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Luke 6:38

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Amazing Love!

Love your enemy. Do good to those who persecute you." Simply put, these are two of the most challenging statements that Jesus ever said. Yet this command is one of the basic requirements of being a disciple of Christ. Loving your enemy and doing good to those who persecute you are not just lofty ideas or a romanticized vision of Jesus—they are the basic responses of a Christian disciple. Why would Jesus demand such a high standard of his followers? Isn't this kind of love and forgiveness extremely difficult, almost impossible? Humanly speaking, yes. But with God all things are possible, and the Lord wants to transform our hearts to enable us to love others with the love he has for us.

The first reading and Gospel reading for this week reveal the kind of love that overcomes all things, even hatred and fear. The love of God that Jesus reveals in his death and Resurrection, the fact that he loved us even when we were his enemies in sin is the same love that we as followers of Christ are to witness to the entire world. Christians are not to win converts by fear or coercion or the sword. Like our Master and Savior, we conquer overwhelmingly with our love, a love so radical that even the enemies of Christians, when they are loved by those they hate, cannot help but be moved.

Unpack the First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

David exhibits a remarkable human attribute in this reading: obedient loyalty. King Saul was determined to bring down David because he represented a threat to his sovereignty, yet David treated him with the utmost respect as "the Lord's anointed."



Ironically, David was also God's anointed. Although David's men counsel him to kill Saul, David refuses to do so, believing that even though God's favor toward Saul had been withdrawn, the anointing and office of the king it bestowed was effective and enduring. David's ordeal in a very real way prepared him to wear the crown. By honoring the office of King Saul, he was made worthy of assuming and bringing honor to the office itself.

It's easy for us to become critical of those who bear the weight of office in the Church. When we think that we know better than our priest, bishop, or the Pope, we would do well to remember David's example of obedience to "the Lord's anointed."

Unpack the Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul recognized the principle that God's will is expressed by his anointed, however unlikely the anointed one might seem. (In this case, a man who died the death of a slave on a cross.) The point at issue is the nature of the resurrection of the body. The Greek Corinthians wouldn't have doubted that there was life after death. However, the resurrection of the body is distinctively a Christian belief and one with which the nature-minded Greeks would have trouble. Paul explains that just as the seed is only a shadow of the plant that grows from it, the glorified body will transcend the qualities of our earthly bodies.

Paul uses the analogy of the earthly man, Adam, and the heavenly man, Christ (the new Adam), to nail down the character of the Resurrection. Those who rise in Christ will be heavenly creatures. But our heavenly destiny is tied directly to our sharing of the earthly body that Christ shared with Adam.

Unpack the Gospel Luke 6:27-38

This wonderful homily of Jesus calls all who follow him to a radical love of all people. If we love in this way, we'll be true children of God the Father, who loves without measure.

Christ and the Church have al-

ways explained that the Christian's life should be an imitation of Jesus. By imitating God's Son, Jesus, we become better children of God. That's why the Church continually presents the life of Christ to us, so that we may "catch" his spirit. By following the Child of God, Jesus, we become true children of God. We're to love without measure in the same way that the Father loves. He has shown that love in Christ Jesus.

Lectio Divina

This week our video presenter, Tim Gray, is going to help us to better understand why we are called by Jesus to love our enemies. As we listen to his insights, think about a time when you may have struggled to love someone who hurt you. Please watch this week's Opening the Word video on FORMED.org (click the Community tab).

In the video, Tim Gray talked about why we are called to love our enemies and why Jesus would call us to this amazing love that

surpasses any previous understanding. Why do you think Jesus calls his followers to this kind of love?

In the Gospel reading, Jesus is challenging us to love in a radical new way. Our culture has many different definitions of love and what it truly means to love. Jesus' command definitely challenges our definition of love and the demands of discipleship.

How would you define the kind of love Jesus calls his disciples to, and how is this different from the way most of us understand love?

The call to love your enemies and do good to those who persecute you is one of the most demanding and radical statements that Jesus makes in all the Gospels. He also tells his disciples to be merciful as the Father is merciful, something that is difficult for all of us.

How can taking seriously this call in your daily life to love even your enemies make a difference in people's lives—whether it be the

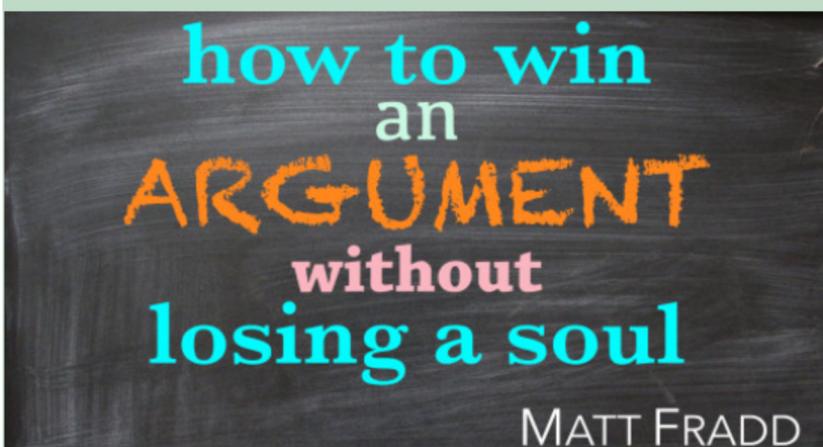
people you forgive or friends and family who witness your merciful response toward others who hurt you?

Digging Deeper The Power of Love and Forgiveness

Pope St. John Paul II offered a powerful example of loving one's enemy and offering forgiveness when he publicly forgave the man who tried to assassinate him. He put into practice his own words:

"Society can become 'ever more human' only when we introduce into all the mutual relationships which form its moral aspect the moment of forgiveness, which is so much of the essence of the Gospel. Forgiveness demonstrates the presence in the world of the love which is more powerful than sin. Forgiveness is also the fundamental condition for reconciliation, not only in the relationship of God with man, but also in relationships between people."

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Argue with LOVE!

Whether you're arguing with family members or Facebook friends, skeptical co-workers in the office or pushy proselytizers at your front door, it helps to have not only the facts but the skills for presenting your points forcefully and well.

In this video, Matt Fradd equips you with the powers of argumentation you need to be an effective debater and the right attitude for doing it with humility, and patience and LOVE!

Watch free this week on FORMED.org on the Community page.

Prayers for the Week



Mass Intentions

Saturday 2/23

8:30am Elizabeth Ezekwem
5:00pm Rosemarie A. Warnock †
7:00pm Dionisia & Maximo Alarcon

Sunday 2/24

6:45am John & Kate Egan †
8:00am Mass for Our Parish
9:30am David J Shaughnessy †
11:00am Francie Carrol †
Michelle Cronin †
12:30pm Darita Montana
6:00pm Joseph Pham Duy Hien †

Monday 2/25

8:30am Donald G. Gardner †

Tuesday 2/26

8:30am Mike & Rita Garner

Wednesday 2/27

8:30am Mina Doherty †
7:00pm Mass for Our Parish

Thursday 2/28

8:30am Mary Milne †

Friday 3/1

8:30am Toni & George Kauwe

To arrange a Mass intention, please visit the Church Office.

The suggested donation of \$10 per intention goes to the priest who celebrates the Mass.

Every first Sunday of the month, the 11:00 am Mass is a "Communal Mass" with several intentions.

As we have discussed, Jesus calls you to a new and amazing love which involves loving those who hurt you. You cannot do this on your own. But with God's grace, you are given the strength to love others as he loves you.

Prayer

Take a moment now and close your eyes. Imagine that you are with the disciples as Jesus begins to talk. You hear him say, "To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you." What is your immediate reaction to hearing these things? In what ways is this teaching challenging for you?

Resolution

Ask Jesus to show you one person who may have hurt you in the past but needs your love this week. What can you do to love this person, through thought, prayer, or even action? Pick one thing and resolve to do it as soon as possible this week.

If you struggle with how to love an enemy, you can pray the following prayer, filling in the blanks with that person's name:

"Lord, bless___ and keep___ and make your face to shine upon___ . Extend your love to ___ and have mercy on me. Amen."

Need Prayers?

Send requests to Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

You are also invited to write your prayer requests in the Book of Intentions in the Adoration Chapel, just to the right as you enter.

Priest, Prophet, King - A Lenten Study



Dear St Michael Family,
Lent is a time to examine ourselves and reflect on our Baptismal call to follow Jesus. Our goal is to grow closer in relationship with Him, conforming our lives to Him.

As we approach this season of conversion, as a parish we will embark on a faith formation and enrichment opportunity: Priest, Prophet, King— a six-week video study by Bishop Robert Barron.

These video presentations will provide us with a deeper understanding of the life and role of Jesus in the economy of salvation and in our personal lives. Everything about Jesus speaks of the loving invitation of our Heavenly Father to conversion, embracing His Mercy every day. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Hence, the better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves.

But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah?

In Priest, Prophet, King, you'll discover Jesus as the Anointed One—the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Bishop Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament.

Through this deeply biblical program, you will better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission, received when you are baptized "into Christ."

How to Participate

When you register, you will receive a weekly video lesson from Bishop Barron via text or email, in English or Spanish. Every week during Lent, I encourage you to watch the video with your family, friends, ministry or small group. Please discuss the included reflection questions with your group. Ponder them throughout the week. Carry the concepts in your heart as you visit the Adoration chapel.

Write down your thoughts in a journal.

Throughout Lent, I will be leading us on this weekly study to contemplate Jesus as Prophet, Priest and King. Watch for my reflections in our bulletin, Flocknote and website. I will publish weekly videos, introducing the lessons and the topics for meditation. Together, let us make the most of this thought-provoking Lenten journey toward Christ!

Register FREE for Priest, Prophet King

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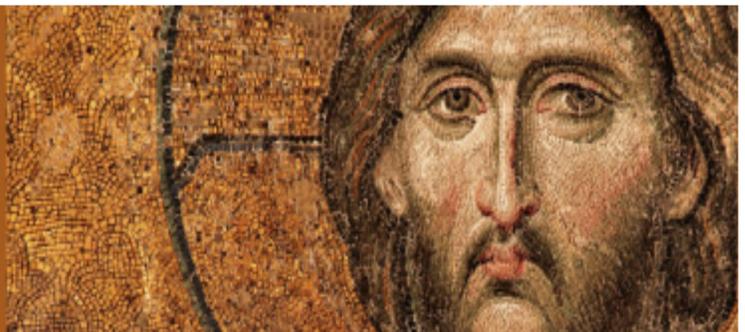
Or click the registration link found in the Friday Flocknote.

For technical questions for registering and receiving the weekly videos, please contact Tina Gregory at 925-667-4051 or Lent@StMichaelLivermore.com

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Fr Carl
Pastor

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S
Priest, Prophet, King
PARISH WIDE LENT STUDY



MONDAY, FEB 25

Readings: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

TUESDAY, FEB 26

Readings: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY, FEB 27

Readings: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

THURSDAY, FEB 28

Readings: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Do you have a Lent plan? During Lent, we will have an additional opportunity for Mass at 7:00 am, Mon-Fri. Offer your day to the Lord with Holy Mass before work or school. Plan also to take part in the parish Lent study, *Priest Prophet King*.

FRIDAY, MAR 1

Readings: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

First Friday Mass at Chapel, then procession to the Church for Adoration until 3:00 pm, ending with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Music Ministry Concert at 7 pm in the Church, featuring our Chamber, Spanish, Lifeteen, Children's and Filipino choirs.

SATURDAY, MAR 2

Readings: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Fatima First Saturday Devotion: Mass at 8:30 am followed by procession, hymns, rosary and Confession.

Family Movie Night at 6:30 pm in the Hall featuring SING! Admission is free, and so is the popcorn.

SUNDAY, MAR 3

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

School Mass at 9:30 am

Sign Language interpreter at the 11:00 am Mass.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6

MASS WITH ASHES

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (School),
12:15 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:30 pm (Spanish)

ASH SERVICE

2:00 pm (English), 3:30 pm (Spanish)

Upcoming Events

Diocese of Oakland 24 Hours for the Lord March 8-9, 5 pm—5 pm

All the faithful from throughout the Diocese of Oakland are invited to spend time with our Lord in Adoration and Confessions during a 24-hour opportunity at participating parishes.

St Michael's Adoration chapel is open 24/7.

All are invited to pilgrimage to the following parishes during this event on March 8-9.

Holy Spirit, Fremont

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Brentwood

St. Bonaventure, Concord

St. Catherine of Siena, Martinez

St. Joan of Arc, San Ramon

St. Mark, Richmond St. Patrick, Rodeo

Backpack Project Collection Sunday, March 10th

Our St Michael's Parish community has donated filled school backpacks for many years to Livermore elementary school children with families in financial need. Donations are collected in March, supplies are purchased in the summer, and backpacks are delivered in August. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Contact Jacque Andersen at 925-454-5351 with any questions.

Knights Crab Feed and Charity Auction Sat, March 16 at 4:30 pm Robert Livermore Center

Enjoy a great night celebrating with our Livermore Knights and supporting their charitable efforts! For tickets, call Dennis Lundbom 775-772-6369 or Mark & Claire Duguid 925-443-5873.

More to Come... (details coming soon)

April 18: Holy Thursday
April 19: Good Friday
April 20: Easter Vigil
April 21: Easter Sunday
April 28: Divine Mercy Sunday
May 11: Ribs, Chili, Cars, Blues & Brews

Banns of Marriage

As requested from a Parish in India, our community has been asked to post a Banns of Marriage, verifying the freedom to marry of the bride, **Adriel Daphine D'Souza**, who lived on College Avenue in Livermore. If anyone should know of any reason why she should not be permitted to marry, please contact the parish office.

While posting Banns is no longer the practice in most US Dioceses, we do try to respect the policies of foreign Dioceses to avoid further delay to the couple in question.

LENT DEVOTIONS

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Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Fridays at 9:15 am and 7:00 pm (English)

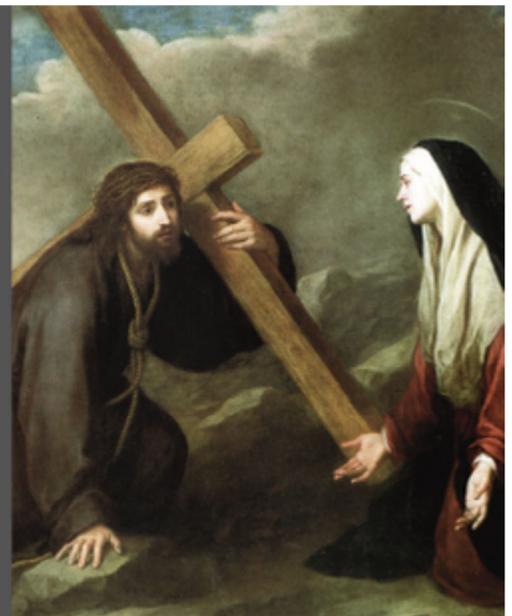
RECONCILIATION

March 11, 18 and 25 at 7:00 pm

Mondays and Fridays at 7:30 am

Wednesdays at 2:30 pm in the Convent

Saturdays 9:15 am, 3:45 pm, 6:15 pm



Our Vibrant Ministries!



Congratulations, Essay Contest Winners!

St Michael School students entered the annual Knights of Columbus Essay Contest. This year's prompt was to write about how influences in their lives, such as home, school and church, inspire them to live up-standing lives and serve their community. The first-place winners were Kailey Gandolfo (5th grade), Lela Gallo (6th grade), Josephine Gallo (7th grade) and Amira Sain (8th grade). These students' winning essays have been submitted for competition at the state and national levels.



Congratulations to our Science Fair Winners!

We are proud of our St Michael School students who represented us at the Diocese of Oakland Science Fair!

Representing 6th Grade: Julian Araiza (1st place) and Alicia Sablan (2nd place).

Representing 7th Grade: Thomas and Bella Keenan (1st Place) and Josie Gallo and Madison Hom (2nd Place).

Representing 8th Grade: Amira Sain (1st Place) and Erin Nishikubo (2nd Place). Erin also won the Grand Champion Award!



Golden Friends Art Lesson

Our Golden Friends seniors group had a delightful art lesson with Monique! They experimented and played with many colors and brushes for lovely acrylic paintings. Truly a multi-generational event, many members brought their grown children and grandchildren. Don't miss our next session this spring!

Find out more about Golden Friends by emailing Mary Pineda at mphawk@live.com



Sacerdote, Profeta, Rey: Un estudio para la Cuaresma

Querida familia de San Miguel,

La Cuaresma es un tiempo para examinarnos a nosotros mismos y reflexionar sobre nuestro llamado Bautismal para seguir a Jesús. Nuestro objetivo es acercarnos más a Él, conformando nuestras vidas a Él.

A medida que nos acercamos a esta temporada de conversión, como parroquia, nos embarcaremos en una oportunidad de formación y enriquecimiento de la fe: **sacerdote, profeta, rey**: un estudio de video de seis semanas por el obispo Robert Barron.

Estas presentaciones en video nos proporcionarán una comprensión más profunda de la vida y el papel de Jesús en la economía de la salvación y en nuestras vidas personales. Todo acerca de Jesús habla de la invitación amorosa de nuestro Padre Celestial a la conversión, abrazando Su Misericordia todos los días. "Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo, que dio a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que cree en él, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna (Juan 3:16).

Por lo tanto, cuanto mejor entendemos a Jesús, mejor nos entendemos a nosotros mismos.

Pero, ¿quién era Jesús, este predicador itinerante a quien muchos llamaban el Mesías?

En Sacerdote, Profeta, Rey, descubrirás a Jesús como el Ungido, el último sacerdote, profeta y rey anunciado a través de las Escrituras hebreas. Usando ideas bíblicas e historias interesantes, el Obispo Barron afirma que vemos a Jesús más claramente a través dellente del Antiguo Testamento.

A través de este programa profundamente bíblico, entenderá mejor a Jesús, se familiarizará más con las Escrituras realizando su propia misión sacerdotal, profética y real, recibida cuando se bautiza "en Cristo".

Como participar:

Cuando se registre, recibirá una lección de video semanal del Obispo Barron por mensaje de texto o correo electrónico, en inglés o español. Cada semana durante la Cuaresma, lo aliento a ver el video con su familia, amigos, ministerio o grupo pequeño. Por favor, discuta las preguntas de reflexión incluidas con su grupo. Reflexione sobre ellos a lo largo de la semana. Lleve los conceptos en su corazón

mientras visita la capilla de la Adoración. Escriba sus pensamientos en un diario.

A lo largo de la Cuaresma, nos guiará en este estudio semanal para contemplar a Jesús como Profeta, Sacerdote y Rey. Observe mis reflexiones en nuestro boletín, Flocknote y sitio web. También haré videos semanales, presentando las lecciones y los temas para la meditación. ¡Juntos, aprovechemos al máximo este viaje de Cuaresma de la Cuaresma que invita a la reflexión!

Regístrese GRATIS para el sacerdote, el rey profeta

En el texto en inglés, palabra clave **FrCarl** al 84576

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O haga clic en el enlace de registro que se encuentra en la nota del viernes.

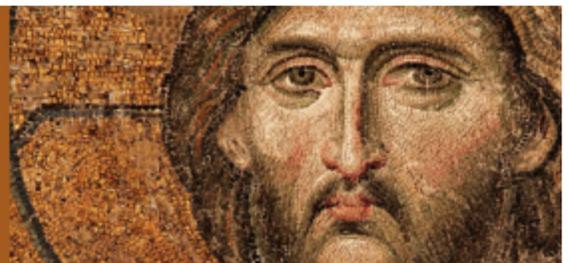
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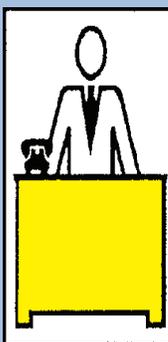
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Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

Wed | Mi 7:00 pm (español)

First Friday | Primer viernes

12:00 pm in the chapel

en la capilla

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

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

1st & 3rd Wednesdays in the

Convent Chapel

2:30 pm in English

Anointing of the Sick |

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