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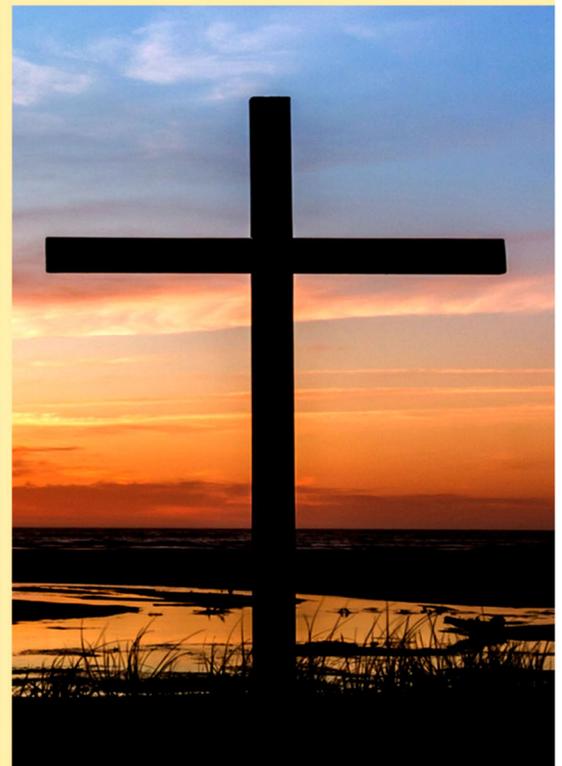
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Jesus said to them,
“I tell you, the tax collector went home justified,
not the Pharisee; for whoever exalt themselves
will be humbled, and those who humble
themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 18:14

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
appointment: 925-447-1585

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Sunday Readings

Being “Poor”

Reflection by Opening the Word

Our modern culture hates weakness, poverty, and neediness. The world tells us that to get ahead we have to be strong, competent, and self-sufficient. We certainly aren't supposed to reveal our flaws or fears. This approach lies in stark contrast to our readings today in which we are called to embrace our inherent poverty and allow God to transform it, and us, into incredible riches.

God loves us in our poverty. Just as parents are drawn to the needs of their children, so is God drawn to us in our neediness, especially when we recognize how much we need his help and humbly ask him for it. The Gospel reading shows us this in the powerful story of the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee approaches God with confident assertion; the tax collector comes humbly before God in his need. As the story unfolds, we see that the tax collector has a much better grasp of his condition before God. He is a model for us of how to approach God, in humility, as a “poor man.” The Gospel way is to admit our utter poverty before God, as did the tax collector. When we do so,

God stands ready and eager to fill our emptiness with his own Spirit.

This theme of God's response to our poverty continues throughout the readings. “The Lord hears the cry of the poor,” (from the responsorial psalm) and “The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds: it does not rest till it reaches its goal” (from the first reading). Reinforce that call to a completely different way of life—one that recognizes and accepts our poverty. The lesson this week shows us that we need a poverty that allows God to become our richness, a weakness that allows God to be our strength and a neediness that draws God to hear our prayers and answer them.

First Reading

The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

The wisdom of Jesus Ben Sirach sets the stage for the coming Messiah. He represents the mature religious reflection of Israel in the last couple of centuries before the coming of Christ. In the early Christian Church, Sirach was used as a kind of catechism of righteousness for catechumens and held a very prominent place in the liturgy.

The maturity of Sirach's conception of righteousness can be seen in this passage. The level of material prosperity, social standing, or power that someone has received doesn't necessarily describe their righteousness before God. Worldly blessings don't always signal beatitude, and God's “not unduly partial toward the weak” either.



Reflections

In every age, people have been tempted to make surface judgments about other people such as all the rich are refined; all the poor are lazy. Or the reverse: all the rich are cruel; all the poor are humble. Sirach cuts through appearances and states that he “who serves God willingly is heard” and the “prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.” Humble service is the hallmark of righteousness, not any accidents of state such as possession or poverty of money, power, or fame.

Second Reading

The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

We find Paul reflecting briefly on what awaits him in heaven, a merited crown. Paul says that he has “competed well,” “finished the race,” and “kept the faith.” These are the sources of his merits. Of course, Paul would certainly admit that all of these were only possible by God’s grace. He testifies to God’s work in supplying his every need in ministry in the second half of the reading.

In those days, all the nations were represented in the Roman capital. God made it possible—in an unexpected way—for Paul to complete his apostolic commission at the cultural center of the then-known world. Had he not been arrested in Jerusalem and had to appeal to Rome for a hearing in a higher court, he might never have had the chance to reach all nations with the saving message of Christ. Paul certainly cooperated with God’s direction and grace and so merited his reward, but in the end—as at the end of our reading—to God must

be given all “glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Gospel

The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:9-14).

The Pharisees have been mentioned more than once as representative of covenant insiders, or those who belong to God by virtue of his covenant with Israel. Luke’s Gospel is primarily interested in addressing people who have been outside of the covenant of Israel but who have gained access to the covenant through Christ. So in this story that Jesus tells us about a Pharisee (an insider) and a publican or tax collector (an outsider), Luke prefaces the story with an explanation that Jesus was addressing “those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.” This story isn’t just aimed at Pharisees, but all who trust that their own virtues will win them God’s favor.

The moral of the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector is that those who exalt themselves will be humbled and the humble exalted. Here, Jesus shows us the mechanics of that reversal of position of the lowly and the proud. It’s humility that’s the fulcrum of the seesaw that brings down the proud and lifts up the lowly. When we come before God with humble hearts waiting on his mercy, then he grants us justice or righteousness or holiness in proportion to our humility. Pride drives away God’s gift of holiness, but humility invites it in.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 4:32 -- 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. Anthony Mary Claret

Friday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

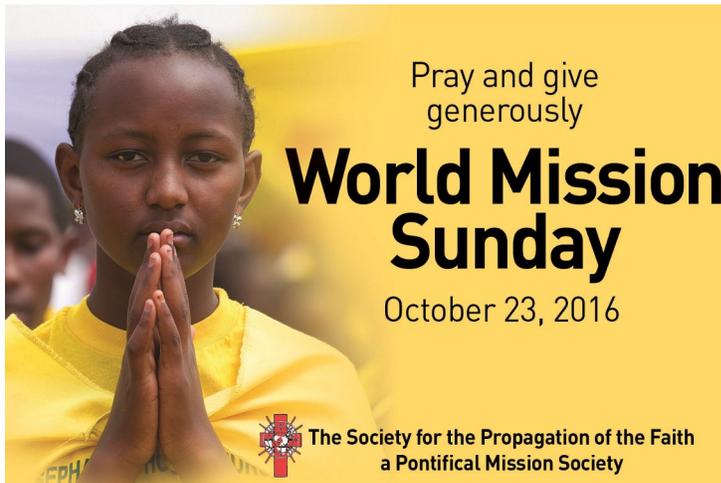
Prayer to St Michael

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

“ Today’s Psalm helps us see how important each of us is to the Lord, especially when we are in need: “The Lord hears the cry of the poor.... The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit He saves” (Psalm 34:18-19). In our own families and neighborhoods, we can think of those who need our listening hearts, our kind compassion. Those in our mission family cry out also for the Lord’s caring and peace.”

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Special Intentions

That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it. We pray to the Lord...

For all who have suffered injury or death as a result of Hurricane Matthew, and for their families and loved ones. We pray to the Lord...

For all who have sustained losses in the storm, that they may know God's healing and care in those to whom they turn for assistance. We pray to the Lord...

For the repose of the souls of Peter Hyczar, Antoinette Tejada and Eleanor Sahlin, and for all the souls in purgatory. We pray to the Lord...

Send prayer requests to Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/22

8:30am Gus & Lucile Beach †

5:00pm Nina Abbott †

7:00pm Mario Ledezma †

Sunday 10/23

6:45am Virginia Tynan †

8:00am Gigi Antonoff †

9:30am Semplico Fortes †

11:00am Antony Pham Van Hoi †

12:30pm Hugo Albornoz & Felicitas Arevalo and their group

6:00pm Felix Berta Abella †

Monday 10/24

7:00am Arlene Herrera †

8:30am Ernest Bonne †

Tuesday 10/25

7:00am Paolo Monjes †

8:30am Marissa Kalchik

Wednesday 10/26

7:00am Jesus Muñoz †

8:30am Wayne D. Cruz, Jr †

7:00pm Hugo Albornoz & Felicitas Arevalo and their group

Thursday 10/27

7:00am Robert Grover †

8:30am Aurora Pades †

Friday 10/28

7:00am Maria Algarne †

8:30am Francis Pham Minh Hoag and the souls in purgatory

Saturday 10/29

8:30am Belarmino Torio †

5:00pm Mary Mitchell

7:00pm Juan Manuel & Arturo Suarez and Daniel McClenan

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

Cheerful Givers



Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

We need **\$22,000 each week** from the Sunday Collection to cover the operating cost of our very busy parish of over 5,000 families. Heating and air conditioning, lights, unexpected repairs and office supplies are the bulk of our expenses. Our PG&E bill alone runs about \$6,000 per month! For some time, we have been on average about **\$1,000 short each week**.

If each person who attends Mass on the weekends gave at least \$10 weekly, we would be able to pay our bills. Please prayerfully consider.

You can make a one-time donation or set up regular offerings at FaithDirect.net. You may also request weekly offering envelopes in the church office.

Fall Festival Report

Thank You!

Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who made this festival possible! Thank you also to the members of the festival committee who made a wonderful, hard-working team. Together we were able to present a wonderful festival for the St. Michael Parish Community. Many blessings to our 2017 chairperson, Cynthia Garay. God Bless!



Thank you for your support!!

“ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. ”

Malachi 3:10

Congratulations to the Raffle Winners

1st Prize: \$3000.00
Ken and Joyce Gels

2nd Prize: One week stay at any WorldMark Resort for Four
Edna McCombe

3rd Prize: 55 inch flat screen TV
Frank Nunes

4th Prize: \$100 Amazon gift card
Helen Concannon, Paula Coelho, Lori Libby, Barb Dudgeon and Ginger Drzewiecke

Festival Revenue

Raffle	\$28,639
Food and Game Booths	\$14,103
Auction	\$9,115
Sponsorships	\$6,250
KofC Dinner	\$2,100
KofC Breakfast	\$675
Festival Net Income (after expenses)	\$45,646.21

Events

Oct 28, 11:00 am Golden Friends Luncheon at Castle Rock

Because of the hall closure we will be meeting at Castle Rock Restaurant, 1848 Portola Ave. We will have a prayer service beginning at 11 a.m., followed by lunch. Donation will be \$12, but because a tip is required, we will have a basket for "tip donation" as well.

Reservations are required by Wed. Oct. 26 at noon. Please contact Wilma: wilma.matuska@gmail.com or 925-447-8198.

Starting Oct 28 Bring Pictures to the All Souls Altar Remember Our Beloved Dead

During the month of November, we

particularly remember those who have died, and we pray for the souls in purgatory. All are invited to include a copy of a picture of a deceased loved one on the Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) altar in the church, beginning 10/28.

Please do not bring original pictures. All pictures will be burned in the Easter Vigil fire.

Oct 30-31, At All Masses Special Collection for St Vincent de Paul

There will be a special collection for St Vincent de Paul at all Masses the weekend of October 30 and 31. There will be envelopes in the pews at church. Your donation makes it possible to help Livermore families in crisis in as many ways as we can. Thank you!

"On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass." Catechism of the Catholic Church #2192

Nov 1, Various Times Solemnity of All Saints HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass will be celebrated at St Michael's at 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm (Spanish).

If you will not be in Livermore at these times, please check with the Catholic parishes nearest to you for Mass times.

Nov 5, After 8:30 am Mass Anointing of the Sick

Those who are seriously ill, facing surgery or suffering the effects of aging are invited to receive Anointing of the Sick after the 8:30 am Mass on Saturday, November 5. Do not wait until death is very near to receive this sacrament!

Those who are in the hospital or a care center should contact the facility chaplain to make arrangements for a priest to come to them.

Those who are homebound and cannot get to church can call the church office at 925-447-1585 to make a sick call appointment.

Nov 5, 11:00 am St. Michael's Cemetery Mass Offered for All Souls

A plenary indulgence, applicable ONLY to the souls in purgatory, is obtainable. Eucharist, Confession and prayers for the Pope are prerequisites.

LIVERMORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5TH ANNUAL

Wine & Food Extravaganza



All proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Programs. Your all-inclusive ticket provides you with the following:

- Saturday, November 5 at 6:00 pm
- A wide array of ethnic finger foods from diverse parishioners of St Michael and St Charles
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Tickets are \$20 per person in advance by contacting Dennis Lundbom at 775-772-6369 or after Mass.

More Events

Nov 5, 6 pm at St. Charles Livermore KoC 5th Annual Wine & Food Extravaganza

Hosted at St. Charles Borromeo Church - see picture at left.

Nov 11-13 Dominican Sisters Discernment Retreat

The Dominican Sisters San Rafael welcome single Catholic women (ages 18 - 40) to attend a prayerful "no-pressure" weekend to explore the spiritual practice of discernment as we reflect on the question: "Where is God calling me?" For information or to RSVP, please contact Reena Rosskopf at 415-257-4939 or vocations@sanrafaelop.org.

Nov 12-13, At All Masses Santa's Secret Service Gift Appeal

Founded in 1959 at St Michael Parish, Santa's Secret Service is dedicated to witnessing Jesus Christ's call to service and charity. The organization has solicited and delivered well over a million Christmas gifts to those in care centers, hospitals and home-bound people.

At all Masses on 11/12-11/13, you will have the opportunity to pick up an instruction sheet and purchase a gift for a special person. Wrapped gifts with tags need to be brought back to the church the following weekend, 11/19-11/20.

Nov 18-20, Pleasanton Marriage Encounter Weekend

Sign up today to attend our upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on November

18-20. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne at 925-672-2016 or Joe & Sue at 925-680-7767 now or oaklandwwme.org. Weekends are presented in Pleasanton.

Nov 30 (Register by Oct 28) Golden Friends Hilmar Cheese Factory

Come join the Golden Friends of St. Michael Parish for our fall trip on Wednesday, November 30. We will visit the Hilmar Cheese Factory, enjoy a buffet lunch at the Fruit Yard and visit the Duarte Poinsettia Nursery. All of these are in the Modesto area.

Price is \$50 per person for round trip bus fare and lunch. Bus will leave promptly at 9 am and return approximately at 4 pm.

Reservations and payment are due NO LATER than Fri. Oct. 28.

Contact Wilma at 925-447-8198 or wilma.matuska@gmail.com



Humble Yourself Before Him

There is truly no better place to humble yourself before the Lord than in His presence in the Eucharist.

In addition to Sunday liturgies, Mass is celebrated at St Michael's Monday-Friday at 7:00 am, on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Spanish and on Saturday mornings 8:30 am.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel 24/7 (for the after-hours access code, call Dick at 925-980-4826.)

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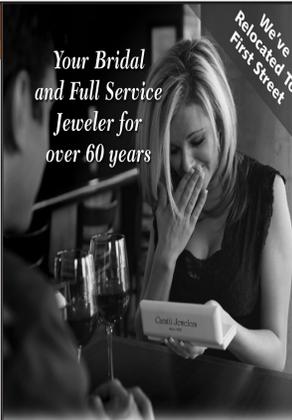


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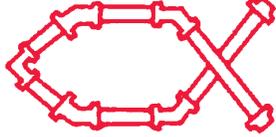

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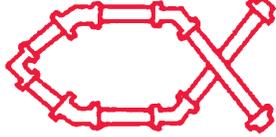
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Sólo mandar texto MIGUEL al 202-765-3441.



Martes, 1 de noviembre Solemnidad de Todos los Santos

SANTO DÍA DE OBLIGACIÓN

Misa será celebrada en San Miguel a las 7:00 am, 8:30 am a las 5:30 pm y las 7:00 pm (Español).



**El Señor
está cerca
de los atribulados,
salva a
los abatidos.**

Salmo 34 (33):19

Comenzando el 28 de oct. Fotos para el altar Día de los Muertos

Durante el mes de noviembre, recordamos especialmente aquellos que han muerto, y rezamos por las almas del purgatorio. Todos están invitados a incluir una copia de una foto de un ser querido fallecido en el altar de los Muertos Día de la iglesia, comenzando el 28 de octubre.

Por favor no traiga imágenes originales.

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Para las víctimas del huracán Mateo

Por quienes sufrieron heridas o murieron debido al huracán Mateo, y por sus familias y seres queridos. Roguemos al Señor.

Por quienes sufren por alguna pérdida debido al huracán, que Dios los conforte y consuele a través de los servicios de emergencia y los voluntarios que los asisten. Roguemos al Señor.

San Miguel necesita tu ayuda

Necesitamos \$ 22,000 cada semana a partir de la Colección de la misa de domingo para cubrir el costo de nuestra muy ocupada parroquia. Hemos estado cortos cada semana por el promedio de \$ 1.000.

Por desgracia, muchas áreas de las cuales disfrutamos en la parroquia están en peligro de ser eliminadas si nuestro promedio de colección semanal no cumple o excede nuestra meta de \$ 22,000 por semana.

10/02/16 Colección:	\$ 19,066.14
10/09/16 Colección:	\$ 19,022.71
10/16/16 Colección:	\$15,727.25
Promedio de Colección:	\$21,224.02
Mantenimiento hasta la fecha: :	\$55,676.39

Si no está actualmente ofreciendo sacrificios financieros para apoyar la misión de San Miguel, por favor consíderelo en su oración. Usted puede hacer una donación de una sola vez o configurar las ofertas regulares en FaithDirect.net. También puede solicitar sobres de ofrenda semanal en la oficina de la iglesia.



La Parroquia de San Miguel

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

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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

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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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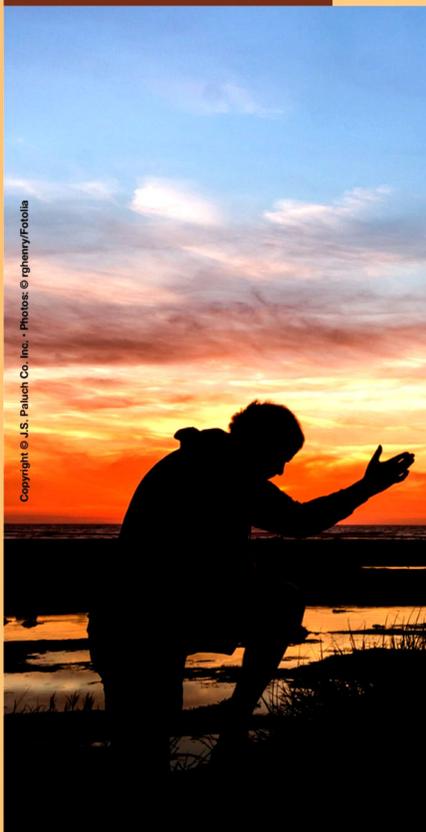
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TRIGÉSIMO DOMINGO
DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



Jesús les dijo:

“Yo les aseguro que el publicano bajó a su casa justificado y el fariseo no; porque todo el que se enaltece será humillado y el que se humilla será enaltecido”.

Lucas 18:14

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

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