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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

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Unpack Today's Mass Readings



Last Week

Last week, in the Sunday Mass readings, we looked at how we are to treat the poor and how we are to use our material possessions. This week's lesson extends the idea of poverty to point out that we are all poor before God. We are encouraged to realize they we can be rich and poor at the same time.

This Week's Overview

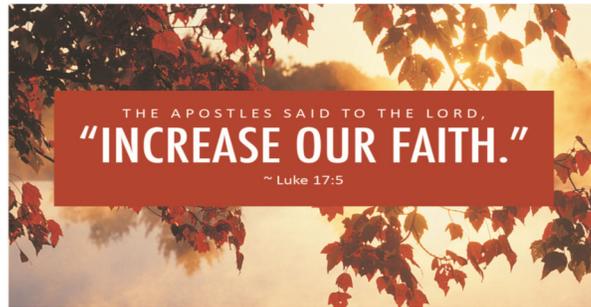
Underlying all three readings this week is the idea of faith. It begins with the first reading: the prophet Habakkuk cries out to God with a question common to every human heart: Why does God allow evil to persist in the world? God doesn't answer with the kind of explanation we would normally want. Instead, God's answer to Habakkuk is a call to trust in his plan, a call to have faith. After all, we see only the tiniest part of God's plan. We are called to wait in faith, believing that in the end everything will be made right.

The second reading reaffirms our need to have faith and trust, adding that we do not have to do this on our own, but the Holy Spirit will give us the aid we need.

Finally, in the Gospel reading, the apostles recognize that they don't have enough faith, and they ask Jesus to increase their faith. Christ tells them that if they had faith as tiny as a mustard seed they could do great things. But he also warns us that we can't wait

until we have a strong feeling of faith; we must act on the faith we have now.

Taken together, these three readings provide a powerful three-pronged lesson: First, God calls us to exercise trust in his plan for our lives, a call that is based on our faith in him and his goodness. Second, even though faith can be difficult, the Holy Spirit will be with us helping us to both exercise and increase our faith. Third, we are not to wait until we have a plentitude of faith, but we are to begin with the faith we have, since it is in the exercising of faith that faith itself will increase.



Unpack the First Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Habakkuk, who's one of the twelve minor prophets of the Old Testament, lived at a time in Israel's history when Babylon had just become a threat to Judah. Here, Habakkuk poses the question that has always vexed mankind: Why do the innocent suffer evil? In the short portion we have of 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 comparison between Habakkuk and the book of Job where the question of suffering receives the closest examination in the Old Testament. One similarity is that both Habakkuk and Job end finally with worship. Perhaps worship in faith is finally the only answer to human suffering.

Unpack the Second Reading 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 prison 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 Timothy, have guarded it so faithfully.

Unpack the Gospel 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

schooled 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.

Reflect & Discuss

Delve deeper into this week's Scripture readings with a friend and see what the Bible has to say about having great faith. Please start by watching the short Opening the Word video on **FORMED.org**

In today's Gospel reading, the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. What should we do

when we feel we don't have enough faith?

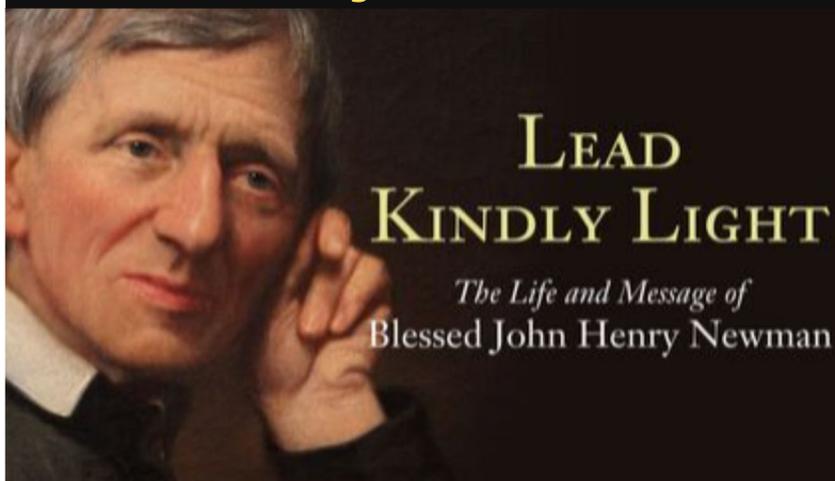
Let's consider the questions which the presenter asked at the end of the video:

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?

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John Henry Newman Canonization on October 13



Watch on
FORMED.org

An influential teacher, a distinguished theologian, a man who endured many trials, a father of souls—Blessed John Henry Newman (1801 - 1890) remains as fresh and relevant today as he was during his lifetime. In this engaging film, Fr. Nicholas Schofield and Fr. Marcus Holden, hosts of several other Ignatius films, present the inspiring story of Newman's life and visit the places in England where he lived and worked. From London to Oxford, from Littlemore to Birmingham, each revealing an important stage of Newman's life. Along the way they explore his writings and teachings, his pastoral zeal for his students and parishioners, his journey of conversion to the Catholic faith, and his enduring message for Christians of today.

Pray Throughout the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/5

8:30am Lauro Catipon
5:00pm Angeles Mercado †
7:00pm Leo Ledezma †
Mario Ledezma

Sunday 10/6

6:45am Thomas Heise
8:00am Mass for Our Parish
9:30am Rita Maultsby †
11:00am Kathleen Lawson †
John J Vericella
Rev John Uzakupundu †
Innocent and Paul Ike
Patrick Chidolue †
Annette Owings †
Nancy, Kathy & Tom †
12:30pm The Castillo Family
6:00pm Robert T. Boyle, Jr.

Monday 10/7

8:30am Jay Dee Knauer †

Tuesday 10/8

8:30am Maria Zaczek

Wednesday 10/9

8:30am Timothy Robinson
7:00pm Maximiliano Cardenas †

Thursday 10/10

8:30am Marie Ott

Friday 10/11

8:30am Feliz Gudelosao, Sr †

****The first Sunday of the month at the 11:00 am Mass is a Communal Mass with several intentions.***



Prayer Meditation

Habakkuk asks God, "How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord." Think about a time in your life when you felt you were crying out to God without receiving any answer or help. How did you feel? How did you react? Did you ever receive an answer, or are you still waiting? How did you feel when you finally did receive an answer?

Resolution

The Lord tells Habakkuk that the vision will not disappoint and will surely come in the right time. In what situation or area of your life is God calling you to radical faith this week?

Weekly Prayer for Alpha

For our Alpha guests who have made the decision to explore more meaning in their lives, that they may have a powerful encounter with the Lord.

Prayer Team

Our prayer team of over 70 members receives prayer requests weekly. Please send your requests or join the team by emailing Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com



Choose Life!

“Be completely faithful to the Lord your God, love him, and do whatever he tells you. The Lord is the only one who can give life...” Deut 30:20

My Dear Parishioners,

I would like to journey with you during this month of October to reflect upon the beauty and sacredness of life, from conception to natural death.

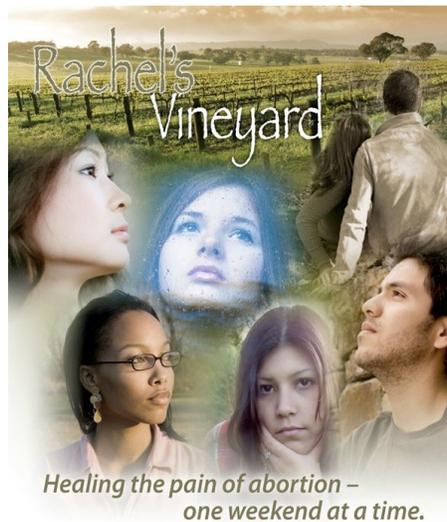
Our whole culture – including our Church, other religions, nations and many organizations – are so active and vocal in protecting the environment, animal rights and other “hot topic” causes. As Christians, we must also model the same zeal when it comes to preserving and protecting human life guided by the light and truth of the Gospel. With our prayers and actions, we must join the effort to end abortion.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states the following:

2258: Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any cir-

cumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.

2270: Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among



which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.

Here is a reason for hope: due to proactive efforts to end abortion in the United States, there is a steady decline of cases of abortions from year 2006 to 2015. Do not lose faith! There is so much power in prayer.

To that end, our Knights of Columbus this month are leading Rosaries in our parish court-

yard every day at 7:00 pm for the unborn and for an end to the culture of death in our society. All are welcome to join. If you cannot make it in the evening, please offer a Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a Holy Hour, a Rosary or other sacrifices for this intention.

If you would like to take your prayers to a peaceful and public vigil, please consider signing up to pray at Planned Parenthood in Walnut Creek. Information is at 40daysforlife.com/walnut-creek

If you are suffering from the emotional and spiritual effects of an abortion, please come experience the healing love of Jesus Christ during the Rachel's Vineyard healing retreat: October 25 - 27 in Danville. Pre-registration is required. Please make a confidential call to Gloria at 510-485-2574.

Please save January 25, 2020 on your calendars for the 16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. I want to see a large representation from St Michael's at the walk.

And may God bless you and your families.

Fr Carl

Special Reminders

Monday, October 7

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary "Rosary in 10 Languages": 7:00 pm in the Courtyard.

Tuesday, October 8

Mass of Remembrance: 7:00 pm in the Church

Friday, October 11

Homebound Ministry Training & Refresher: 6:00 pm in the Convent. contact Sridhar Ramanathan at 650-219-4500

We need **86** New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and **29** New Lectors!

Our goal is to train enough Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in order to...

- Schedule each volunteer every third or fourth week, giving flexibility for volunteers to be out sick, on vacation or just enjoy the Mass without an extra job.
- Offer both the Sacred Body and the Precious Blood at all Masses.
- Invite new members to the ministry, nurturing a culture of invitation.

See page 8 for training dates and sign up at these links:

StMichaelLivermore.com/Lectors
StMichaelLivermore.com/EM



Tips for Praying the Rosary with Kids

Start young. When you are rocking your infant or toddler to sleep or while driving in the car, pray aloud so your child gets used to hearing it.

Start simple. Once your child is a little older, start with the Glory Be and move on from there. Work on a line or two at a time.

Use aids. Help children focus on the Rosary by using colorful pictures and words for older children.

Beads are optional. For young child, beads may be distracting or used as a toy. If you want your child to have a Rosary, get one that is kid friendly (durable) and age appropriate (such as a soft rubber bead Rosary for infants/toddlers). For older children, talk to them about treating the Rosary with reverence before handing it to them.

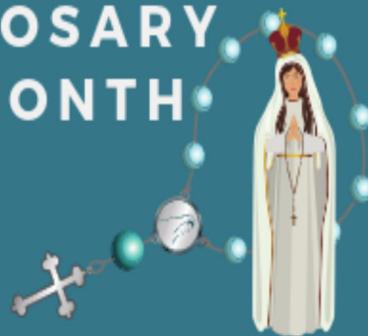
Keep going. It takes time for children to learn the Rosary. Be patient and persistent. It's okay to only pray part of the Rosary at a time if that is what your child needs to do. Make it a comfortable and comforting experience, not stressful and demanding. Talk to your children about Mother Mary and explain to them why we ask her to pray for us.

Collection Report

Thank you for your continued financial support of St Michael Parish. Our parish receives no funding from any other source but from your generous offerings. Because of you, we can continue to celebrate the sacraments, grow disciples and bring Christ to people.

Due to the office closure for the Feast of St Michael, the collection report for September 29 will be included in next week's bulletin.

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MONTH



Pray with us every evening in October at 7:00 pm in the Courtyard.

Save These Dates!



KofC Movie Night **Saturday, Oct 12 at 6:30 pm** **Large Hall**

Our Knights of Columbus invite all families to enjoy *Fly Away Home*, a family movie about a 13-year old girl and her father who adopt an orphaned flock of geese and teach them how to fly. Cost is FREE! Cartoons at 6:30 pm and movie at 7:00 pm.

Parish Offices Closed **Monday, Oct 14**

... in observance of Columbus Day

Pregnancy and Infant Loss **Remembrance Vigil** **Tuesday, Oct 15** **6:30 PM - 8:00 PM** **Church Courtyard**

If you have lost a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death, or would like to support families who have experienced this type of loss, please join us. Contact us at PregnancyInfantLoss@StMichaelLivermore.com

Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest **Saturday, Oct 19** **9 am—3 pm in the Hall**

Join us in making simple dresses for girls in poverty-stricken countries. Cut, iron, sew, or take a kit home! Contact Suzanne Beck at 925-352-8447 for details.

Mass in Tagalog **Sunday, Oct 20 at 3:30 pm**

The Filipino Ministry invites you to celebrate Mass in Tagalog, followed by a potluck in the Hall.

Solemnity of All Saints **Holy Day of Obligation**

October 31 Vigil Masses
6:00 pm English
7:30 pm Spanish

November 1 Masses
7:00 am
8:30 am
10:30 am (School)
12:15 pm
6:00 pm
7:30 pm (Spanish)

The Commemoration of **All the Faithful Departed** **(All Souls)** **Saturday, Nov 2**

Although All Souls is not a Holy Day of Obligation, all are invited to celebrate Mass to pray for the souls in Purgatory.

7:00 am and 8:30 am at Church
11:00 am at St Michael Cemetery

Extraordinary Ministers of **Holy Communion Training** **Monday, Nov 4 at 6:30 OR** **Saturday, Nov 16 at 9:30 am**

If you are being called to assist in distributing Holy Communion at Mass, please register for one of these training dates at StMichaelLivermore.com/EM Training is in the Church.

Lector Training **Monday, Nov 25 at 6:30 pm**

If you are being called to proclaim the Word at Mass, please come to this training. Register at StMichaelLivermore.com/Lector Training is in the Church.

Jesus Loves Night Owls

Our Adoration Chapel is open 24/7. Call Dennis at 775-772-6369 for the after-hours security code.





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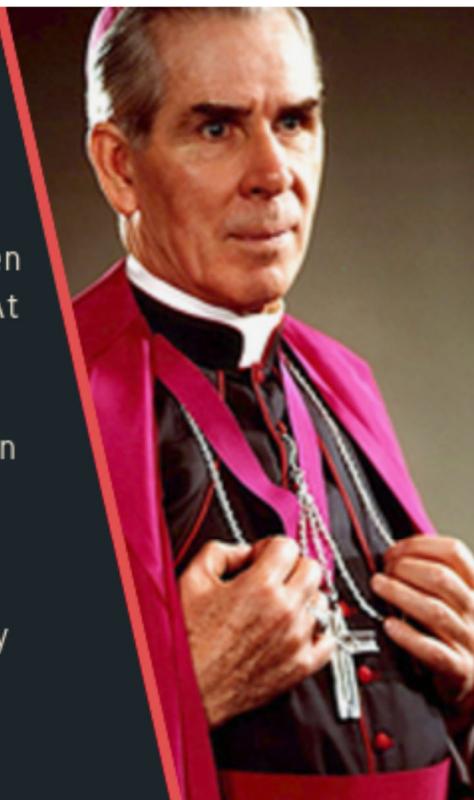
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Videos are about 8 minutes and are emailed to you on Mondays and Wednesdays, November 4 - 20. Sign up by clicking the join button in the Friday Flocknote or by calling Tina Gregory at 925-667-4051





¡Elige la vida!

"Sé completamente fiel al Señor tu Dios, ámalo y haz lo que él te diga. El Señor es el único que puede dar vida ..." - Deuteronomio 30:20

Mis queridos feligreses,

Me gustaría viajar con ustedes durante este mes de octubre para reflexionar sobre la belleza y lo sagrado de la vida, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural.

Toda nuestra cultura, incluida nuestra Iglesia, otras religiones, naciones y muchas organizaciones, son muy activos y vocales en la protección del medio ambiente, los derechos de los animales y otras causas de "temas candentes". Como cristianos, también debemos modelar el mismo celo cuando se trata de preservar y proteger la vida humana guiados por la luz y la verdad del Evangelio. Con nuestras oraciones y acciones, debemos unirnos al esfuerzo para terminar con el aborto.

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica establece lo siguiente:

2258 La vida humana es sagrada porque desde su inicio involucra la acción creadora de Dios y permanece para siempre en una relación especial con el Creador, quien es su único fin. Solo Dios es el Señor de la vida desde su comienzo hasta su final: nadie puede, bajo ninguna circunstancia, reclamar para sí mismo el derecho de destruir directamente a un ser humano inocente.

2270 La vida humana debe ser re-

spetada y protegida absolutamente desde el momento de la concepción. Desde el primer momento de su existencia, se debe reconocer que un ser humano tiene los derechos de una persona, entre los cuales se encuentra el derecho inviolable de todo ser inocente a la vida.

Aquí hay un motivo de esperanza: debido a los esfuerzos proactivos para terminar con el aborto en los Estados Unidos, hay una dis-



minución constante de casos de abortos desde el año 2006 hasta el 2015. ¡No pierda la fe! Hay mucho poder en la oración.

Con ese fin, nuestros Caballeros de Colón este mes dirigen rosarios en el patio de nuestra parroquia todos los días a las 7:00 pm para los no nacidos y para el fin de la cultura de la muerte en nuestra sociedad. Todos son bienvenidos a unirse. Si no puede asistir por la noche, ofrezca una Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia, una Hora Santa, un Rosario u otros sacrificios

por esta intención.

Si desea llevar sus oraciones a una vigilia pacífica y pública, considere inscribirse para orar en Planned Parenthood en Walnut Creek. Obtenga más información e inscríbese en 40daysforlife.com/walnut-creek

Si sufre los efectos emocionales y espirituales de un aborto, vaya a experimentar el amor sanador de

Jesucristo durante el retiro de sanación Rachel's Vineyard: del 25 al 27 de octubre de 2019 en Danville. Se requiere preinscripción. Haga una llamada confidencial a Gloria al 510-485-2574.

Guarde el 25 de enero de 2020 en sus calendarios para la 16ª Anual de la Costa Oeste de Walk for Life en San Francisco. Deseo ver una gran repre-

sentación de San Miguel en la caminata.

Espero que pronto en esta parroquia establezcamos un Ministerio Pro-Vida para unirnos a la cruzada de terminar con el aborto no solo en Estados Unidos sino en todo el mundo.

Dios lo bendiga a usted y a su familia.

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Mass | Misa

Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

Wed | Mi 7:00 pm (español)

First Friday | Primer viernes
12:00 pm

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

Traditional Latin Mass

2nd Sun, 8:00 am

Tagalog

3rd Sun, 3:30 pm

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

Wednesdays in the Convent Chapel

2:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick |

Unción de los Enfermos

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or

by appointment: 925-447-1585 |

1er sábado después de las 8:30 am

Misa o con cita previa: 925-447-

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Eucharistic Adoration |

Adoración Eucarística

24/7 in the Chapel. For after hours

access code, call 775-772-6369.

Office Hours | horas de oficina

M-F 9:00 am—5:00 pm

(Closed 12:00 pm—2:00 pm)

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