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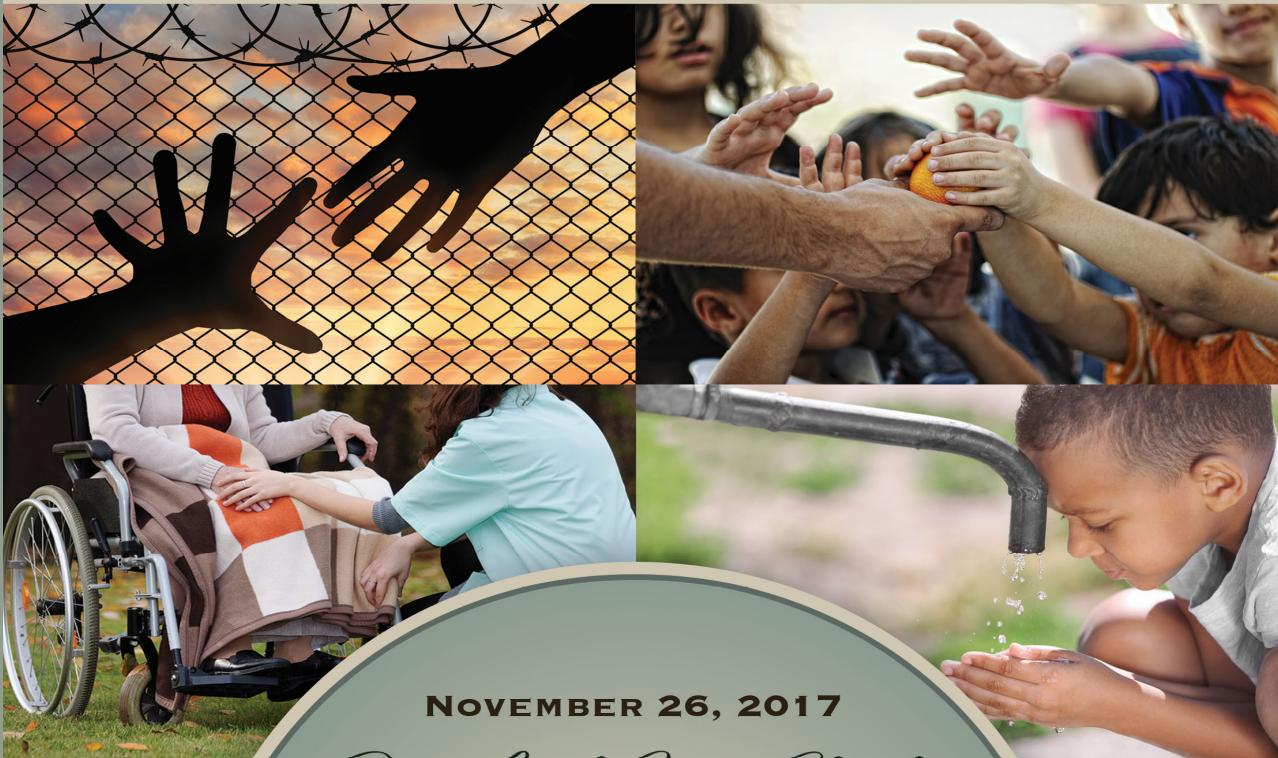
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*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD,
I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK,
A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME,
NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME,
ILL AND YOU CARED FOR ME,
IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME.

MATTHEW 25:35-36

You Did It to Me

The end of time both scares and fascinates us, so it's little wonder that movies about the end of the world are a Hollywood staple. While many of them are quite creative, none talk about what is actually going to happen, as described in today's Gospel.

When the world ends, we are told that God is going to focus on one thing: How did we care for the poor, the sick, the suffering? Nothing else will matter. Just how we treated who Jesus called "the least" among us.

The world at large has the final judgment wrong, but so do many Christians. Sometimes we tend to think that God will ask us how much we prayed, how much we read about the faith, how often we had fellowship and community with others, how often we received the sacraments. All of those things are important—that's true—but the bottom line for God is going to be how we treated others because, as Jesus says, the way we treat others is ultimately the way we treat him.

As we reach the end of the Church year, we are reminded of the great responsibility God has entrusted to us to care for the people in our lives...until the end of our lives, for the extent that we serve others is the extent that we serve Christ, the King.

First Reading **Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17**

This passage is filled with words of comfort. God himself promises to be Shepherd to his sheep. Both shepherds and sheep come in for some sobering prophetic

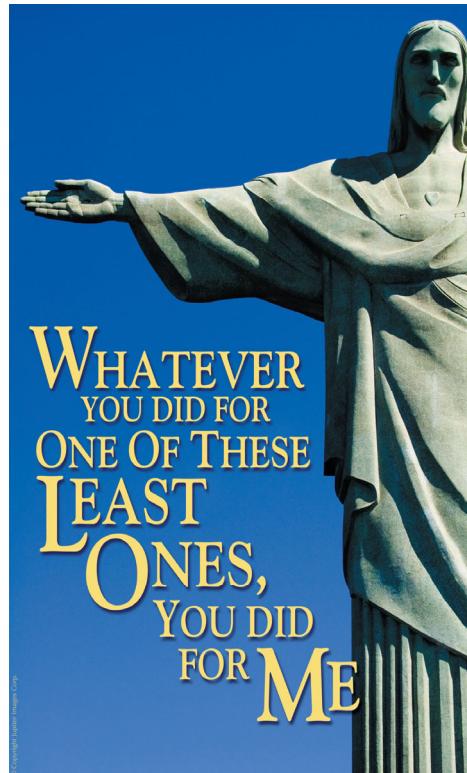
affliction in the verses before and after our reading. "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been pasturing themselves," we read in verse 2. In verse 18 the prophet says to the sheep, "Was it not enough for you to graze on the best pasture, that you had to trample the rest of your pastures with your feet?" As is

of this reading is tempered by the last ones in which the Lord warns, "The sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats."

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28**

This passage can help us shake off our worldly, temporal thinking. We so often think of time as the enemy of life. We moderns struggle fiercely to fend off the ravages of time in the illusion that we can hold death at bay. St. Paul reminds us that time isn't the enemy of life. In fact, time is the environment of death, the atmosphere that death breathes. When time ends, death will end with it, having no place to live and nothing left to breathe.

It can be a wonderful exercise to try to live as though we believed what Paul says. How differently we treat others when we look at them as creatures made to live in the eternity of God, as deathless persons. Strictly speaking, we're not eternal, since we have had a beginning in time. Only God is eternal. None that we know or have known will die. Some will rise to punishment, others to reward. Those in the latter category will be those who have struggled to subject themselves to Christ. Having been subjected to Christ, they'll be part of the whole gift of the harvest of time, which he will offer to the Father in his eternity. What a glorious end we have and, in fact, no end at all!



often the case with the prophets, Ezekiel is an equal opportunity afflictor.

We in the Church read both the comfort passages and the affliction passages in the prophets as addressed to ourselves. Jesus' solemn warning to beware when others speak well of us has been taken seriously by the Church as she expresses herself in her liturgy. We're always warning ourselves not to get too comfortable. The comfort we draw from the image of God coming to shepherd us himself in the first vers-

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31–46

One of the most usual facets of Christianity is its identification with the poor. Other faiths have counseled compassion toward the poor, but Christianity identifies with the poor in a way that the others don't. The source of that identification is in our Gospel passage this week. Jesus invites us to identify with the poor by identifying himself with them. One of the salient features of this identification with the poor is that those who seek Christ among the poor find it too little to see him in the poor; they invariably long to become poor. The whole impetus behind Franciscan ministry is this desire, not only to serve the poor as one of them, but to be identifiable as another Christ by virtue of becoming one of "the least," about whom Jesus speaks in this passage.

Buddhism scorns wealth as an accommodation to desire, based on illusion. Hinduism sees poverty as the result of bad karma or as an aid to righting karma. Only in Christianity

does poverty take on a human face, indeed, a divine face.

Discussion

This is the last Sunday of the Church year, and our readings today appropriately focus on the Final Judgment. Let's listen to what Dr. Sri has to tell us about that event in the short *Opening the Word* video found at FORMED.org.

What is Jesus going to ask us when we appear before him at the Final Judgment?

What, according to Dr Sri, is the culture of death based on?

How does modern individualism lead us to neglect and hurt other people?

DIGGING DEEPER: Judgment Day

"Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks

of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul—a destiny which can be different for some and for others.

"Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven—through a purification or immediately,—or immediate and everlasting damnation." (CCC 1021-1022)

This *Opening the Word* reflection by FORMED.org has been printed with permission from Augustine Institute.

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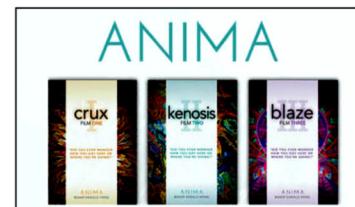
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—Carma C, Cheyenne, WY



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Mass Intentions

Saturday 11/25

- 8:30am Jill Lamb
Anthony Torrez †
5:00pm Carrano Family
Angela & Honorato Ornelas †
7:00pm Luis Albert Muñoz, Jr †

Sunday 11/26

- 6:45am Marilyn Rita Estill †
8:00am Maria Algarne †
9:30am Melanie Maher †
11:00am Isabel Haro †
12:30pm Mr & Mrs Urrutia †
Merdes & Edra †
6:00pm Max, Martha & Maxine Barela †

Monday 11/27

- 8:30am Mike & Lorraine Moriarty †
Ramiro Rezendiz †
Sofia & Hector Hernandez †

Tuesday 11/28

- 8:30am Sofia Ore †
Helen & Mike †
Johann Aquino †

Wednesday 11/29

- 8:30am Slegried Forspreveer †
Mary Dayton
7:00pm Jose Saul Ramirez Montoya †
Ray Vidal †

Thursday 11/30

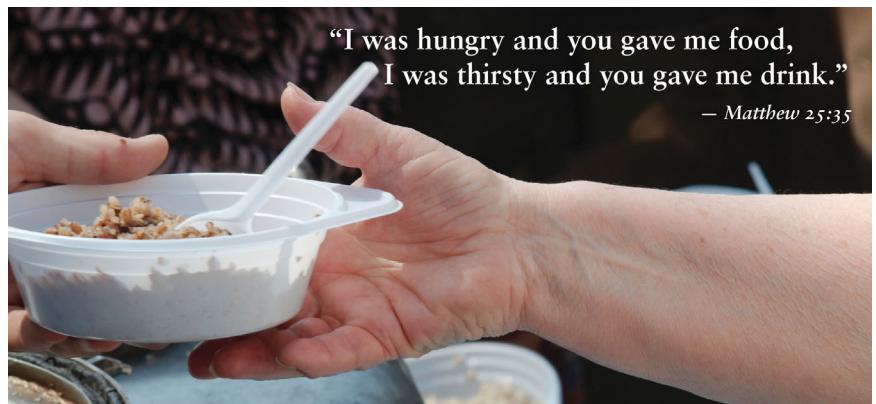
- 8:30am John Robison †
Maria Monjes
Emiliano Guevara, Jr. †

Friday 12/1

- 8:30am William Lawrence †
Patricia Werner †
Marcella Luke †

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

Prayers & Devotion



“I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”

— Matthew 25:35

Today's Gospel is one of the most challenging of the entire Bible because the answers to the questions Jesus asks will determine our eternal destiny.

Prayer

Picture yourself standing before the throne of God. Jesus asks you the following questions that are based on today's Gospel readings. As you hear them, answer them honestly in your heart.

Did you give me food when I was hungry? Did you give me drink when I was thirsty? When I was a stranger, did you welcome me? When I was naked, did you clothe me? When I was sick, did you care for me? Did you visit me when I was imprisoned? What did you do for the least of those in your life?

Resolution

As we approach the beginning of a new church year, make a resolution to live out the Church commands of Matthew 25 to the best of your ability next year. Choose one of the commands to focus on particularly in the next month.

Parish Prayer Requests:

For all those who do not have nutritious food.
For those who do not have safe drinking water.
For those who are outcast.
For those who do not have proper clothing.
For those who are sick in body, mind and in spirit.
For those who are physically imprisoned and those imprisoned by addiction and sin.

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Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com
View upcoming funerals at StMichaelLivermore.com/Funerals*

News & Announcements

Puzzles

A New Ministry to Help Put the Pieces Together after a Loss

Join us in a gentle, safe environment to share your feelings of any kind of loss: health and aging, friendships and family, relocations and career, addictions and special needs... any kind of loss. Puzzles is a place to help put the pieces together and feel whole again in Christ.

Join us Wednesday, January 10 in the new upstairs Conference Room in the Ed Center at 6:00 pm. Contact Tommie Hogan at 925-292-1653 or tommie1943@gmail.com



Altar Society Needs Help

Can you help one Saturday, every 6-7 weeks doing some light "housekeeping" in the church? Duties take about 1- 1/2 hours. Jobs include: changing the holy water light dusting, cleaning wax off candles, and tidying up the pews.

This is probably one of the easiest—and infrequent! - ways you can serve our parish that also makes a huge difference. Who wants to sit in the pews looking at cobwebs and dust?

Yes, we will train you, so that you know exactly what to do. And you won't be working by yourself! Contact Vicki Borzileri at 925 487 2073 or vborzileri@comcast.net

The Hall Needs New Tables and Chairs

Over the past month, the Facilities Committee has talked about getting new chairs and tables for our newly remodeled Hall. **New chairs and tables would cost around \$7,500 - \$12,000.**

Would you like to donate a year-end tax-deductible gift for new chairs and tables? Please send me an email at EricHom@StMichaelLivermore.com.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity.

Christmas Ushers and Crossing Guards

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, our church is joyfully overflowing with people! We need your help.

Please think about which Mass you will attend, and sign up to serve by calling Dave and Natascha Parks at 925-371-2276 or talk to one of the ushers at Mass!

LLNL's HOME Campaign Last Day is Dec 1

If you work at LLNL, please consider participating in the HOME campaign payroll deduction giving program. LLNL will match your regular offering!

You can choose St Michael Parish AND St Vincent de Paul, St Michael's Conference.

Join Christmas Choir!

If you've been wanting to join a choir but were waiting for the right moment, NOW is the time! We are inviting everyone to join one of our choirs and start learning music for our upcoming Christmas celebrations.

Please contact JaNet Hancock, Director of Music, at music@StMichaelLivermore.com or 925-292-5071 for more information.

This Week

MONDAY, NOV 27

Readings: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Suggestion:

Get your advent wreath ready for next week. Shop for purple and pink candles.

THURSDAY, NOV 30

Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22.

Suggestion:

Let Advent be Advent. The secular world thinks the Christmas season starts in October. Think of ways to keep Advent as a time to make room for Jesus in our lives.

SUNDAY, DEC 3

First Sunday in Advent

Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Events:

The first Sunday in Advent is also the first day of the Church year. We begin hearing Cycle B readings at Sunday Masses.

Family Mass at 9:30 am.

Toy Drive for the children of inmates: bring new, unwrapped toys to church.

Maintenance & Improvement Second Collection at all Masses.

Light the first purple candle in your advent wreath!

TUESDAY, NOV 28

Readings: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Suggestion:

Notice that the 4th Sunday in Advent is on Dec 24 this year. Which Mass will you attend? Which Christmas Mass will you attend?

FRIDAY, DEC 1

Readings: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Events:

Deacon Dave's Light Display Opens at 6:30 pm with a procession down Hillcrest Ave from Fordham Way to the House of the Dove.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 29

St. Andrew

Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Events:

Serve at Open Heart Kitchen: Contact Diane Schord at 925-447-4344.

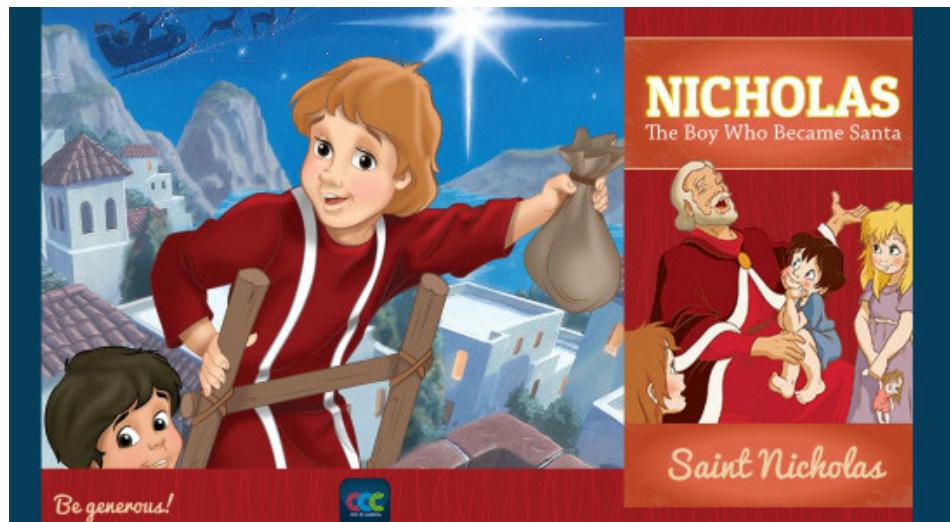
SATURDAY, DEC 2

Readings: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Events:

Deacon Dave's Anniversary Mass at 5:00 pm.

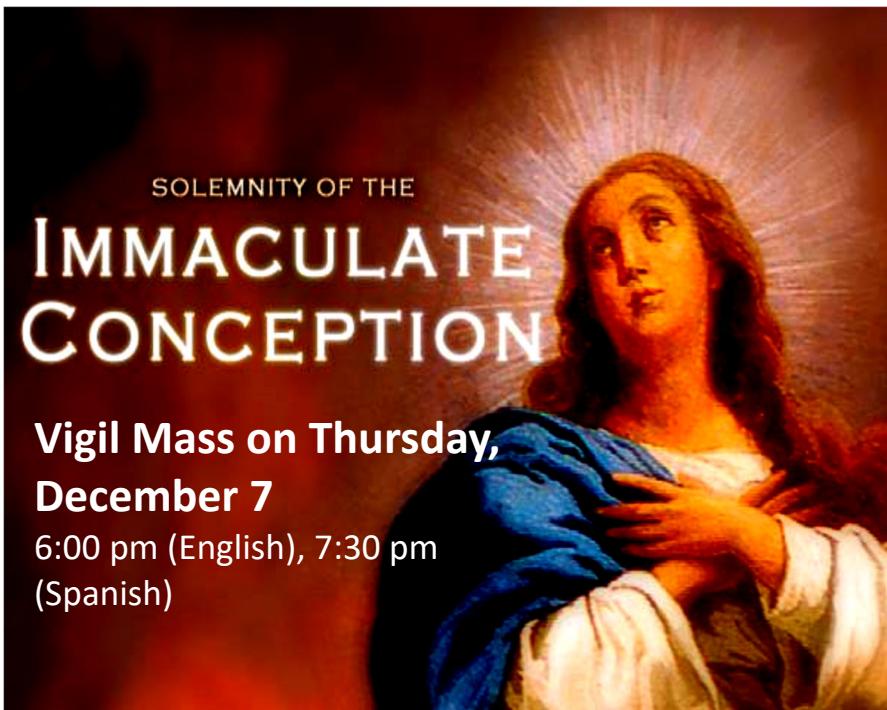
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Based on historical facts and traditions, *Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa*, is the beautifully animated film worth watching all year long.

Watch with your family FREE at FORMED.org, under "Watch" then "Youth"



Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7

6:00 pm (English), 7:30 pm
(Spanish)

Deacon Dave's Lights
352 Hillcrest Ave
December 1 - January 1

Sun - Thurs: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Fri-Sat: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Christmas Eve: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Christmas Night: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Dec 26 to Jan 1: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Santa's Secret Service Caroling and Gift Giving Dec 4–6

Join us in singing Christmas Carols and delivering gifts to those most in need at our 58th year of Santa's Secret Service. Your voice singing out is a gift to all those who we visit!

All are welcome to come to one location or more. Please arrive to the location 15 minutes before the scheduled time.

For locations, please see Dec 4-6 at StMichaelLivermore.com/Calendar

Simbang Gabi Dec 16—24

All parishioners are invited to the annual Simbang Gabi mass to be held December 16 to 24 at 6:00 am except on Sundays (December 17 and 24) when it will be held at 5:30 a.m. Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition that dates back to the 1800s when the Philippines was under Spanish rule. It is a nine day novena to prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Why not take some time from the busy holiday activities and join us at mass? For more information, please call Lani Gallardo at (925) 784-9753 or Vivian Hackett (716) 573-3907.

Celebrate Mass

ATTEND ONE OF THESE Masses
For the 4th Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 23

4th Sunday in Advent Vigil: 5:00 pm English, 7:00 pm Spanish

Sunday, December 24

4th Sunday in Advent: 6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

AND

ALSO ONE OF THESE Masses
For Christmas

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Vigil: 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm (Children), 7:00 pm (Youth), 9:00 pm (Spanish), Midnight

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day: 6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

**Adoration Chapel
Closed
Dec 24 and Dec 25**

The Sacrament will be reposed 12/23 after the 5 pm Mass, then exposed on 12/26 after the 8:30 am Mass.

**Training for New
Readers
Mon, Jan 8**

Do you hear the call to proclaim Sacred Scripture at Mass? Come and attend 5 training and practice sessions to be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm starting on January 8, 2018. These sessions will be held in the Sacristy and altar area of the church. Please register in advance. Call 925-667-4095 or email: Liturgy@StMichaelLivermore.com.

**CYO Track & Field Sign
Ups**

Children 3rd through 8th grades are welcome to join St. Michael/St. Charles 2018 CYO Track and Field/ Signups are scheduled for January 9, 11, and 18th from 6:30 – 8PM in the Small Hall at St. Michael. The Parent's Meeting is scheduled for January 29th at 6:30 in the Large Hall at St. Michael.

We love having parent volunteers. The team coordinator, Mandy Costello, has been a track coach with St. Michael for 7 years, and is a parishioner at St. Charles Borromeo. For more information, please go to the St. Michael CYO Track website www.smisctrack.org, or email mandy.costello@hotmail.com.

Who Would You Invite

to a free dinner to talk about life's biggest questions and faith?

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925-352-8447**

More info at StMichaelLivermore.com/Alpha



New Bible Study Class on the Mass

Thurs, Jan 11

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This 5-session series will meet on Thursdays from January 11-February 8 at 6:30 pm in the Convent. Please order your materials in advance from AscensionPress.com or 1-800-376-0520 for \$19.95.

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Xavier Fernandez

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Inmaculada Concepción: Día de obligación

Viernes, 8 de diciembre

Celebramos la concepción de la Santísima Virgen María, quien fue concebida por medios biológicos normales en el vientre de su madre, Santa Ana, pero Dios actuó sobre su alma, manteniéndola "inmaculada" y libre del pecado original.

Los católicos honran su compromiso y obediencia a Jesús y a su iglesia al asistir a la Misa en los Días Santos. Las Misas en San Miguel serán las siguientes:

Misa de Vigilia el jueves, 7 de diciembre a las 6:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m. (español)
Viernes, 8 de diciembre a las 8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Español

Si va estara fuera del área, visite MassTimes.org para encontrar una parroquia cerca suyo.

La Misa en latin regresa a San Miguel en enero

La Misa tradicional en latin volverá a San Miguel, en el segundo domingo de cada mes, a las 8:00 AM., desde enero a junio. Esto es parte de los festejos del 100 aniversario de nuestra iglesia, y una oportunidad para celebrar la misa de la misma manera que las personas lo hicieron en esta Iglesia de San Miguel durante años. Es también una oportunidad, para que nuestras diversas culturas étnicas se unan en adoración. Tendremos misales disponibles con traducción del latin al español, para que podamos seguir las oraciones en latin.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- El pastor-rey busca a los perdidos y sana a los heridos (Ezequiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Salmo -- El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta Salmo 23 [22].

Segunda lectura -- Cristo nuestro rey ha conquistado la muerte (1 Corintios 15:20-26, 28).

Evangelio -- El Hijo del hombre se sentará en su glorioso trono y los separará unos de otros (Mateo 25: 31-46).

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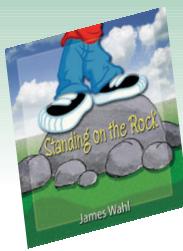
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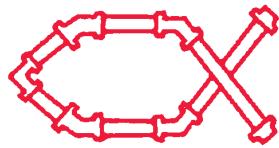
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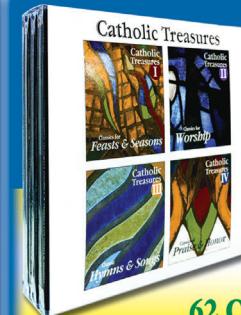


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