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CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS, GROW DISCIPLES, BRING CHRIST TO PEOPLE

NOVEMBER 8, 2020



32nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’” - Mt 25:9

FROM FR CARL

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for voting in the election this November 3rd. I hope that our country and our all our newly elected leaders may be guided by our Lord to lead us and protect the common good.

Now let us also do our part for the common good in our local community, to help our neighbors thrive and flourish, using the gifts that God has given to each of us. People in Livermore are struggling during this pandemic, and we have an opportunity to be good shepherds to one another. We have been given a personal mission to evangelize and touch people's lives through our good works, empowered by our faith in Jesus Christ. Especially during the seasons of giving - Thanksgiving and Christmas - let us join together to help ease suffering and spread joy!

Let us unite together as a parish in these ways:

1. Sponsor a Family with a Thanksgiving Dinner

We are asking for \$25 to sponsor a Thanksgiving meal for a family. Our target is to prepare grocery kits for 250 families before Thanksgiving. Each kit will include a turkey, fresh fruit and vegetables, ingredients for all the traditional side dishes, plus baking supplies and desserts. See page 5 for more details.

2. Volunteer at the Community Care Grocery Distribution

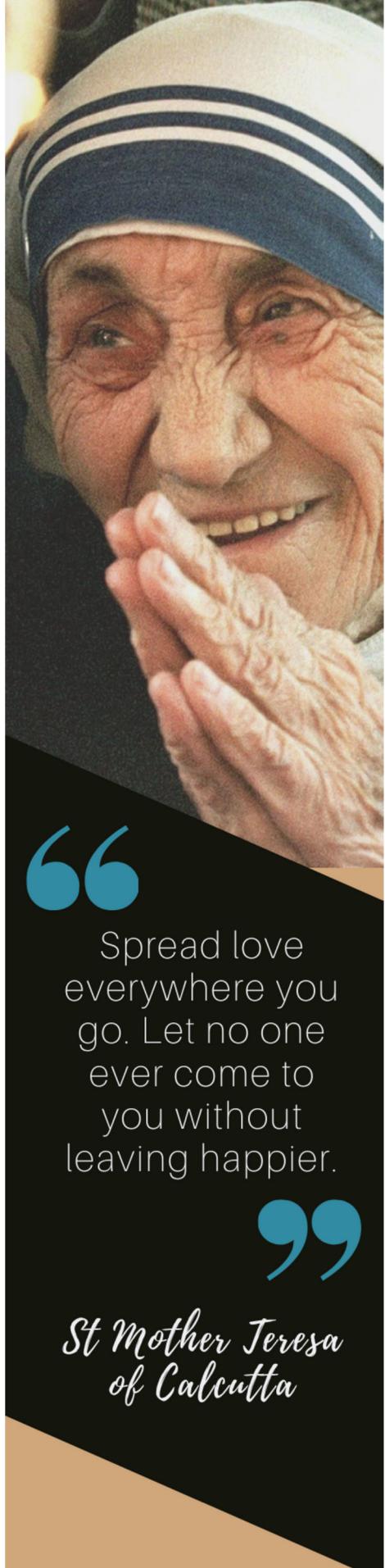
We have several teams that individuals and families can join to help distribute groceries to Livermore neighbors in need in November and December. See page 5 for more details.

3. Donate Gift Cards to Deacon Dave's Santa's Secret Service

This year, Santa's Secret Service is different. Instead of wrapped gifts, Deacon is asking for donations of grocery store gift cards. His "elves" will distribute them to guests in the Community Care Grocery drive through on December 19. Gift cards can be mailed or dropped off to the church, addressed to Deacon Dave.

During this time as your pastor for two years and three months, I have witnessed how generous and prayerful so many of you are. Please continue to support our efforts to help the poor in our community. Thank you in advance for being a part in making their Thanksgiving Day and Christmas truly special days for them and for all of us.

Fr Carl



“
Spread love
everywhere you
go. Let no one
ever come to
you without
leaving happier.

”
*St Mother Teresa
of Calcutta*



We Remember...

James Pidoli	Dolores Pruner	Judy Vardanega	Jesus Lopez
Rolando Custodio	Joseph Cairel	Crisanta Gllardo	Elizabeth Patricia Carrano
Bonnie Baluyot	Mary Anna Ramos	Gene Angvick	Roberto Fernandez Arzate
Theodore Bierman	Ambrosio Valencia	Carl Italiano	Yajaira Guerrero
Annette Fackrell	Irman Marie Zimmer	Jose de Jesus Moreno	Rodrigo Morales, Jr.
Joan Lynn	Gabriella Placido	Andres Garcia	Brecalda Llagas
Francis McMahon	Mary LeBlanc	John Hamera	Shirley Garcia
Mary McMahon	Anthony Medinas	Maryann Luedeman	John Joseph Meehan
Emil Peter Cigliuti	Maria Fatima Silva	Noelia Arevalos	Barbara Mitchell
Lorraine Ruzbarsky	Wilma Matuska	Jessenda Swiger	Thomas George Martinez
			Lionel Avila



Worship Schedule

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.

CONFESSON & 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!**

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MassTimes](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/MassTimes) for the most current
schedule.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

StMichaelLivermore.com/Worship

Outdoor and Livestream Mass

Walk In Communion

Confession and Adoration



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FUNERAL LUNCH AND LEARN

November 5, 12 & 19 at 2:00 pm

Terra Mia Restaurant

Learn about funeral pre-planning

Reservations: Frank 925-455-9696



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GROCERY DRIVE THRU VOLUNTEERS

Packaging Team, Delivery Team,
Distribution Team, Traffic Team and
Prayer Team members needed.



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SPONSOR A THANKSGIVING

\$25 sponsors a family with
groceries for a Thanksgiving meal,
including turkey, side dishes, baking
supplies and desserts



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COMMUNITY CARE FREE GROCERIES

Saturdays

9:00 am - 11:00 am while supplies last

St Michael School yard

Enter the gate at 4th Street and Maple



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DAILY NOVEMBER ROSARY

Meet on Zoom at 12:00 pm

Everyday in November

Rosary beginners welcome

Let's pray together



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SANTA'S SECRET SERVICE 2020

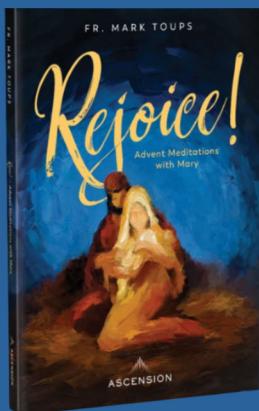
No gifts to care facilities this year.

Collecting grocery store gift cards instead to be distributed on

December 19



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ADVENT MISSION RETREAT

Mondays on Zoom

November 23 - December 21

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS MONTH

MAKE A PRAYER PLEDGE

- I will offer a Rosary daily for vocations
- I will celebrate an extra Mass weekly for vocations
- I will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily for vocations
- I will pray the Vocations Prayer before dinner
- I will offer my daily trials and sufferings for vocations
- I will perform an act of charity and mercy for vocations

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God,
You call each person by name
and invite them to follow you.

During this Month of Prayer for
Vocations, may each person
hear and respond to the call
they have received.

We pray for all discerning
marriage, the chaste single life,
consecrated life, or ordained
ministries, that your Holy Spirit
would guide, inspire, and
strengthen them.

May your Church and the world
be enriched by the "yes" of your
children.

Amen.

SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE

Want to make your pledge feel
more "official"?

Complete the Prayer Pledge online:
[StMichaelLivermore.com/
VocationMonth](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/VocationMonth)

Or aim your phone camera at the
code and tap the pop up.



SCAN ME



ST MICHAEL STAFF TREATED TO A DAY AWAY BY PARISHIONERS

St Michael Staff was treated to a relaxing “day away” on October 29 and enjoyed time to relax and rejuvenate. The staff celebrated Mass together in the morning, then met in a parishioner’s back yard for breakfast. Another parishioner gave a fun art lesson, as the team explored new, hidden talents! They had time to reflect on the challenges as well as the blessings of the last seven months of the pandemic. Then they enjoyed a special tour at a parishioner’s winery with a private tasting, followed by a delicious taco dinner. Everyone on staff at St Michael’s extends a tremendous thank you for the generosity of these parishioners who made the day special.

Thank You!

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Online
at Faith Direct
bit.ly/StMOffering

Text
any dollar amount to (925) 258-2969

Drop off
at St Michael's in the donation box or mail slot.

Mail
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November Goal
\$103,558.82

November 1 Collection
\$12,492.00

November Collection to Date
\$12,492.00

Percentage Reached
12%

Maintenance Collection Goal for November
\$9,500.00

Maintenance Collection to Date
\$2,999.00

Percentage Reached
31%



BE AWAKE, WATCH FOR GOD

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our rela-

tionships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

In Our Midst

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to

see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

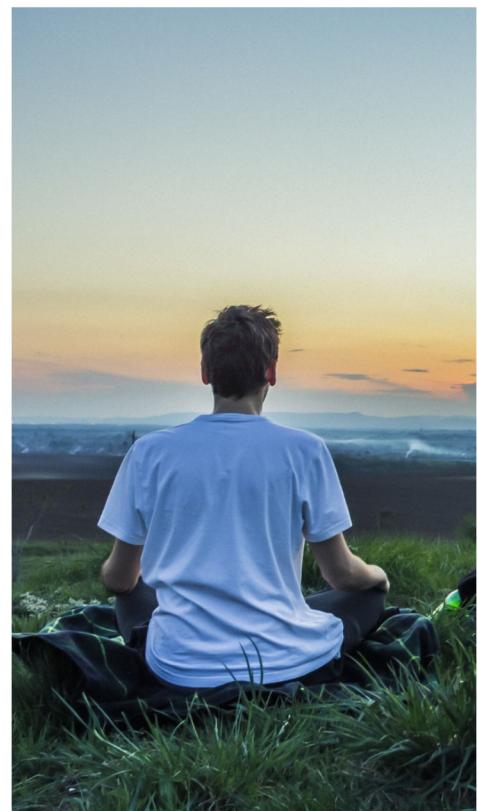
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LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do you consider yourself spiritually mature and awake? We can become a little presumptuous in the Christian life and even put a little too much stock in God's mercy. We foolishly believe that in the end, God is going to give everyone a passing grade and all will be well. Therefore, until that time comes, I can remain mediocre in my faith disciplines and put aside the effort needed to go from okay to excellent.

We can be accomplished procrastinators! The meeting of God face-to-face either when we die or when Christ comes again, whichever

comes first, is not going to be as casual as we may think. There is no earthly meeting in our experience that can even compare to what it will be like to meet God. To say that we are going to be caught up in awe is an understatement. But, there is something even more significant than that to consider: If we haven't learned how to be attentive, recognize, and long for the holy of holies in this life, what make us think we are going to recognize and desire it in the next? Pray for the wisdom to act prudently.



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