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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**If you have faith the size
of a mustard seed,
you would say to
this mulberry tree,
“Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,”
and it would obey you.**

Luke 17:6

Sunday Readings ...

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

Confession

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

Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by
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Increase Our Faith

by Opening the Word

First Reading

*In spite of violence, destruction, and
ruin, the just person, because of
faith, will live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-
4).*

Habakkuk, who's one of the twelve
minor prophets of the Old Testa-
ment, lived at a time in Israel's his-
tory when Babylon had just become
a threat to Judah. Here, Habakkuk
poses the question that has always
vexed mankind: Why do the inno-
cent suffer evil? In the short portion
we have the reply of the Lord to
Habakkuk's question. We don't find
anything like an explanation, only
an invitation to faith. "The just man,
because of his faith, shall live," he's
told.

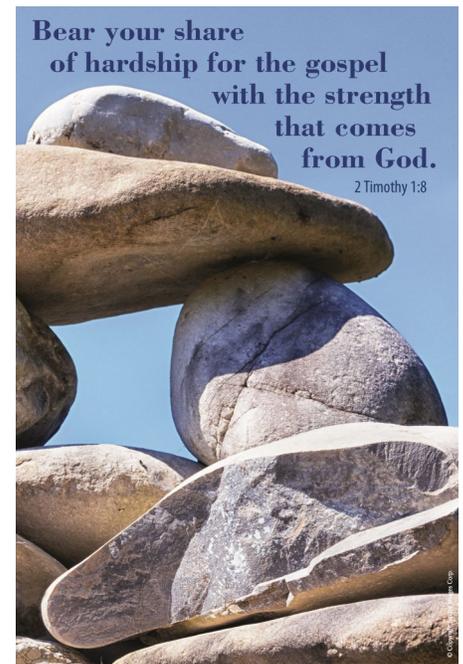
Many commentators draw a com-
parison between Habakkuk and the
book of Job where the question of
suffering receives the closest exami-
nation in the Old Testament. One
similarity is that both Habakkuk and
Job end finally with worship. Per-
haps worship in faith is finally the
only answer to human suffering.

Second Reading

*Bear hardship with the strength that
comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8,
13-14)*

This letter is written with a greater
note of urgency than 1 Timothy.

Paul was at liberty in Macedonia
when he first wrote 1 Timothy, but
now he's most likely in a Roman pris-
on with only a short time yet before
his death on the Ostian Way outside
Rome. Paul's mind is on last things,
and so he speaks to Timothy of the
end of time and of his own likely
end.



We can read 2 Timothy as a kind of
last will and testament to the whole
Church. Paul enjoins Timothy—and
us—to "take as your norm the
sound words that you heard from
me, in the faith and love that are in
Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust
with the help of the Holy Spirit that
dwells within us." To this day, so far
from that Roman prison, we're still
guarding that "rich trust" of faith.
How thankful we ought to be to
that faithful servant, Paul, and to all
the bishops of history who, like Tim-
othy, have guarded it so faithfully.

Reflections

Gospel

Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).

In speaking to his apostles in this week's Gospel reading, Jesus asks them to reflect again on the proper relationship between master and servant. It may seem odd that those who are closest to Jesus should be schooled like servants while those who are wary of Jesus should be taught as sons; but Luke is interested in all those who will follow Jesus without benefit of having been Jewish insiders. Having been servants of God outside of the covenant of Israel, they'll be transformed into children of God; the new Israel after Jesus' work of redemption is done. The good teacher doesn't require more of his students than they're able to give and so Jesus schools the servants of God to be good servants and doesn't demand that they act like children of the household until they've received their inheritance. That may well account for the phrase "If you have

faith..." The disciples aren't even ready to exercise their faith.

Meditate and Discuss

The readings for this week center around the theme of faith. What would you expect to see in a person who has great faith?

What should we do when we feel we don't have enough faith?

Watch the free video presentation that accompanies this reflection at [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) and consider the questions which the presenter asks at the end. Do you really believe that there is nothing you could do to earn or deserve God's love, but that he loves you just because of who he is? Why or why not? And are you really ready to be a generous receiver? Why or why not?

Opening the Word offers prayers and insights for the Sunday Scriptural lessons. Watch the video presentation FREE at [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org).

Readings for the Week

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5777) begins at sunset

Tuesday: St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

Friday: Our Lady of the Rosary; First Friday

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..



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Prayers

Increase My Faith!

Lord, I believe:

I wish to believe in Thee. Lord, let my faith be full and unreserved, and let it penetrate my thought, my way of judging Divine things and human things.

Lord, let my faith be joyful and give peace and gladness to my spirit, and dispose it for prayer with God and conversation with men, so that the inner bliss of its fortunate possession may shine forth in sacred and secular conversation.

Lord, let my faith be humble and not presume to be based on the experience of my thought and of my feeling; but let it surrender to the testimony of the Holy Spirit, and not have any better guarantee than in docility to Tradition and to the authority of the magisterium of the Holy Church. Amen.

Special Intentions

That we may ask for and receive the gift of a stronger faith.

That we may be given the gift of courage to be public witnesses to Christ to the members of our family, our friends and community.

That in our struggles and suffering, we may cry out to the Lord and be consoled by Him.

That the person who God is calling to serve as a driver for St Vincent de Paul responds this week.

That the Holy Spirit may ignite a fierce love in the hearts of St Michael's parishioners, transforming them into cheerful givers.

For all the spiritual and material needs of our parish.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/1

- 8:30am Brett Gregory
- 5:00pm Mitchell Withrow and Alexandria Gaynor
- 7:00pm Ronald Moore & his father †

Sunday 10/2

- 6:45am Anthony Sousa †
- 8:00am Danny Ramos † and Brett Velarde †
- 9:30am Patricia Werner †
- 11:00am Antony Pham Van Hoi † Teresa Pham Thi Chach †
- 12:30pm Enrique & Carmen Morales †
- 6:00pm The Paguio Family

Monday 10/3

- 7:00am Tri Nguyen
- 8:30am Juan & Isabel Aflague †

Tuesday 10/4

- 7:00am Mgrs Robert G. Adams †
- 8:30am William R. Warnock †

Wednesday 10/5

- 7:00am William Lawrence †
- 8:30am Angeles Mercado † Hugo Albornoz & Felcitas
- 7:00pm Arevalo and their group

Thursday 10/6

- 7:00am Aloysius Kupski †
- 8:30am Jacob Gregory

Friday 10/7

- 7:00am Diane Coburn †
- 8:30am Patricia Werner †

Saturday 10/8

- 8:30am Maria Zaczek †
- 5:00pm Mary Czerniawski †
- 7:00pm The Souls in Purgatory

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

Come,
let us bow down
in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord
who made us.

— Psalm 95:6



Parish News

Thank You for Your Service!

Thank you to Kathy Rooney, Jim McKinney, Madeleine Heal & Kathy Lawrence for your many years of service in the Finance Council

Welcome to Finance Council: Analy Palomino & Vanessa Suarez

Special thanks also to Gerry Manha for her many years of service to our parish as a wedding coordinator.

Do You Play an Instrument?

Come join the music ministry and lend your musical talents to our Sunday liturgies! We are looking for guitarists and orchestral instrumentalists: strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion. Please contact JaNet Hancock 925-292-5071 or by email at Music@StMichaelLivermore.com

Collection Report

It takes \$22,000 each week to make ends meet, and we are short on average \$1,000 each week. If St Michael's is your home parish, please prayerfully consider your level of giving for the material needs of the church. The offerings of parishioners is our only source of income. A tremendous thank you to those who have made sacrifices to support Christ's mission through our parish.

9/4/16:	\$18,465.05
9/11/16:	\$19,623.95
9/18/16:	\$18,090.15
9/25/16:	\$14,997.29
Weekly Ave to date:	\$21,249.07
Maintenance to date:	\$51,008.39
Sept Faith Direct:	\$10,864.00



St Vincent de Paul Needs Drivers to Pick up Donated Food

SVdP is in need of volunteer drivers to pick up donated food items from local stores and bring them to the Food Locker behind St Michael's church.

Job Description:

Drive to local grocery stores to pick up donated food, usually about 6-7 grocery carts full and bring them back to the Food Locker.

Commitment:

Volunteer to pick up food weekly, or bi-weekly or serve as a "back up" driver as needed.

Requirement:

Drivers must have a valid driver's license and a minivan, large SUV or pickup truck with a covered bed.

Contact:

Paul Kuzmenko at 925-447-3637 or kuzmenko@att.net

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Check **StMichaelLivermore.com** for pictures, upcoming events, articles, and parish news posted weekly. Latest tweets are also posted for those without Twitter.



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The "question of the day" to help you grow in faith. Find us at @StMichael94550

October: The Month of the Rosary

Events

Blessing of Rosaries

Saturday, October 8 at the
8:30 am Mass

Come bring your rosaries to be
blessed at the 8:30 am Mass.

Public Rosary

Saturday, Oct 15
Carnegie Park at 11:45 am

Save the date and plan to join us to
pray for peace in the world by pray-
ing the rosary in public at Carnegie
Park.



How to Pray the Rosary

(from usccb.org)

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The Our Father, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and--added by Pope John Paul II in 2002--the Luminous.

For more detail, please see: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm>

Rosary Groups

K of C October Rosary

1st and 3rd Thursdays in October
at 7:00 pm at St Charles.
2nd and 4th Thursdays in October
at St Michael's courtyard.

Morning Rosary Group

Every Monday-Saturday In the
chapel after the 8:30 am Mass

African Rosary Group

Thursdays at 6 pm in the Chapel

Medjugorie Rosary Group

Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Chapel

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the
Chapel

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Mondays and Saturdays at 1:00 pm
in the Chapel

Upcoming

Journey Through Grief Thursdays at 7:30 pm at St Charles

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, your response to grief is unique, completely normal -- and not easy. But we have found that sharing with others in a safe, supportive environment can lighten the burden. Come to our Grief Support Workshops on Thursdays at 7:30 pm on Oct 6, Oct 13, Oct 20, Nov 3 and Nov 10. More details at StMichaelLivermore.com

New!

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

Saturday October 15
6:30-8pm in the
St. Michael's Courtyard

All are invited to celebrate and remember babies whose lives on earth were brief yet unique and meaningful and to support parents who have suffered the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn.

Gather at 6:30pm for a blessing and prayers. A candlelight vigil will begin at 7pm.

3rd Annual St Michael School Walk-a-Thon Friday, October 21

The students will walk the school block, having fun with their classmates and teachers while raising money to improve the school courtyard.

New!

Our goal is to raise \$45,000. This is a BIG number. But we can achieve anything with the support of our extended SMS family.

Students will be outside the church after masses on October 9th and October 16th. Visit smsliv.org under "Parent Links" to donate. Call the school office at 925-447-1888 for details. All donations are most appreciated!

Guest Speakers

Fr Jose Syquia, Chief Exorcist from the Archdiocese of Manilla Sunday, October 9 at 7:00 pm

Fr Jose will talk about the spiritual battle that is taking place in the world and will explain demonic infestations, oppressions, obsessions, possessions and how to protect yourself and your family.

Fr Mark Wiesner, Pastor of St Charles Borromeo Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm

New!

Fr Mark is one of the Missionaries of Mercy commissioned by Pope Francis, invites you to a special presentation on MERCY. This is an opportunity for us to come to a greater understanding of God's endless mercy for us, and how we as his chosen people are called to share the mercy we have received with others.

Fr John Tran, Witness to a Eucharistic Miracle Friday, October 14 at 7:00 pm

Fr John Tran, an eye-witness of the Risen Christ in a Eucharistic Miracle, will share the story of his profound encounter. Come gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the Eucharist.

Deacon Steve Greco, Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm

Deacon Steve Greco will give a talk on how to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit in your life, followed by a charismatic healing service. Deacon Steve's Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry shares testimonies of love, the Catholic faith and the importance of the Holy Spirit through his Immaculate Heart Radio show, talks and retreats.

6:30 pm: Songs of praise and worship. 7:00 pm: Talk on unleashing the Holy Spirit in your life. 7:45 pm: Healing Service



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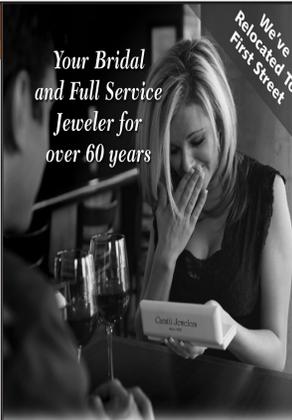


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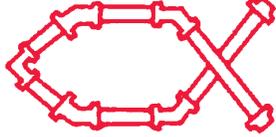

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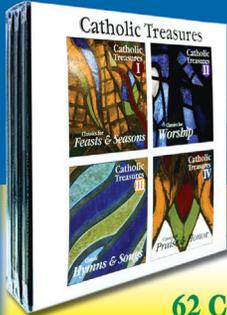
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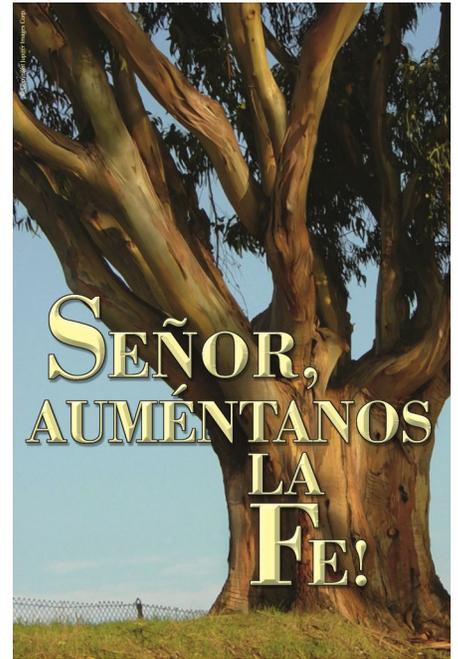
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El salmo nos recuerda que el mundo que anhelamos solo puede ser hecho realidad si no permitimos que la dureza e imperfección que nos rodea endurezcan nuestros corazones. Timoteo le recuerda a su comunidad y a nosotros que la fe ante las dificultades, el retraso y el desanimo requiere de valor. Los apóstoles parece que no tienen mucho valor.

Parecen miedosos y quejumbrosos. Esperando más de lo que ellos esperan que aminore sus luchas en un mundo difícil, más fe para mantenerlos durante los tiempos difíciles.

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Los apóstoles, como Habacuc, se quejan de la situación del mundo y de la situación de su fe. Ellos quieren más fe. La respuesta de Jesús parece insensible, un recuerdo de que aún un poco de fe puede lograr cosas asombrosas. Pero en lugar de ser insensible, quizá es un recuerdo esperanzador de la poca fe que es necesaria para sostenernos en un mundo que parece abundante de violencia, miseria, luchas y discordia. No necesitamos ser modelos de fe. No tenemos que tener abundantes cantidades de fe. Solo necesitamos pequeños grumos de fe para poder realizar las hazañas más increíbles. Necesitamos ser una pequeña semilla



de mostaza para sacudir los cimientos del mundo y crear un reino de amor y paz.

Lecturas del día

Heb 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9
2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14
Lc 17:5-10

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Sabado 22 de Octubre

1:30 pm Peregrinación desde la explanada de la Catedral. A las 2:00 pm entrada por la Puerta Santa, seguido por un tour en español para conocer mejor la catedral, con una explicacion de su diseño y construcción. Terminaremos con una Misa Solemne a las 3:00 pm para recibir las Indulgencias ofrecidas en este año Santo de la Misericordia.

Exposición de las reliquias de Santa Teresa de Calcuta 2 al 9 de Octubre en la Catedral de Cristo Luz en Oakland

Venga a visitar la exhibición de la vida de Santa "madre" Teresa y sus reliquias en la catedral de Cristo la Luz en Oakland. Durante esa semana, cuatro hermanas Misioneras de la Caridad que sirven en Richmond, CA circularán entre los visitantes para responder a las preguntas de 10am a 5pm. Esta exhibición especial es gratuita y abierta al público.



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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Misa en español

Sábado 7:00 pm
Domingo 12:30 pm
Miércoles 7:00 pm

Confesión en español

Sábados 6:15-6:45 pm
Primer y tercer miércoles a las
2:30 pm en el convento

Adoración Eucarística Perpetua

Para un directorio de sus socios de oración y para el capitán de horas, llame a Elsa al 925-339-6411

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**Si tuvieran fe,
aunque fuera tan pequeña
como un semilla de mostaze,
podrían decir a ese
árbol frondoso:
"Arráncate de raíz y
plántate en el mar",
y los obedecería.**

Lucas 17:6

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