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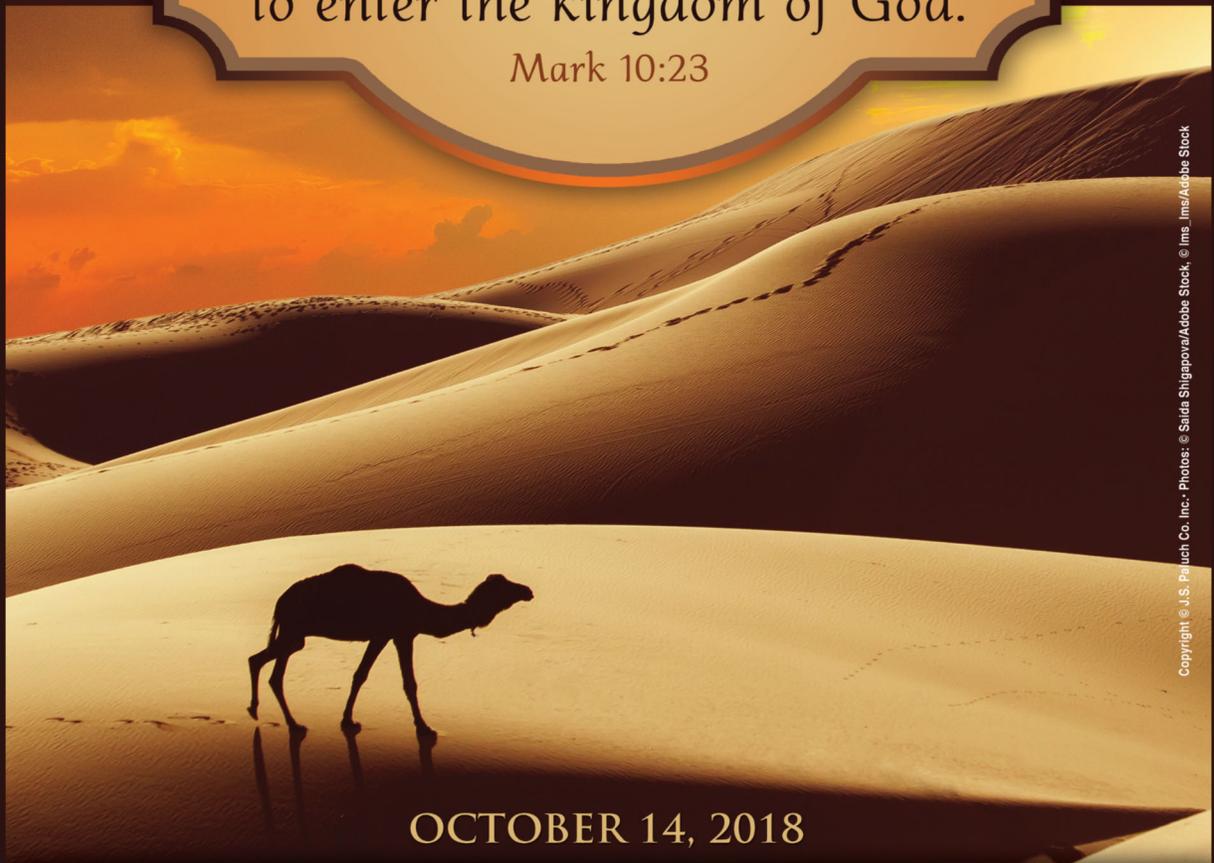
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It is easier for a camel
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than for one who is rich
to enter the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:23



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The Path to True Happiness

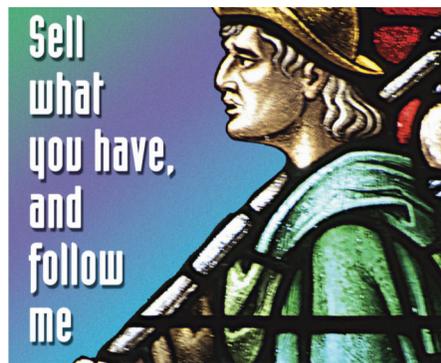
Have you ever felt like you are competent in one particular activity? Maybe a sport, a task at your work, or getting the laundry folded regularly! You have finally mastered the particular task. And then, when you thought everything was (finally) going as you planned, something goes wrong. You get hurt, your work changes, a child gets sick, and everything is thrown off once again. Today, we will encounter this in a man who has been seeking to follow the commandments since he was a young boy. He thinks he has prepared himself well to enter into eternal life. But, when Jesus invites him to something deeper, something more, he is crushed, as he will have to “start over” in some ways. Are you willing to take the next step to growing closer to Jesus?

First Reading Reflection Wisdom 7:7–11

This reading from the Book of Wisdom praises Wisdom through personified words, which are attributed to Solomon.

Wisdom was written in Greek about one hundred years before the coming of Christ, and it uses the figure of King Solomon as a literary device to extol the value of wisdom. Our reading today hearkens back to King Solomon’s dream immediately after his ascent to the throne of Israel in 1 Kings 3. In this dream, God asks Solomon for whatever he might desire. Rather than asking for worldly things that a king might desire, such as wealth or power, he asks for the wisdom to rule

his people well. God is very pleased with Solomon’s request, and grants him his wish for wisdom, along with every worldly blessing besides. As the author of Wisdom says, “I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her,” but then affirms, “Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.”



We might be reminded of the phrase, “Seek first His kingship over you, His way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides” (Mt 6:33). As we said in our reflections on Wisdom from the 26th week of Ordinary Time, holiness and wisdom often go hand in hand. Genuine holiness will tend to lead to wisdom, and genuine wisdom to holiness. We receive wisdom as the gift of the Holy Spirit at our Confirmation. If we seek first His way of holiness, that wisdom will grow in us to bear its full fruit in every aspect of our lives.

Second Reading Reflection Hebrews 4:12–13

Psalm 95 is cited often in this section of Hebrews. This Psalm

refers to the incident at Meribah (Hebrew for “contention”) and Massah (meaning “proof”), in which Israel complained about a lack of water, and God instructed Moses to strike the rock with his staff to pour forth water. Interestingly, St Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:4, “the Rock was Christ.” Immediately after the Israelites tested God in the desert with the incident of the rock and water, they went to fight the Amalekites. We then read the following: “And Joshua [the Hebrew name Yeshua is the equivalent of Jesus in the Greek] mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of his sword” (Exodus 17:13). When Paul writes in the Book of Hebrews that “the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword,” it is possible that he is calling Jesus “the Word,” and that Jesus is the new Joshua, who will purge the people through a spiritual sword.

In effect, Paul is saying to these Hebrew Christians, “Don’t be disobedient like our fathers. Remember that not all of those who came out of Egypt entered into the Promised Land.”

Gospel Reading Reflection Mark 10:17–30

The rich young man asks Jesus how to obtain the richest reward, eternal life. In this dialogue, Jesus will explain the Law in light of himself to reveal how one is to inherit eternal life.

The young man called Jesus the “good teacher.” Jesus responds by reminding the young man that

there is only one who is good, God. At this time, the Jews believed that one must strictly adhere to the Old Covenant and its commandments in order to inherit eternal life. The Ten Commandments were believed to have been written on two tablets of stone when given to Moses. The commandments of the first tablet related to the love of God, and the commandments of the second tablet related to the love of neighbor. When Jesus begins his answer to the rich young man by saying that God alone is good, Jesus is reminding him and us that love of God is the starting point for eternal life. Jesus is thereby making a subtle allusion to the first tablet of commandments that states we should worship God alone.

Jesus then lists six commandments that the young man is to follow, which come from the second tablet and are related to love of neighbor. The young man responds that he has followed these laws. Jesus, looking at him “with love,” tells him that there is one thing he still lacks. Since the

young man successfully loved his neighbor, what part of the law was left? The love of God, which is the first tablet of the Ten Commandments.

Jesus asks the young man to give up all his possessions and follow Him. When Jesus asks the young man to give up all his possessions, he is asking him to pursue the path of perfection, which cannot be completed without the help of grace. In this way, Jesus is revealing himself as the fullness of the Law: he has come to give us the grace to pursue the path of perfection. Indeed, Jesus is not abolishing the law here. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “The Law has not been abolished, but rather man is invited to rediscover it in the person of his Master who is its perfect fulfillment” (CCC 2053).

In the Old Covenant, the Jews were to follow the Ten Commandments and the ritual laws of purification and sacrifice. In the New Covenant, Jesus fulfills the law by giving himself, reducing the intricacies and demands of

the law by calling us to fulfill the Ten Commandments in light of the Beatitudes. For it is in Christ alone that the Law of Love is realized.

Join the Discussion

We often say that we “love” things. There are different ways of speaking about love. Jesus asks us to love him today above all else. He asks us to put aside our personal habits and way of life, and even perhaps our bodily life, for him. Are you willing to follow him and love him in this radical way?

Which commandment do you not follow closely enough? How can you follow the commandments more closely so that you can inherit eternal life?

Watch the Opening the Word reflection video at FORMED.org/Community and post your responses to the questions.

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This is an extraordinary new film on a powerful message that brings hope, healing, and forgiveness to a broken world. Narrated by Jim Caviezel, *The Face of Mercy* explores the history and relevance of Divine Mercy in our turbulent times. Watch its story unfold, from an unpretentious Polish nun who experienced powerful visions of a merciful God, to her countryman St John Paul II who propelled the message of Divine Mercy onto the world stage. St Faustina and St John Paul II, pray for us.

Mass

Intentions

Saturday 10/13

8:30am Tomas & Carmen Zamorano †
5:00pm Mary Czerniawski †
7:00pm Jose Ramirez Montoya †

Sunday 10/14

6:45am Mass for Our Parish
8:00am Michael Bepple †
9:30am Ralph Melendez †
11:00am Osong & Magdalena Tabaco †
12:30pm Nosadini, Osorno, Garcia
and Caranza Families
6:00pm Nancy Hancock †

Monday 10/15

8:30am Dunaway & Conway
Families

Tuesday 10/16

8:30am Jack Leal

Wednesday 10/17

8:30am Marlene Bettencourt-Smith
7:00pm Pedro Ramirez †

Thursday 10/18

8:30am Nadine Withrow

Friday 10/19

8:30am Mildred Egan †

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.



Jesus offers us the way to eternal life in today's Gospel. We must not only follow the Commandments and omit sin from our lives, but also, we must surrender our entire lives to Christ and thereby follow him. We must reject our inordinate attachments to Christ. This process is much easier said than done, because we can easily become consumed by worldly goods and affairs. These things very easily distract us from Jesus. How often do you desire to pray, but end up spending time perusing news, social media, and email on your phone? We often say we want to follow Christ, but we cannot seem to fit in ten minutes of prayer time with him a day, while we easily make time for an hour to work out or spend time watching movies.

Jesus is inviting us to walk on the road of the straight and narrow. He doesn't promise it will be easy; in fact, it will be quite the opposite. He says that it is impossible for men to follow this path alone, but with God, all things will be possible. Do you give inordinate time to the things of this world? Where do you think you will find happiness? What is holding you back from following Christ completely and sacrificially?

Resolution

Challenge yourself this week to empty your life of worldliness and make room for Jesus. Give something away, perhaps not something buried in your closet that you don't use, but something that you use frequently, but don't really need. Maybe it's a piece of clothing or your coffee money for the week. Also, turn off the screens in your house one night. Take time to pray as a family or on your own with the extra time you gain without the entertainment.

**Send your prayer requests to
Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com**



“At all times and in every race God has given welcome to whosoever fears Him and does what is right. God, however, does not make men holy and save them merely as individuals, without bond or link between one another. Rather, it has pleased Him to bring men together as one people, a people which acknowledges Him in truth and serves Him in holiness.” *Lumen Gentium #9*

Dear St Michael Family,

Before the new liturgical year begins and before my installation on October 19 as your official pastor, I would like to inform you of the following little changes here and there and of the exciting things to come in our parish:

1. Those seeking baptism, confirmation for adults, quinquagesima and weddings will meet the clergy for an interview and a conversation regarding the sacraments they will receive. This is a means to evangelize to our families and individuals before they receive the sacrament and to let them feel that the parish is for them and for

their spiritual welfare.

2. The Convent is still being renovated and cleaned up.

We shall work this month to clean rooms that have been used for storage spaces and convert them into meeting rooms for our prayer groups and ministries. We will have two bigger rooms for meetings and three more small rooms upstairs. The garage and the dormitory type restrooms will be converted into storage rooms. This

will be the main home for our Livermore Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary, Hispanic Ministry, Deacons, Marriage Preparations Coordinators, RICA and RCIA, youth groups and other small Christian communities.

3. Liturgy review and renewal will be conducted in our parish.

This process will help us make our Liturgy faithful to the mind of the Church. It will emphasize to us and to the clergy that Liturgy is not according to the mind of the pastor, but rather it is always according to what the Church (General Instructions on the Roman Missal) prescribes and instructs us to do. Led by Debbie Pizzato, our parish liturgy committee and me, we shall discern plans on how we can improve our Liturgy to be an amazing and transforming spiritual and faith-filled experience for all of us.

4. Ethnic councils will be created for better communication and planning.

This year, I will be pursuing the organization of Hispanic, Filipino and Vietnamese councils at our parish. By doing so, we can foster and improve good working relationships and communication with our ethnic cultures. These

cultures can help in bringing a colorful landscape to our parish life, not just during the Fall Festival, but throughout the year.

5. We will use ALPHA (in English and Spanish) as a tool for evangelization to be the starting place for the faith formation of adults in our parish.

We started ALPHA last year, and we are now preparing for the 2019 sessions. This formation model will benefit those in our parish and city who are seeking Jesus: practicing Catholics, fallen-away Catholics, those of other faiths and those who were not raised with any faith. I will be attending a seminar in Atlanta to learn more about this and how we can embrace ALPHA as a parish to evangelize to our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

6. Increase school enrollment and school financial stability.

Our School Board and the Parish Council are discerning and brainstorming ways to improve the number of our school students and how to attract more people to choose a Catholic education. If you have ideas, please have a chat with me or email me at Pastor@StMichaelLivermore.com

Hence, all of these will hopefully benefit our community to become a community of disciples and a home where we can feel, experience and find the presence of God. Please support my pastorate. I am ready to journey with you. Let us pray for one another.

St. Michael, protect and defend us!

Fr. Carl
St Michael's Pastor

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, OCT 15

St. Teresa of Jesus

Readings: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 -- 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Candlelight Vigil at 6:30 pm in the Courtyard to remember our children who have died.

Mass of Remembrance at 7 pm in the church to honor all those who have died.

THURSDAY, OCT 18

St. Luke

Readings: Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Family Rosary Night at 6:30 pm in the Courtyard. Families are invited to pray with our Livermore Knights.

Don't have a rosary? We have one for you. Just stop by the church office and ask for one.

SUNDAY, OCT 21

Readings: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

Adoration Sign Up Weekend at all Masses. Prayerfully consider signing up to spend one hour with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel each week.

TUESDAY, OCT 16

St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;

Readings: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41

October is Rosary Month: Visit StMichaelLivermore.com/Rosary for the times and locations of rosary groups. Downloadable audio rosaries are also available.

FRIDAY, OCT 19

Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions

Readings: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

Installation Mass for Fr Carl at 7 pm in the church. Reception in the Hall to follow. All are invited to officially welcome Fr Carl as our new pastor give thanks to God for sending us a spiritual leader for our community.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Readings: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

Confession at 2:30 pm in the Convent.

Discover the Catholic Faith Inquiry meeting at 7 pm in the Convent for adults considering Baptism or First Communion/Confirmation.

SATURDAY, OCT 20

St. Paul of the Cross

Readings: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12

Diocesan Divine Mercy Annual Gathering at 8:30 am—3:00 pm in the Hall and Church. Mass, Confession, Adoration and dynamic speakers all in celebration of the Feast of St Faustina. See following pages for details.

Important Message from Bishop Michael Barber

In the wake of recent reports of scandal in the Catholic Church, I have decided the Diocese of Oakland will release the names of all clergy - diocesan, religious order and extern priests - who have been credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor. This is the latest step in the ongoing commitment of the Diocese of Oakland to stop the scourge of sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults. This public accountability will allow you and others in our community to see we are keeping our promises. We have nothing to hide. It is the right thing to do.

(Please read the Bishop's full letter, available near the bulletin stations in church, in the recent email sent via Flocknote or online at StMichaelLivermore.com/Bishop)



St. Michael School's 2018 Fun Run Fri, October 26

The Fun Run is an exciting event that promotes fitness and healthy habits for our students and is a major fundraiser for our school.

THIS YEAR FR. CARL IS RUNNING! Fr. Carl's trying to raise \$4,000! Will you sponsor him? To sponsor Fr. Carl on his first run for St. Michael School, please visit the Fun Run Website at www.StMichaelFunRun.com. Enter code 159199 in the Participant Code box to reach Fr. Carl's page.

Golden Friends Prayer Luncheon Fri, October 26

Are you retired or have friends and relatives who are retired? Bring them to our Golden Friends Luncheon to enjoy fellowship, entertainment and spiritual growth starting at 10:00 AM on Friday October 26 - in the Large Hall. We'll be enjoying the middle of Fall, so that will be our theme!

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)

Serve at Open Heart Kitchen Wed, October 31

St. Michael's Parish provides volunteers every 5th Wednesday at Open Heart Kitchen, Tri Valley's free hot meal service for those in need. Volunteers prepare the food on site as directed by the Open Heart Kitchen staff, set tables, serve the food, organize donated items and clean up afterwards. There are two shifts: 12:30 pm-2:00 pm and 2:00 pm-3:30 pm. To volunteer, contact Diane Schord at dhschord@sbcglobal.net or 925-447-4344

Tri-Valley Catholic Young Adult Ministry

Sun, Oct 21
Mass & Brunch at St. Michael in Livermore at 9:30am, brunch to follow.

Sat, Oct 27
Oktoberfest Social at Altamont Beer Works Brewery in Livermore: 2402 Research Dr., Livermore, 94550. Bring a favorite dessert or dinner dish to share.

Thurs, Nov 1
All Saints Day Mass at St. Augustine in Pleasanton, 7:30pm.

Contact: trivalleyyam@gmail.com

All Saints Day Thurs, November 1 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass at 8:30 am, 10:30 am (school), 12:15 pm, 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm (Spanish).

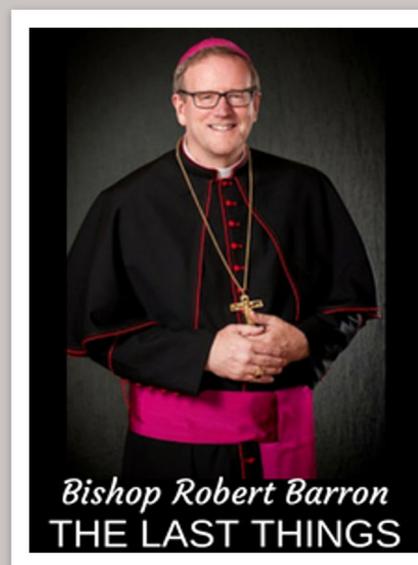
If you will not be in Livermore, please check MassTimes.org for a Catholic parish near you. It is a good idea to call for Holy Day Mass times to confirm.

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?

Register free at Flocknote.com/StMichaelLivermore/TheLastThings



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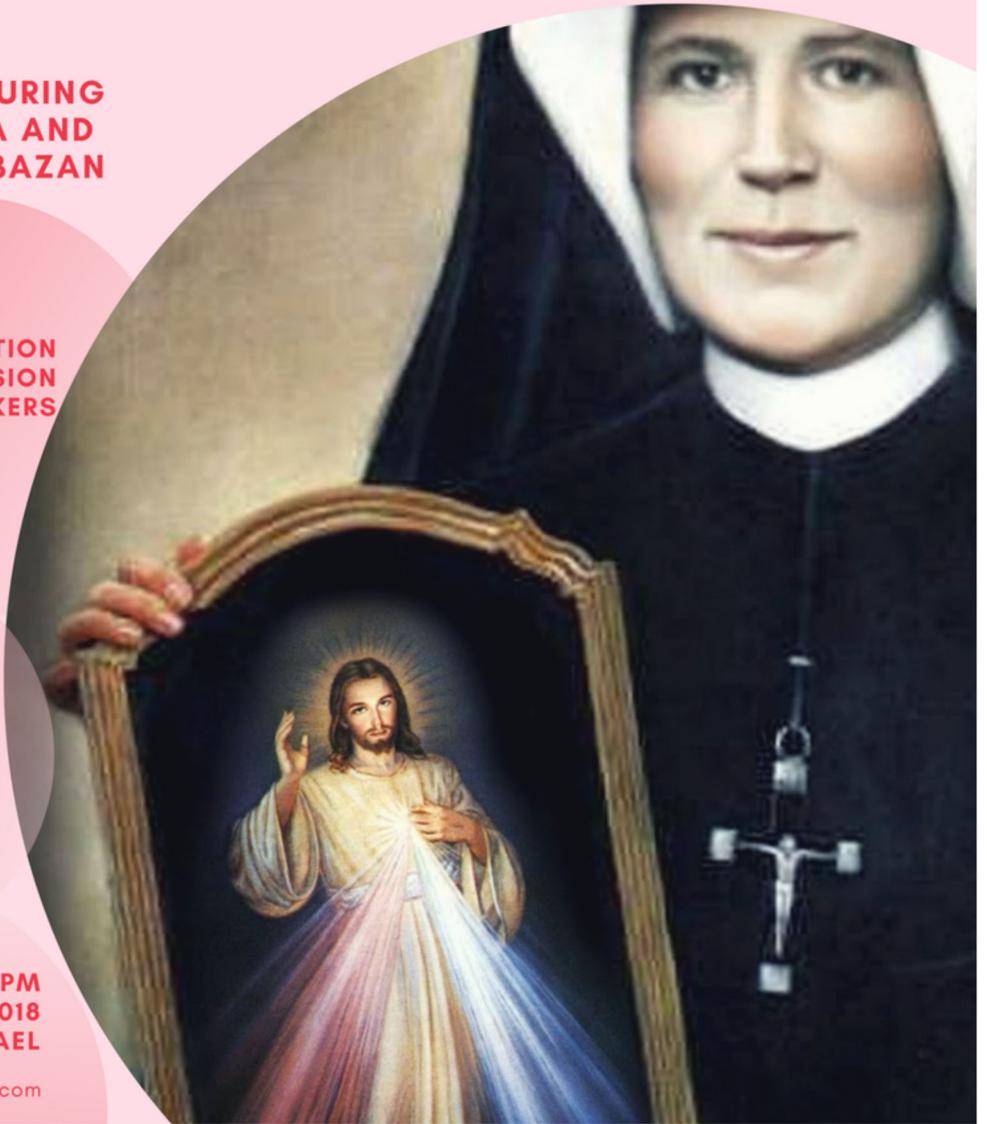
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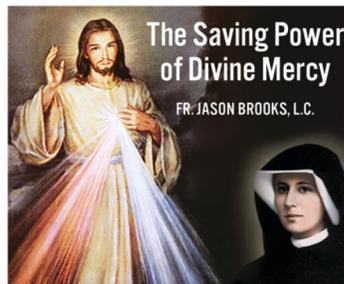


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“ En todo momento y en todas las razas, Dios ha dado la bienvenida a todo aquel que le teme y hace lo que es correcto. Dios, sin embargo, no hace a los hombres Santos y los salva simplemente como individuos, sin vínculo o enlace entre sí. Por el contrario, El se complace en reunir a los hombres como un solo pueblo, un pueblo que lo reconoce en verdad y le sirve en la santidad.”
Lumen Gentium #9

Estimada familia de St Miguel,

Antes de que comience el nuevo año litúrgico y antes de mi instalación como su párroco oficial, el 19 de Octubre, me gustaría informarle de los pequeños cambios aquí y allá y de las cosas emocionantes que tendremos en nuestra parroquia:

1. Aquellos que buscan bautismo, confirmación para adultos, quinceañera y bodas tendrán una entrevista con el clero y una conversación acerca de los sacramentos que desean recibir. Este es un medio para evangelizar a nuestras familias y personas antes de recibir el Sacramento y para hacerles sentir que esta parroquia es para ellos y para su bienestar espiritual.

2 El convento todavía está siendo renovado y arreglado. Vamos

a trabajar este mes en limpiar las habitaciones que se han utilizado para los espacios de almacenaje y convertirlas en salas de reuniones para nuestros grupos de oración y ministerios. Tenemos dos salas grandes para reuniones y tres más pequeñas en la planta superior. El garaje y los baños del dormitorio se convertirán en salas de almacenamiento. Será la casa principal para nuestros caballeros de Colón de Livermore, la Legión de María, el Ministerio Hispano, los diáconos, los coordinadores para la preparación del matrimonio, RICA y RCIA, grupos juveniles y otras pequeñas comunidades cristianas.

3 Renovación y revisión de la liturgia en nuestra parroquia.

Este proceso nos ayudará a que la liturgia sea fiel a la mente de la iglesia. Hará hincapié en que la liturgia no es según la mente del pastor, sino siempre es de acuerdo a lo que prescribe la iglesia (instrucciones generales en el Misal romano) y nos instruye a nosotros. Conducido por Debbie Pizato, la Comisión de liturgia de la parroquia y yo, vamos a discernir planes sobre cómo mejorar nuestra liturgia para que sea una experiencia increíble de transformación espiritual y de fe para todos nosotros.

4 Se crearán consejos étnicos para mejorar la comunicación y planificación. Este año, perseguiremos la organización de concilios hispanos, filipinos y vietnamitas en nuestra parroquia.

Al hacerlo, podemos fomentar y mejorar las buenas relaciones de trabajo y comunicación con nuestras culturas étnicas. Estas culturas pueden ayudar a traer un paisaje colorido a nuestra vida parroquial, no sólo durante el Festival de otoño, pero durante todo

el año.

5 Usamos ALPHA (en inglés y español) como una herramienta para la evangelización para ser el punto de partida para la formación en la fe de los adultos en nuestra parroquia. Comenzamos ALPHA el año pasado, y ahora nos estamos preparando para las sesiones de 2019. Este modelo de formación beneficiará a nuestra parroquia y a la ciudad a los que están buscando a Jesús: a los católicos que practican la fe, a los católicos caídos, los de otras religiones y los que no crecieron con ninguna fe. Asistiré a un seminario en Atlanta para aprender más acerca de cómo podemos abrazar alfa como parroquia para evangelizar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en el Señor.

6 Aumentar la matrícula escolar y la estabilidad financiera de la escuela. Nuestro Consejo Escolar y el Consejo Parroquial están buscando ideas para incrementar el número de estudiantes y cómo atraer más personas a elegir una educación católica. Si tiene ideas, por favor tenga una charla conmigo o envíe un email a Pastor@StMichaelLivermore.com

Por lo tanto, esto beneficiará a nuestra comunidad para convertirse en una comunidad de discípulos y un hogar donde podemos sentir, experimentar y encontrar la presencia de Dios. Por favor apoye mi pastorado. Estoy dispuesto a caminar con usted mientras estoy en la Parroquia de St Michael.

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Pastor de St Michael

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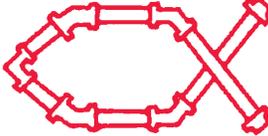
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Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

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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

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Vietnamese | Vietnamita

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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
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7:30 am in English & español

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