



SAINT MICHAEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

"Dará a luz un hijo y tú le pondrás el nombre de Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados". - Mt 1, 21

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS | GROW DISCIPLES | BRING CHRIST TO PEOPLE
CELEBRA LOS SACRAMENTOS | HAS DISCÍPULOS | LLEVA A CRISTO A LAS PERSONAS



An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want

fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. (Is 7:3-4)

Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

Second Reading:

The gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power. (Rom 1:15)

Gospel:

The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. (Mt 1:20)

JESÚS, DAME LA FE DE SAN JOSÉ



MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

Ya casi estamos en Navidad, unos cuantos días y estaremos celebrando el nacimiento del Emmanuel que significa "Dios con nosotros". Este año, espero, sea muy diferente a los dos anteriores, recuerdan como teníamos pandemia por todo el mundo. Esa situación truncó nuestra celebración en familia y en comunidad. Ahora es diferente, estaremos juntos, con una fe renovada. Experimentamos alegría como José, cuando el ángel le comunicó que María era la Madre de Dios, y que debía cuidarla a ella y a su Hijo. Cuidar de Jesús es el deber de todo cristiano, abrazarlo y protegerlo en los que nos rodean, especialmente con los de la casa, los pequeños y los ancianos.

"La Navidad, conduce a la realización de la expectativa de Dios también en cada uno de nosotros, en toda la Iglesia y en los muchos pequeños a los que el mundo desprecia, pero a los que Dios también ama y a los que Dios se acerca" (Papa Francisco). No olvidemos, en esta semana, que fueron María y José los primeros en recibir a Jesús por la fe en Dios que ellos profesaban. Ojalá, que su ejemplo nos anime a acercarnos al

Sacramento de la Reconciliación, de esa forma permitimos que Dios hecho niño se acerque a nosotros. José nos anima a obedecer lo que Dios quiere de nosotros y María con su "sí", nos muestra que es la mejor maestra del Evangelio.

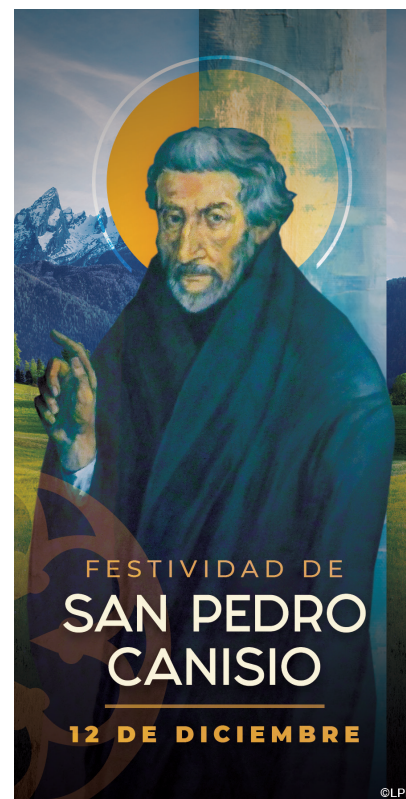
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INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

"Dios esta con nosotros." Esta es la única constante en la imprevisibilidad de la vida. Los detalles de nuestras vidas pueden cambiar, no solo instantáneamente sino dramáticamente. Las personas que experimentan un momento de paz pueden encontrarse fácilmente en guerra. Los tiempos de prosperidad pueden convertirse rápidamente en tiempos de necesidad. Nuestra visión para el futuro puede ser destruida y nuestras seguridades puestas en peligro. Estos últimos días de Adviento nos permiten hacer los últimos preparativos. La verdadera seguridad y protección que buscamos solo puede venir de Dios. El descanso, la armonía y la paz que deseamos se encuentran solo en Dios. ¿Cómo sabemos que esto es cierto? Dios mismo nos dio una señal: Emanuel, Dios con nosotros. No temas, ni seas incrédulo. Aférrate a lo

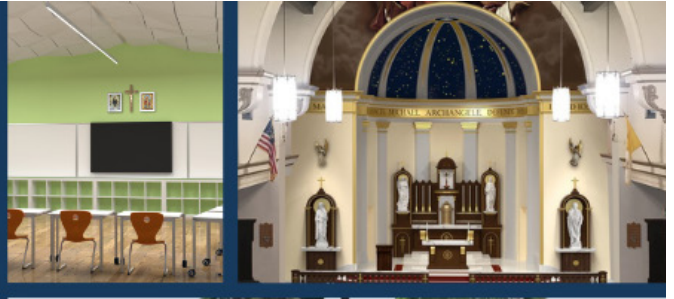
que Dios ha hecho al darnos a su Hijo unigénito. No tenemos que intentar ansiosamente controlar la imprevisibilidad de la vida. ¡Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es asegurarnos de que nuestros corazones estén en el lugar correcto y buscando las cosas correctas!

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ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
CELEBRATING THE
NEXT 150 YEARS



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE!

VIEW THE PROJECTS AND LISTEN TO AUDIO EXPLANATIONS

StMichaelLivermore.com/CapitalCampaign

Goal:	\$2,000,000.00
Pledges:	\$404,180.00
One-Time Gifts:	\$49,330.00
Percentage Reached:	22.68%



ON CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Question:

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer:

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

Hallow

Fr Carl has partnered with Hallow this Advent to provide every parishioner **FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content** - including the Advent #Pray25 Challenge: Journey through Salvation History featuring the cast of 'The Chosen'. Claim your gift at Hallow.com/HolyDay or scan the code above and search for St Michael by zip code 94550.



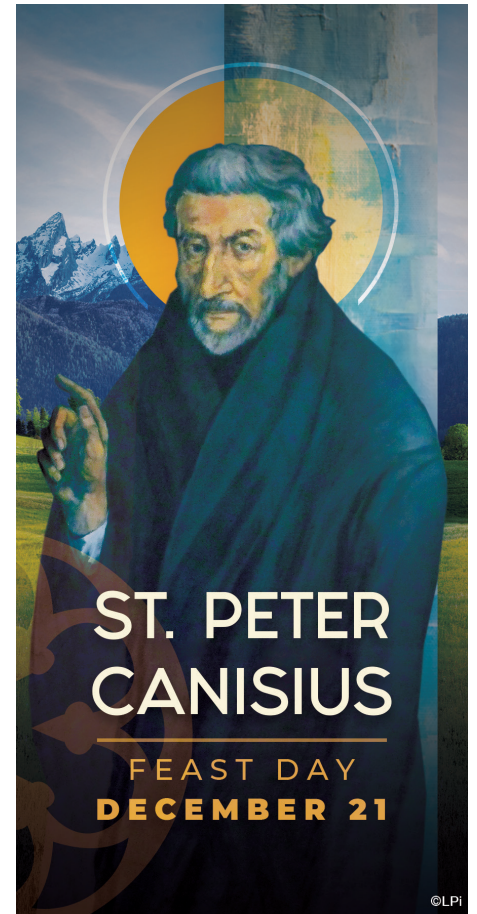
You're invited to the St Michael in Livermore prayer group on Hallow! Once you have your free account set up, join through the app using this code: WPDLPG

You can also create a prayer group of your own for your friends and family.

ST MICHAEL
Pilgrimage
11 DAYS IN GREECE
TRAVEL WITH FR CARL
OCTOBER 3-13, 2023

**ST MICHAEL PARISH
PILGRIMAGE
MINISTRY**

Get details: TinaGregory@StMichaelLivermore.com



Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.



Holiday Schedule

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Rejoice!

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24

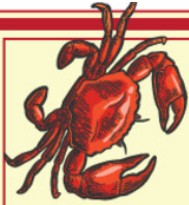
3:00 pm Children's Mass in English with Fr Carl
5:00 pm in English with Fr Theo
7:00 pm en Español con Padre John
9:00 pm in English with Fr John
Midnight Mass in English with Fr Carl

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25

5:30 am in English with Fr Ryan
6:45 am Mass in English with Fr Alfred
8:00 am Traditional Latin Mass with Fr Staal (with Livestream)
9:30 am Mass in English with Fr Ryan (with Livestream)
11:00 am Mass in English with Fr Ryan
12:30 pm Misa en Español con Padre John (con Livestream)
2:00 pm Misa en Español con Padre John
5:00 pm Mass in English with Fr Carl



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50th Annual
Livermore Knights of Columbus

CHARITY CRAB FEED & AUCTION

*An Evening of Crab, Dancing, Fun
and Giving Back to Those in Need!*

- ★ **No Host Bar with Wine, Beer & Cocktails**
(bring your own wine or growler with a \$15/bottle corkage fee)
- ★ **Great Food, with the Best Crab & Pasta in Town**
(poultry alternative available with advance request)
- ★ **Live Entertainment and Dancing**
- ★ **Door Prizes, Raffles, Live & Silent Auctions**

Tickets are only \$80
for this worthy charitable cause

Limited seating, advance ticket purchases appreciated

GET YOUR TICKETS!

Call Dennis Lundbom (775)772-6369 or Mark & Claire Duguid (925)443-5873

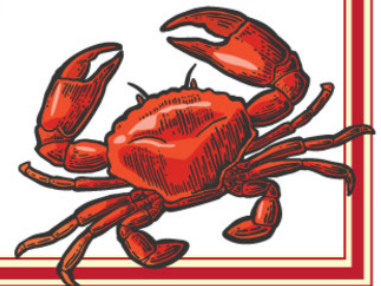
Saturday - February 11, 2023

4:30pm - 11:00pm

Saint Michael's Parish Hall
326 Maple Street, Livermore



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
- IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.





UPCOMING EVENTS | PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS



Solemnity of *Mary, Mother of God*

Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm Mass in English
7:00 pm *Misa en Español*

Sunday, January 1

6:45 am in English
8:00 am Traditional Latin Mass
9:30 am in English
11:00 am in English
12:30 pm *Misa en Español*
3:30 pm in Vietnamese
5:00 pm in English

BLESSED CHALK FOR EPIPHANY

Available after Mass January 7-8

For the tradition of chalking the doors of our homes for blessings throughout the new year.

THE CASE FOR JESUS

In person Bible Study (English)

Thursdays January 12-March 9

When were the gospels written? Did Jesus claim to be God? Discover evidence from Christian and non-Christian sources. Register with Denise: 925-858-1342

ALTAR/SACRISTY CLEANING TRAINING

Friday, January 13

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Contact Donna: 925-443-9708

NO GREATER LOVE

Online Bible Study

January 18-March 15

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion, we will walk with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to Calvary.

Register: RogerMartinelli@gmail.com

GOLDEN FRIENDS ART CLASS

Tuesday, January 17

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$7 fee includes supplies and light lunch.

Register: suzibg@sbcglobal.net

GOLDEN FRIENDS MASS & LUNCHEON

Friday, January 20

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Rosary, Mass, lunch, raffle and entertainment.

RSVP: suzibg@sbcglobal.net

INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBIT & AUCTION

January 24 & 25

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Parish Hall

Enjoy a light reception while basking in the works from artist from around the globe. Benefits St Michael Capital Campaign.



FOOD PANTRY

DESPENSA DE COMIDA

St Michael Community Care

Saturdays | Sábados
9:00 am - 11:00 am
St Michael School Yard

St Vincent de Paul

Mondays - Thursdays |
Lunes - Jueves
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Behind the Church |
detrás de la iglesia

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL HELP

AYUDA FINANCIERA DE
EMERGENCIA

City Serve TriValley
925-222-2273

SVdP Help Desk
925-758-0126

ROSARY | ROSARIO

Every Day

6:00 am in the Church (English)
7:15 am online meeting (English)
8:00 pm reunión en línea (Español)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

6:15 pm in the Chapel (English)
Miércoles
6:15 pm en la Iglesia (Español)

Wednesdays

6:30 pm Our Lady of Perpetual
Help Novena and Rosary on Zoom
(English)

Saturdays

7:45 am in the Church (English)

For online meeting links, visit:
StMichaelLivermore.com/Rosary



Saturday, December 17

Domingo, 17 de Diciembre
6:45am Lilas Liskey, int
8:30am Rodolfo Tello Carranza+
5:00pm Ron Hauck+
7:00pm Maria del Refugio Cabrera+

Sunday, December 18

Sábado, 18 de Diciembre
6:45am Thomas Heisse+
8:00am Martina Miranda+
9:30am Alex Fregoso+
11:00am Virginia Ypil+
12:30pm Maria Torres
5:00pm Dimanzana Family

Monday, December 19

Lunes, 19 de Diciembre
6:45am Roberto Burgos+
8:30am Dale Fahnhorst+

Tuesday, December 20

Martes, 20 de Diciembre
6:45am Blas & Concepcion Espejon+
8:30am Rodolfo Tello Carranza+

Wednesday, December 21

Miércoles, 21 de Diciembre
6:45am Ron Hauck+
8:30am Jenet Aviso+
Ron Hauck+
7:00pm Ian Ericksen+

Thursday, December 22

Jueves, 22 de Diciembre
6:45am Huan Nguyen Francisco Javier+
8:30am Russell Beach+

Friday, December 23

Viernes, 23 de Diciembre
6:45am Arlene Valconcha+
8:30am Jim Baugh

Mass Intentions for 2023 are Now Available

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

INTENCIONES DE LA MISA Y PETICIONES DE ORACIÓN

Mass Intentions: email Office@StMichaelLivermore.com or visit the church office to request the next available Mass. To submit prayer requests to our prayer team, email Pray@StMichaelLivermore.com

Intención de misa: a visite la oficina de la iglesia o envíe un correo electrónico Office@StMichaelLivermore.com para solicitar la próxima misa disponible. Para enviar solicitudes de oración a nuestro equipo de oración, envíe un correo electrónico a Pray@StMichaelLivermore.com



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Baptism

Bautismo

StMichaelLivermore.com/Baptism

or 925-447-1585

Faith Formation

Formación en la fe

StMichaelLivermore.com/FaithFormation

or 925-667-4096

Adult Sacrament Prep

Preparación sacramental para adultos

StMichaelLivermore.com/RCIA

925-667-4096

Quinceañera

StMichaelLivermore.com/Quince

925-447-1585

Weddings

Bodas

StMichaelLivermore.com/Weddings

or 925-315-9960

Anointing of the Sick

Unción de los enfermos

925-667-4052

Vocations

Vocaciones

OakDiocese.org/Vocations

Funerals

Funerales

StMichaelLivermore.com/Funerals

or 925-455-9696

DAILY MASS | MISA DIARIA

6:45 am Mass in English
 8:30 am Mass in English
 7:00 pm Misa en español los miércoles

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS | MISA DE VIGILIA DEL SÁBADO

5:00 pm Saturday Mass in English
 7:00 pm Sábado Misa en español

SUNDAY MASS | MISA DOMINICAL

6:45 am Mass in English
 8:00 am* Traditional Latin Mass | Misa tradicional en latín
 9:30 am* Mass in English
 11:00 am Mass in English
 12:30 pm* Misa en español
 5:00 pm Mass in English

*Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS | CELEBRACIONES MENSUALES

1st Friday Mass in the Chapel at 11:00 am
 Misa en español en la Iglesia a las 7:30 pm (Rosario: 7:00 pm)
 3rd Friday Mass with Golden Friends Seniors at 10:30 am (Sep-May)
 1st Saturday 8:20 am, then Mass, then continuing after
 3rd Sunday Mass in Tagalog at 3:30 pm
 4th Sunday Mass in Vietnamese at 3:30 pm

SILENT PRAYER & ADORATION |

ORACIÓN SILENCIOSA Y ADORACIÓN

M-Th | L-J 7:15 am-7:00 pm
 Fr-Sat | V-S 7:15 am Friday | Viernes to 9:00 am Saturday | Sábado

CONFESSION | CONFESIONES

M-F | L-V 7:15 am in the Church | en la iglesia
 Wed | X 6:00 pm in the Church | en la iglesia
 Sat | Sábado 9:15 am in the Church | en la iglesia
 Sun | Dom 7:00 am in the Chapel | en la capilla

OFFICE HOURS | HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday | Lunes:

Closed | Cerrado

Tuesday - Thursday | Martes -Jueves:

9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday | Viernes:

9:00am - 12:00 pm



EMERGENCY SACRAMENTS | URGENTES DE EMERGENCIA

925-533-7599

COMMUNITY CARE FREE GROCERIES | DESPENSAS GRATIS

Sat | Sábado 9:00 am - 11:00 am at St Michael School
 Request delivery for homebound by Thursday: 925-447-1585

