medicine, so our fallen human nature, which sick with sin, needs the medicine of Christ’s divinity.

Gospel Reading Reflection Mark 10:2–16

Our readings from Genesis and this Gospel together show how

Jesus claims to have greater authority than Moses, which would have shocked the Pharisees. When the Pharisees question him concerning divorce, he effectively reestablishes the divine law concerning the sacrament of marriage from the very beginning. He explains that Moses allowed divorce for the hardness of their hearts.

This would have been a shocking assertion to the Jews, since God gave the law to Moses. It is no wonder that the Jews approached Jesus with this question, “By what authority do you do these things?” The fact that Jesus is here changing part of the Mosaic law reveals that he is the “prophet” foretold by Moses in Deuteronomy 18:15-19.). As we read, “I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kinsmen, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.” (Dt. 18:18) The Jews identified this “prophet” with the coming Messiah (see John 6:14; 7:40-41).

Interestingly enough, after reaffirming the indissolubility of

the marriage covenant by citing Genesis 2:24, Jesus turns immediately to the question of children. Just as God had said “Be fertile and multiply” to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:28), so now Jesus, after restoring marriage to its proper dignity as an indissoluble bond, says “Let the children come to me and do not hinder them. It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. This lesson is profound, because it reveals the essential importance of the unitive and procreative ends of marriage. The couple become one flesh through consummating marriage, and through this union, children will be brought into the world and then baptized for the Kingdom of God.

To accept this teaching, one must become like a little child oneself. A child is one who trusts his or her parents to provide every need, to heal every wound. The Father hopes that we will trust ourselves to Him like little children.

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Marriage: Unique for a Reason



Marriage: Unique for a Reason is an initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage. The initiative is to help catechize and educate Catholics on the meaning of marriage as the union of one man and one woman. These video and accompanying study guides focus on the intersection of marriage and religious freedom in America.

Watch all five videos free at StMichael.FORMED.org under “Study” then “Current Topics”

Mass

Intentions

Saturday 10/6

8:30am Peggy O'Neill †
5:00pm Arthur & Louise Owens †
7:00pm Margarita Zamorano † and
Antonio Hernandez †

Sunday 10/7

6:45am Thomas Heise †
8:00am Fernando Castro †
9:30am Cathy Struempfl †
11:00am Mass for Our Parish
12:30pm Alice & Nick Sanchez †
6:00pm Connie Hoxie †

Monday 10/8

8:30am Mary Zaczek †

Tuesday 10/9

8:30am Isaac Leal
Nimfa Barrios †

Wednesday 10/10

8:30am Denise McGrory
7:00pm Anthony Mongi †

Thursday 10/11

8:30am James Patrick Sweeney †

Friday 10/12

8:30am Richard Boerger †

To arrange a Mass intention, please visit the Church Office. The suggested donation of \$10 per intention goes to the priest who celebrates the Mass.

Effective October 3, each month, from October through December, parishioners can request up to two Mass intentions only.

Mass intentions will not be accepted through the mail and will only be taken in the Church Office.



In the Gospel today, the Pharisees are trying to argue with Jesus, and he invites them to consider their questions in the larger context of God's original plan.

Take the word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase, "He embraced them and blessed them" might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. Is Jesus reminding you that you are the Father's child, and he is embracing you and blessing you even while you are still in sin, or confused, or feel far from him?

RESOLUTION

It is impossible to be a Christian without seriously thinking about what the Church teaches. Our culture proclaims that truth does not exist, but our faith proclaims there is one truth, which is found in the Catholic Church. In a world determined not to tell anybody else what is right or wrong, believing that there is one truth can come across as hostile.

It will take courage to believe the Gospel in our time. As Catholics, we cannot become relativists. Our faith is in the one God who created all things and has destined mankind for eternal joy with him. We actually believe that what is right for us is right for everybody else! We cannot succumb to living in the secular mindset of secularism; rather, we must follow the call of the Gospel.

What can you do this week to live the truth of the Gospel more fully?

While in the Adoration Chapel or a quiet place for prayer, write down your thoughts, your reflections, and your resolutions in a journal. Discuss with a trusted friend.

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"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever."
- Psalm 136.1

I would like to invite you to celebrate our faith and devotions here at St. Michael's:

October 1-31: Pray the Rosary and Chaplet for a Respect for Life.

October 15: Come to the Pregnancy and Infant Loss Vigil and Mass of Remembrance.

October 20: Attend the Diocesan Divine Mercy Annual Gathering for the Feast of St Faustina and enjoy special guest speakers Marty

Rotella (English) and Fr. Arturo Bazan (Spanish)

October 20-21: Sign up for an hour a week with Jesus in the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration chapel.

See this bulletin for more details about these events.

Also, check our parish website calendar for more events by visiting StMichaelLivermore.com/Calendar

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Our great and awesome gift as a community is our faithfulness to prayer and the spirit of service in ministry. We had a successful festival last weekend, and I am so blessed to see and experience the power of selfless giving of time, talent and treasure from the many who volunteered and helped at the festival. My congratulations and

my gratitude to our 2018 festival committee, our performers, the parish staff, school parents and teachers, my brother deacons and priests and to all ministry groups and members who were there from opening to closing. May God reward your generosity!

What truly makes a community is the light and the faith that we bring and share to others. The festival taught us this lesson, and I hope that we continue to welcome and celebrate our faith as brothers and sisters in the Lord... one family, one parish and one mission.

At this very moment, I am in Galilee and the region where Jesus did His public ministry. I will include you all in my prayers, especially for the grace of perseverance in our loving service to God and to one another.

St. Michael protect us and defend us!

Fr. Carl
 Pastor

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THIS WEEK

MONDAY, OCT 8

Readings: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Young Ladies' Institute meets at 12:30 pm in the Convent. Women of all ages are invited to deepen spiritual awareness, form enriching friendships, foster seminarian education, provide charitable support, and develop personal talents in the service of our parish and community.

THURSDAY, OCT 11

St. John XXIII

Readings: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

One Woman Performance on the Life of Dorothy Day will take place at WINGS at St Charles at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

Family Rosary Night at 6:30 pm in the Courtyard, led by our Knights of Columbus.

SUNDAY, OCT 14

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Traditional Latin Mass at 8:00 am. Visit StMichaelLivermore.com/Latin for more information about this ancient liturgy.

TUESDAY, OCT 9

St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi

Readings: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

Don't Forget that October is Rosary Month and Respect Life Month. When you pray the Rosary, please pray for an end to abortion and euthanasia.

FRIDAY, OCT 12

Readings: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Choose Your Friday Offering. All Fridays of the year are days of penance. Traditionally, Catholics abstain from eating meat. If you choose to eat meat, with intention offer another form of penance, piety or act of charity.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 10

Readings: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Discover the Catholic Faith Inquiry meets at 7 pm in the Convent. If you are an adult who is feeling drawn to the Catholic faith, or you are a baptized Catholic who never received Confirmation and First Communion, this is the group for you!

SATURDAY, OCT 13

Readings: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest in the Large Hall from 9 am—3 pm. Come make simple dresses for girls in poverty-stricken countries. We need all kinds of help: sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring your sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with your helping hands and we will put you to work! Contact: Suzanne Beck at 925-352-8447

COLLECTION REPORT

Thank you for your continued support!

9/30 Collection	\$16,174.90
Month-to-Date	\$100,386.67
Month Goal	\$108,823.53
% Reached	92%
Faith Direct	\$12,984.75
Sept Maintenance	\$9,050.45
St. Vincent de Paul	\$5,128.25
Priests' Retirement Fund	\$4,053.91

BISHOP'S APPEAL

We are so close to reaching our goal! Please consider giving at OakDiocese.org or the church office. Thank you!

Number of Donors	160
Average Gift	\$337
Funds Raised	\$55,059
Percentage Reached	69.75%
Parish Goal	\$77,500



Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

Mon, October 15, 6:30 pm
St Michael Courtyard

If you have lost a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death or would like to support families who have experienced this type of loss, please join our Pregnancy and Infant Loss Ministry for a prayer and remembrance vigil in the parish courtyard from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Contact us at Pregnancyinfantloss@stmichaellivermore.com

Mass of Remembrance

Mon, October 15, 7pm

The Mass honors the memory of our loved ones who have passed before us. Bring a small framed photo of your loved ones to place before the altar during Mass.

Installation Mass for

Fr Carl

Fri, Oct 19 at 7 pm

Gather to give thanks to God for sending us our new pastor, Fr Carl, at his installation Mass. Father Lawrence D'Anjou will preside.

All are invited to officially welcome Fr. Carl to St Michael's. Reception to follow in the Hall.

Adoration Sign Up

Weekend

Oct 20 & 21

Prayerfully consider signing up to spend one hour with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel each week. People who have had powerful experiences with Adoration will be on hand to share their stories.

We are fortunate at St Michael's to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Adoration Chapel 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Anyone can come and sit in the quiet serenity of Jesus' presence.

Blood Drive

Sat, October 27, 9 am—3pm

Please sign up to give blood at St Charles. The Blood Drive is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #4588 and St Charles Health Ministry. To schedule an appointment log onto redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: KofC4588 or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767)

WINGS

Thursdays at St Charles, 9:30 am

October 11: Tiffany Hoover
A one woman Theatrical Performance on the life of Dorothy Day, Journalist, Social Activist and co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement.

October 18: Fr. Ron Shirley
A returning favorite with the Women of WINGS, Fr. Ron is retired and is in residence at San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey.

October 25: Hannah Newell
Music Director at St. Charles Borromeo.

The Last Things: 5-Session Online Study

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church focuses on the "last things". Join us in a 5-week online study with Bishop Robert Barron to discuss topics such as death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell. When you register, you will receive via email one short video with reflection questions each week. Please plan to share your comments and questions with the group.

October 31: What will happen when we die?

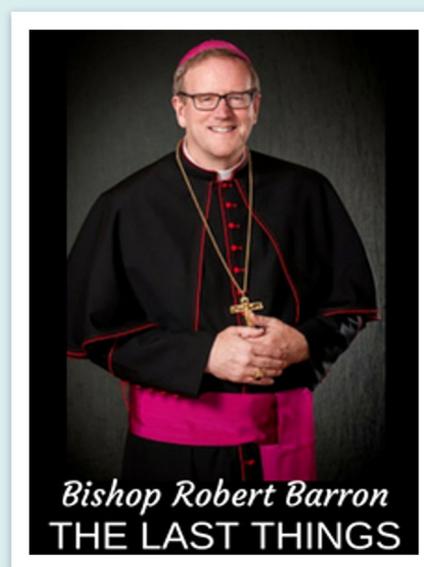
November 7: Does God really send people to Hell?

November 14: Why Purgatory is actually a good thing.

November 21: What can we know about angels?

November 28: What is the goal of Christianity?

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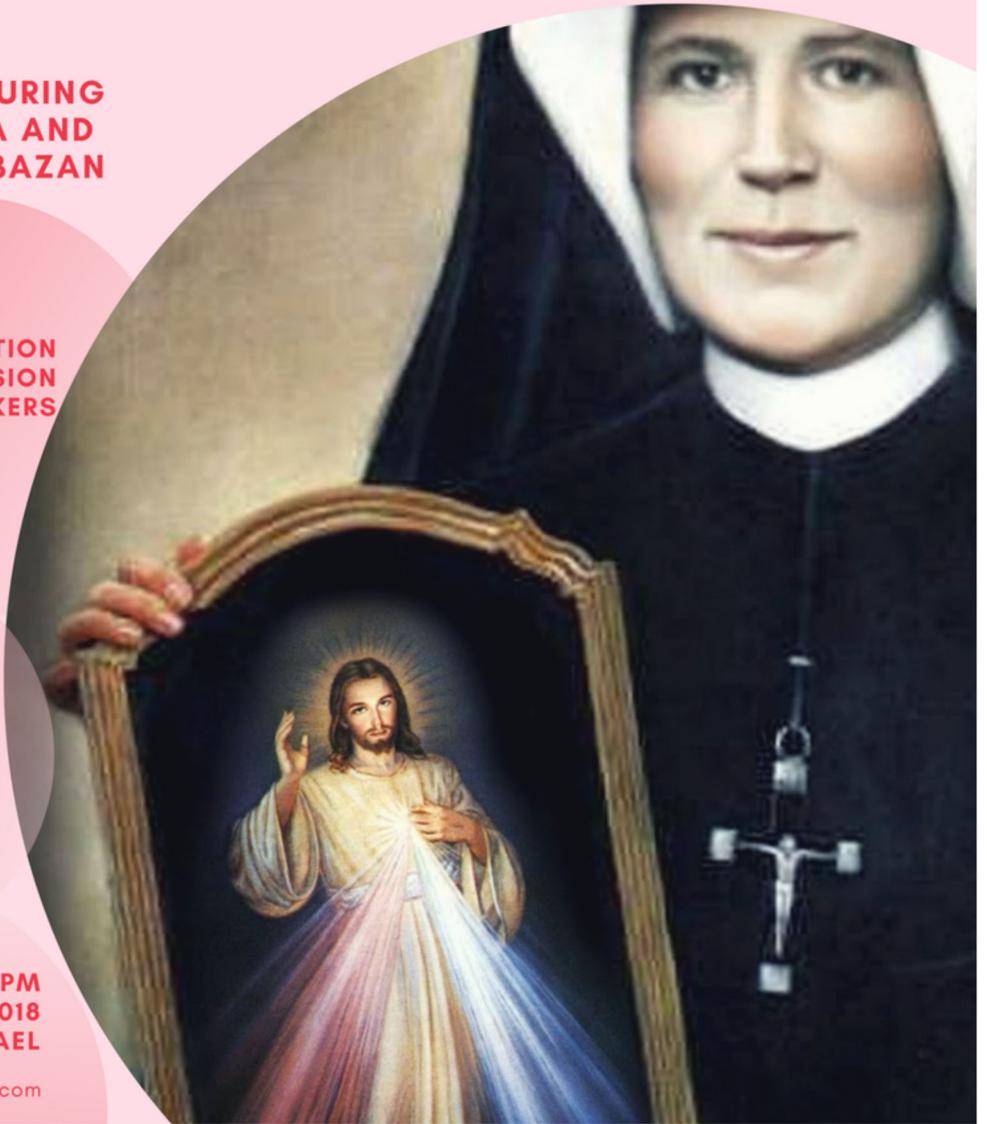
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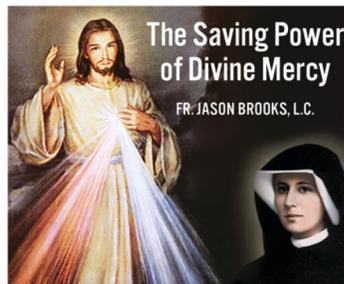


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Deseo invitarlos a celebrar nuestra fe y devociones aquí en St. Michael's:

Del 1 al 31 de octubre: Rezo del Rosario y la Coronilla por el respeto a la vida.

15 de octubre: Venga a la Vigilia de Embarazo y Pérdida Infantil y Misa de Recuerdo.

20 de octubre: Asista a la Reunión Anual Diocesana de la Divina Misericordia para la Fiesta de Santa Faustina y disfrute de los oradores invitados especiales: Marty Rotella (inglés) y el Padre. Arturo Bazan (español)

20-21 de octubre: regístrese para concurrir una hora a la semana a la capilla de la Adoración Eucarística Perpetua.

Vea este boletín para más detalles sobre estos eventos.

También, consulte el calendario de nuestro sitio web parroquial para más eventos. Visite: StMichaelLivermore.com/Calendar

¿Está recibiendo Friday Flocknote, nuestro boletín semanal por correo electrónico? Envíe SignMeUp al 84576 de su teléfono para suscribirse y siga los pasos. En español, envíe SignMeUp al 202-765-3441. También puede visitar Flocknote.com/sml

Nuestro gran e impresionante don como comunidad es nuestra fidelidad a la oración y el espíritu de servicio en el ministerio. Tuvimos un festival exitoso el fin de semana pasado, y tengo la bendición de ver y experimentar el poder de la entrega desinteresada de tiempo, talento y tesoro de los que se ofrecieron como voluntarios en el festival. Mis felicitaciones y mi gratitud al comité del festival de 2018, a nuestros artistas in-

térpretes o ejecutantes, al personal de la parroquia, a los padres y maestros de la escuela, a mis hermanos diáconos y sacerdotes, y a todos los grupos ministeriales y miembros que estuvieron allí desde la apertura hasta el cierre. ¡Que Dios recompense su generosidad!

Lo que realmente hace que una comunidad es la luz y la fe que traemos y compartimos con los demás. El festival nos enseñó esta lección, y espero que sigamos recibiendo y celebrando nuestra fe como hermanos y hermanas en el Señor ... una familia, una parroquia y una misión.

En este mismo momento, estoy en Galilea y en la región donde Jesús hizo su ministerio público. Los incluiré a todos en mis oraciones, especialmente por la gracia de la perseverancia en nuestro servicio amoroso a Dios y al prójimo.

San Miguel nos protege y nos defiende!

P. Carl
Pastor

Amado: Encontrando La Felicidad en el Matrimonio



tario, el matrimonio se encuentra a la raíz de lo que significa ser humano, y refleja el designio puesto por el mismo Dios en nuestros corazones. Amado, de los productores de la serie Symbolon, explora la realidad espiritual y

eterna que se esconde detrás del “Sí Acepto”. Con una cinematografía hermosa y con aclamados

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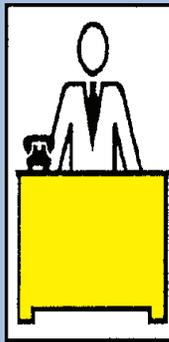
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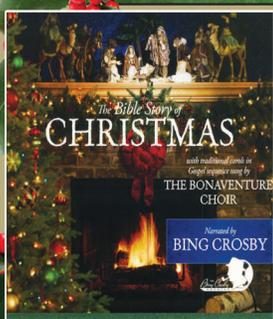
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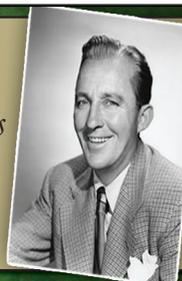


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Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

Wed | Mi 7:00 pm (español)

First Friday | Primer viernes

12:00 pm in the chapel

en la capilla

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

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

1st & 3rd Wednesdays in the

Convent Chapel

2:30 pm in English

Anointing of the Sick |

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