

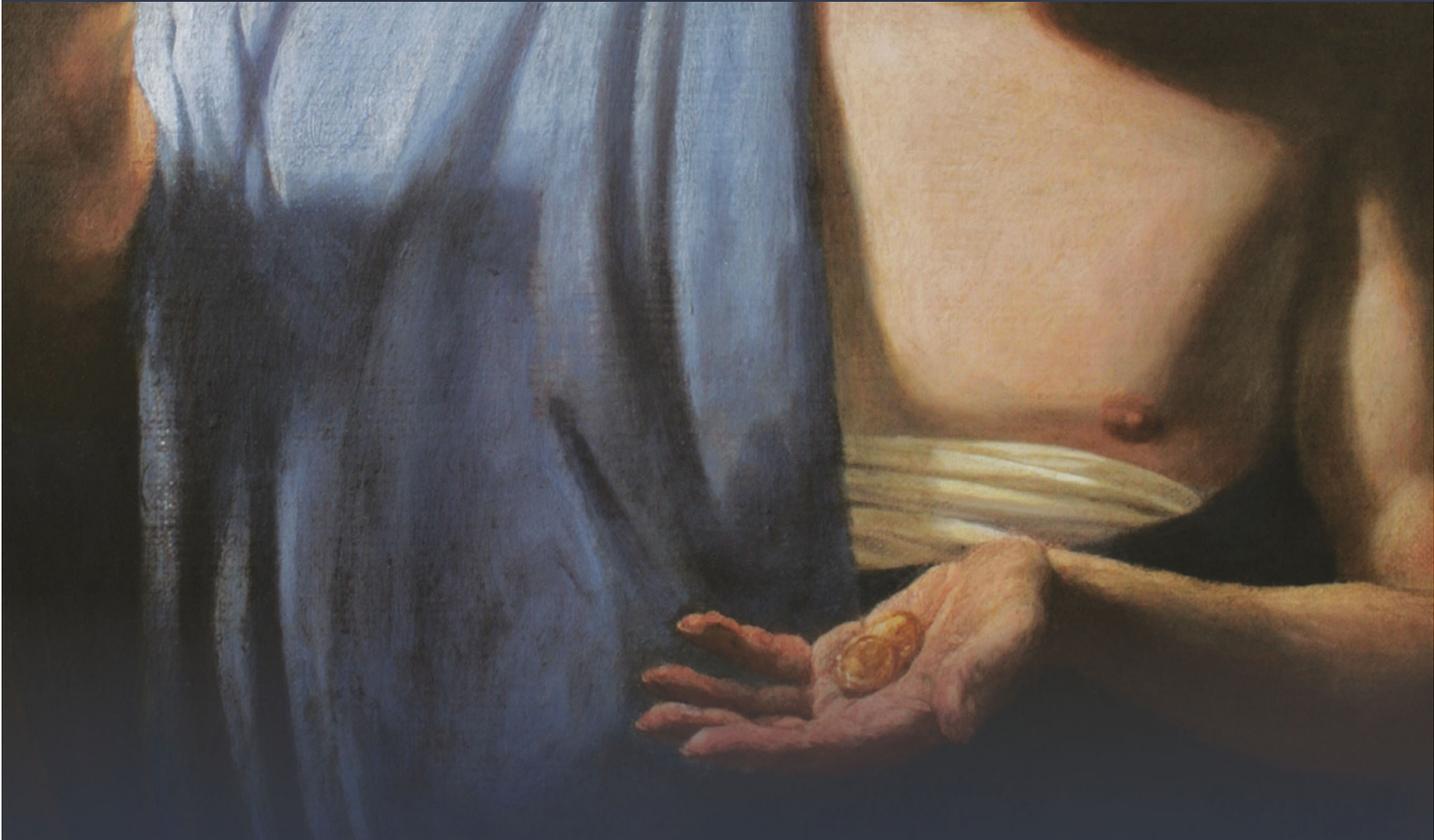


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CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS, GROW DISCIPLES, BRING CHRIST TO PEOPLE

NOVEMBER 15, 2020



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’” - Mt 25:21

FROM FR CARL

Looking Forward to Advent and Christmas

Dear St Michael Family,

What will our Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas be this year? With the continued rise of COVID-19 infections still casting fear in the lives of many, especially the elderly, the chaos in our US politics, our challenges at work, home, school and church, all create a very different 2020 season for us.

However, we must remember that in our history our world and our country are not new to these kinds of situation. Times of war, pandemic, economic depression, political uprising are not new to the human condition. Life continues with hope empowered by our faith. We need to ask for divine strength to patiently adjust and navigate ourselves during this trying time.

As disciples of Jesus, we are in a good position to prepare for any calamity. The season of Advent reminds us that we must not lose our sight of the end of our lives, the end of the world and the coming of our Lord in glory. We put all of our hope in Jesus, who came to us on the first Christmas, and we continue to put hope in Him as he comes to us personally. We look forward, joyfully, knowing that He purifies everything, dispelling all evil.

We are blessed as Catholics to have the Holy Sacraments, our Tradition and our Scriptures to guide us, to console, inspire and nourish us. And so, as a parish let us prepare our hearts and lives with the treasures that the Church provides for us:

1. **Advent Retreat Online**

Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary is a prayerful retreat that will meet on Zoom on Monday evenings, November 23-December 21. See page 6.

2. **Daily Mass and Sunday Mass**

See page 4 for the schedule of Mass inside the church, in the courtyard and livestream on Facebook and YouTube.

3. **Devotions**

Spend a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament Mon-Fri at 6:30 pm or Saturday at 9:30 am in the Church. Join our daily Zoom Rosary gatherings.

4. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

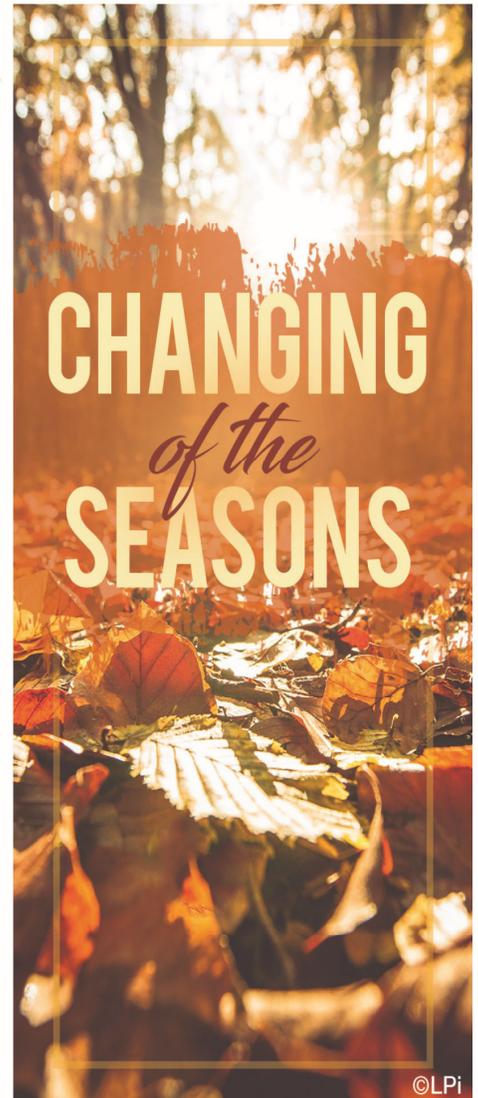
Mon-Fri at 6:30 pm or Saturday at 9:30 am in the Church.

5. **Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy**

See page 8 for ideas!

May you and your families have a peaceful Advent.

Fr Carl



Where
charity
is not found,
God cannot dwell.

— ST. ALBERT THE GREAT —

Worship Schedule



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INDOOR MASS

Space is limited to 100 people.
First come first served.
Face covering required.

Daily Monday - Saturday

6:45 am in English
8:30 am in English

Wednesday

5:00 pm in Spanish

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm in English
7:00 pm in Spanish

Sunday

6:45 am in English
8:00 am Traditional Latin
9:30 am in English
5:00 pm in English

OUTDOOR MASS

Bring your own chair.
Face covering required.
Moved inside if bad weather.

Sunday

11:00 am in English
12:30 pm in Spanish

LIVESTREAM MASS

On Facebook and YouTube

Monday - Saturday

6:45 am
In English

Wednesday

8:30 am School Mass
In English

5:00 pm

In Spanish

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm
In English

7:00 pm

In Spanish

Sunday

8:00 am
Latin

9:30 am

English

PARK & LISTEN

Tune in to 87.9 FM

Park in the parking lot or side streets within a block of the church and tune in to 87.9 FM to listen to Mass.

WALK IN COMMUNION

Pray with Livestream Mass or listen from the parking lot on 87.9 FM.
Face covering required.

Arrive exactly 45 minutes after Mass begins to receive Communion.

CONFESSION & ADORATION

Inside the Church.
Face covering required.

Monday - Friday

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturday

9:30 am - 10:30 am

DAILY ZOOM ROSARY

12:00 pm in English
<http://bit.ly/RosaryNov>

8:00 pm in Spanish
<http://bit.ly/RosarioNov>

**SCHEDULE
SUBJECT TO
CHANGE!**

Bookmark StMichaelLivermore.com/MassTimes for the most current schedule.

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS



NOW SCHEDULING BABY BAPTISMS

Preparation classes for parents and godparents are online. Download the information packet to start the process.



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CONFESSION NOW IN THE CHURCH

In the vestibule and in the "cry room" for your health and safety. M-F at 6:30 pm, Sat at 9:30 am.



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Inside the Church, M-F at 6:30 pm and Sat at 9:30 am. Limit 100 people. Wear a face covering.



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SACRAMENT PREP FOR ADULTS

Now enrolling adults to prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Classes are online!



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GROW DISCIPLES



DAILY DECEMBER ROSARY

Meet on Zoom at 12:00 pm
Everyday in December
Rosary beginners welcome
Let's pray together



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FUNERAL LUNCH AND LEARN

November 5, 12 & 19 at 2:00 pm
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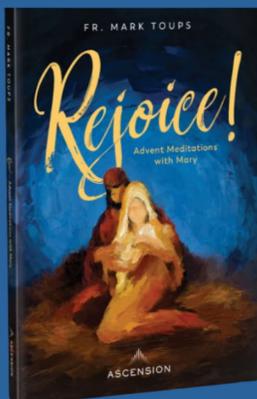


THE GARDENER OF GOD

A film about Gregor Mendel, the father of modern genetics and Catholic priest. Watch FREE on Formed.org



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ADVENT MISSION RETREAT

Mondays on Zoom
November 23 - December 21
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
StMichaelLivermore.com/Advent



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COMMUNITY CARE FREE GROCERIES

Saturdays

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Collecting grocery store gift cards
instead to be distributed on
December 19



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NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS

Caregivers are invited to join the Nourish talk on Overcoming Challenges of Advocacy on November 19 on Zoom.



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DONATE A TURKEY OR HAM

Saturday, Nov. 21, 10 am - 12 pm
St Vincent de Paul Food Locker
behind the church.



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ORDER SEE'S CANDIES

Our Catholic Daughters are selling See's Candies to raise funds to help our community members in need.



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EVANGELIZATION IN COMMUNITY

Doug Tooke shares a story about the importance of community and encountering Christ. Called to Accompany episode 2.2



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Corporal Works of Mercy

To feed the hungry.
To give water to the thirsty.
To clothe the naked.
To shelter the homeless.
To visit the sick.
To visit the imprisoned and ransom the captive.
To bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

To instruct the ignorant.
To counsel the doubtful.
To admonish the sinners.
To bear patiently those who wrong us.
To forgive offenses.
To comfort the afflicted.
To pray for the living and the dead.

QUESTION:

I've heard of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. What are they, and what's the difference?

ANSWER:

As God has shown us mercy, so too are we called to show mercy to those we encounter. We see mercy throughout the Gospels, but the parable in Matthew 25 forms the foundation for the first set of Works of Mercy. This parable of the last judgment shows each person being asked how well they cared for those around them, and being reminded that this care for those in need is care for God Himself. Each person is asked if they have fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, sheltered the stranger, cared for the sick, and visited the imprisoned. These — along with burying the dead — are the Corporal Works of Mercy, as they primarily concern the physical life of a person.

The list of the Spiritual Works of Mercy developed later. These actions of love primarily concern the inner life of a person. They are instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, admonishing sinners, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offenses, comforting the afflicted, and praying for both the living and the dead. All of these actions are concrete ways of bringing the love of God into the world.

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\$103,558.82

November 8 Collection
\$17,422.22

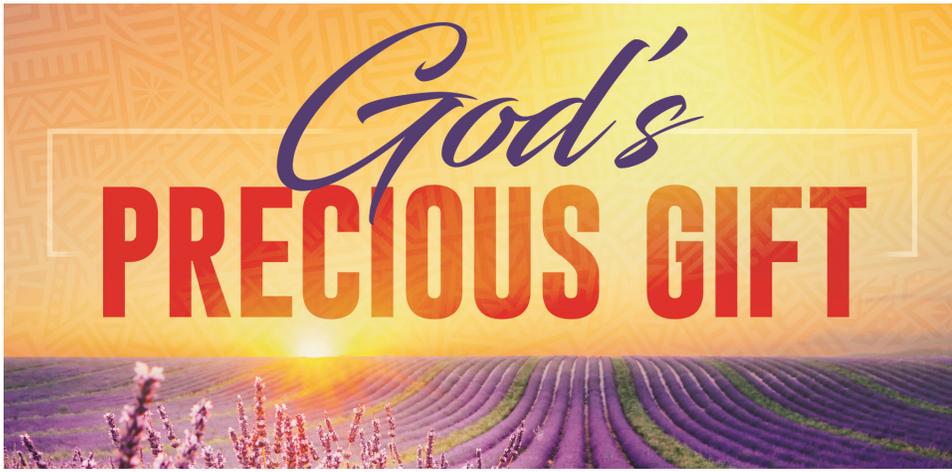
November Collection to Date
\$29,914.22

Percentage Reached
29%

Maintenance Collection Goal for November
\$9,500.00

Maintenance Collection to Date
\$4,512.00

Percentage Reached
47%



GOSPEL MEDITATION

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It de-

mands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Buried in Your Backyard

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone — the current students as well as those now grown — laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in

those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to Him and those around us for His glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we

have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God has entrusted his possessions to us. God's possessions are not earthly, physical things like ours: a home, bank account, personal items, and so forth. God's possessions are far greater and deeper. God's greatest possession is His very Self and it is precisely this pearl of great price that He bestows freely upon us. What are we going to do with it? Nourishing the fruits of wisdom is of the first order in determining how we are going to use what God have given. Understanding that His gift has not been given purely for our self-benefit is another. Wisdom asks us to broaden our horizons to embrace all avenues of hu-

man life, including the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the needy. Manifested primarily in the virtues of faith, hope, and love, what God has entrusted to us can multiply exponentially if we invest His gift wisely and reap the greatest benefits. While it requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work, we will experience tremendous joy when we realize just how much confidence God has in us. Not acting on something out of fear or lack of trust serves no purpose and is of no use to either God or ourselves.

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