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Look at the birds in the sky;
they do not sow or reap,
they gather nothing into barns,
yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Matthew 6:26

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February 26, 2017 • Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do Not Worry...

It's fitting that this Gospel begins with the admonition reminding us that we cannot serve two masters (God and money) and then delves into Jesus's teaching on worry, because money is often at the top of our worry list. We worry about how to get money if we don't have enough, and we worry about how to keep it when we do have it.

Jesus reminds us that God knows we need food, clothing, and shelter, all of which require money in our culture. However, he tells us that we shouldn't focus our attention on any of these things because if God takes care of the birds and the flowers, how much more will he care for us.

The reality is that when our anxiety is high, our trust in God is low. Likewise, when our trust in God is high, our anxiety levels decrease. As the psalmist says, "Only in God is my soul at rest." Those who do not know God are perpetually anxious and are never able to find lasting peace. As Christians, we are called to a radical trust in a heavenly Father who will take care of us in all our needs. The question is: How will we respond to the temptation to worry—like a nonbeliever, or as a faithful disciple of Christ?

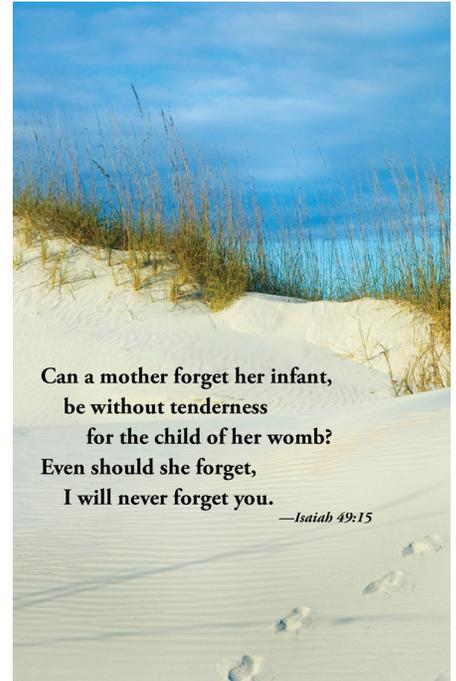
First Reading **God will never forget you** **(Isaiah 49:14-15)**

The readings for this Sunday concern what St. Paul calls in the Second Reading "the motives of our hearts." In that regard, this first text from Isaiah reminds us of the foundation that our hearts require to be fully "at rest," as it says in the

Responsorial Psalm. We must be confident in the exquisite care that God has for us. Many of us feel as Zion does in this reading. When we look around us, whether at the challenges that we face in our walk of faith or at the troubles which plague the wider world, we can feel that "the Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." When we momentarily forget the promises that Jesus makes in the Sermon on the Mount in today's Gospel, we, likewise, feel forgotten by God. That is why the work of remembrance is so critical. (Recall that Jesus says that we are to celebrate Mass in remembrance of him.) If we fail to remember him and who he is, the God who cares for us more than the very best of loving mothers, then we tend to feel forgotten by him in our difficulties. When we remember him and who he is, the God who died for us on the Cross, we immediately recognize in faith that he is present with us in the very midst of those difficulties and working with a divine ingenuity to draw out a greater good from them than we could ever imagine. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, he only permits evil because he "mysteriously knows how to derive good from it" (CCC 311).

Second Reading **Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).**

In this Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that many of the wonderful things that God provides us, even in the midst of difficult situations and complex human relationships, come to us through "stewards," those who



have been charged with giving to God's people "their portion of food at the proper time" (Luke 12:42, RSV: 2CE). These stewards—and here we could think of our deacons, priests and bishops—are to be concerned with whether they are acting in a trustworthy way toward this commission they have received from the Lord. After all, as Psalm 104:27 reminds us, he is the real source of the goods the stewards dispense: "These all look to you, to give them their food in due season." (RSV: 2CE).

But Paul also reminds us that we ought not to judge the hearts of those stewards whom God has placed in authority over us. "Do not make any judgment before the appointed time, until the Lord comes, for he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will manifest the motives of our hearts." This is to be our attitude toward those in authority over us in the Church, even those whom we

God Cannot Forget You

suspect of violating the trust they have received, because it is the attitude we are to assume toward all. Christians are not to judge the hearts of others, even when we can see plainly that their acts deserve, and may even require us to deliver, a public condemnation.

Gospel

God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

In this famous passage from the heart of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, a passage which has moved so many saints to surrender everything in confidence to God, we are schooled on that quality that Jesus calls in the Beatitudes purity of heart. In the chapter just preceding this one, Jesus tells us, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8, RSV: 2CE). Here Jesus tells us that to be pure, our hearts cannot be divided; we can't have two primary loves. God and his kingdom must have a place of absolute priority over everything else. He is the "pearl of great price" (Matthew 13:46), the

"treasure buried in a field" (Matthew 13:44), that we are asked to surrender all else to attain.

But recalling who God is—absolutely trustworthy, the One who will always give us "food in due season," the one who loves us more than even a mother loves her child—we recognize that this great gamble of giving all to him is no gamble at all. To prove this we need only look at the birds and the flowers. Every one of his creatures is cared for in God's providential ordering of nature; still more can we as sons and daughters of our heavenly Father be absolutely confident of his care and concern for us. So, if we give all for him, he will give us far more in return—in fact, his very self, which is all!

Meditation

Our anxiety is high when our trust in God is low. Do you find that to be true in your own life? How can you increase your trust in God when you are feeling worried or anxious?

Bring to mind something that concerns you or that you are worried about right now. Allow

yourself to feel any anxiety or fear that might arise. Now imagine that you are with crowds on the Mount as Jesus is teaching. He comes toward you and speaks the words of today's Gospel directly to you: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life ... can you by worrying add a moment to your life-span? How do these words challenge you? How do they comfort and encourage you? What might you say to Jesus in response?"

Resolution

This week, consider at least two ways in which you might use the words of Jesus about not worrying to bring a sense of peace and calm to your life.

Lent Begins Wednesday

Take time today in quiet prayer to listen to what God is calling you to do this Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, please pick up your gift bag that contains resources for you to have an unforgettable Lent.

DIGGING DEEPER: The Lilies of the Field

The lilies of the field Jesus referred to are not the same as the lilies we know, which do not grow in Israel. Several candidates have been suggested, including bright scarlet poppies, which bloom after a spring rain. One type of rare lily, the Madonna Lily, does grow in some high valleys. Consisting of groupings of white blossoms with a sweet heavy scent, they bloom during the month of May.



School Principal Search

In a continued effort to provide our SMS family with updates on our Principal Search, I wanted to reach out to you with another communication. Since my last update about Mrs. Brehm's resignation as Principal at the end of this school year, I've had the opportunity to spend time with both our school staff and school board to listen and learn about what they would like to see in our next Principal at St. Michael's. The school staff shared with me their thoughts and ideas and now I want to hear from the rest of our school community.

I've been working closely with our St. Michael School Board to plan a St. Michael School Community Town Hall forum so that we can hear from you and so that together, we can continue to advance our mission at SMS. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00pm in Room #22, which is located upstairs in the Education Center Building. The Town Hall will be led by our

wonderful School Board and will be in a format to best capture feedback from all of you. Our School Board Chair is Sharon Curulla and members on the Board are Carmine Gallo, Therese Crossett, Michael Pereira, Monique McCallister, Erika Martinez and Eric Hom. As a school family, I'm confident that we will find the right administrator to lead our school community as this continues to be my commitment to you as Pastor.

I understand the concern from some families about the turnover in the Principal position over the past few years with Mr. Hooke leaving to be at Most Holy Rosary in Antioch where he lives, Mrs. Douthit to be at St. Christopher's in San Jose a few miles from her home and now Mrs. Brehm leaving for health related reasons. I firmly believe that God has a plan for our community and that transitions like this happen for a rea-



son. This transition will enable us to find the right leader to move us forward with 21st Century education, focused on rigorous academic achievements, improved technology integration

into the classrooms and of course building young faith filled community leaders who share in the joy of our Catholic faith.

During this Principal Search process, I invite all of you to reach out to me with any questions you may have or you can speak with someone on our school staff and/or school board. I ask all of you to continue to keep our wonderful SMS community in your prayers. I look forward to seeing you on March 2nd and around campus.

God bless,

Fr. Van
Pastor, St. Michael Parish

St. Michael Catholic School Principal Job Description

Serving the Livermore Valley for over 100 Years, St. Michael Catholic School is seeking a highly qualified Principal to lead a dynamic team of educators, administrative support staff and parents. The principal of St. Michael Catholic School is the spiritual, instructional, and administrative head of the school, and is responsible for the effective operation of the school as a Catholic educational institution. He/she is the primary agent for creating an environment that fosters academic excellence, Catholic faith formation, and vitality and viability. He/she is responsible for creating a welcoming atmosphere for all members of the school community (faculty, staff, students, parents, and donors). An ideal candidate creates a climate that encourages the engagement of each student in the learning process, fostering a love for 21st century learning and developing a rigorous curriculum creating a strong achievement in academic excellence. He/she must have basic knowledge of marketing/communication and financial management principles. The principal reports directly to the pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church.

Candidates must be Catholic, committed to Catholic Education, capable of providing spiritual leadership to the school community, have a minimum of five years Catholic teaching experience in grades K-8, a current California Teaching Credential, and completion of or enrollment in an administrative program. Candidates must complete application, fulfill personnel file procedures, and establish qualifications in a personal interview with the Director of Human Resources and Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese. This is a full-time exempt position which includes full health and retirement benefits. Salary is based upon the Administrative Salary scale as set by the Diocese of Oakland.

Announcements



Science Fair Winners!

St. Michael School is proud to announce that 4 of our 7th & 8th grade Science Fair participated in the Diocese of Oakland's Science Fair at St. Joseph High School in Alameda on February 11. Nicholas Carrano and Michael Vieira in 7th grade and Viviana Valenton and Anastasha Weasner in 8th grade represented our school.

Special CONGRATULATIONS to Nicholas Carrano who won a Finalist Award in the category of Physical Science and Michael Vieira who won the Grand Champion Award in the area of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

Backpack Project

The St Michael's Community again has pledged to provide 175 school backpacks for Livermore students in need. Each backpack will be filled with all the necessary school supplies and a Payless shoe certificate. The total cost per backpack is approximately \$40. All donations of any size are welcome. Please make checks payable to St Michael and write "Backpack Project" in the memo section of your check.

Questions? Contact Ernestina Shay ernestina.shay@comcast.net or 925-455-1089 or Lynn Macedo at lynnmacedo@icloud.com or 925- 443-3287

Maintenance & Improvement Collection

Beginning March 4th-5th which is the first weekend of the month, we will be having a second collection for our Maintenance & Improvement fund. The first weekend of every month this second collection will take place to benefit our community here at St. Michael's. This fund will be used to continue to make improvements towards our parish facilities including the Church building, Convent, and Education Center. Not only will this fund be used for parish improvements, but will be used to help make daily maintenance repairs to such things as aging HVAC units, parking lot asphalt repairs, plumbing fixtures, old lighting systems that are not energy efficient, irrigation repairs, maintenance on our roofs, etc. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity as we work to make these improvements and manage our facilities for all in the community to enjoy. For any questions, please email Eric Hom, Business Manager at EricHom@stmichaellivermore.com or 925-447-1585.

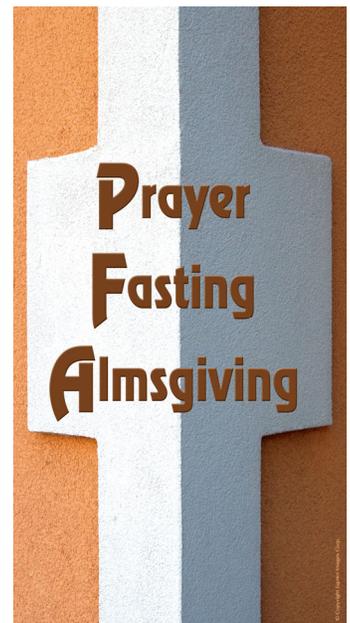
Lenten Fasting Rules

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Fasting is obligatory for those age 18-59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstaining from meat is obligatory for those age 14 onwards.

Fr Van's Reminders

- Fast for one hour before receiving Eucharist.
- Seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least monthly.
- Receive Eucharist with the highest reverence.
- The laity should not lift up hands in prayer at any time during Mass.
- Holding hands during the Our Father is not required.
- Smile and say "hello" to people after Mass, especially people you have not yet met.
- Offer your seat when Mass is full.
- Turn off cell phones in church, and save conversations for outside.



Prayers & Devotion

Mass Intentions

Saturday 2/25

8:30am Ester Solon †
5:00pm Donald G. Gardner †
7:00 pm Enrique Rosales †

Sunday 2/26

6:45am Melanie Maher †
8:00am Jose Maria Arevalo †
9:30am Donald Hramiec †
11:00am Robert Murrieta †
12:30pm Hramic Family †
3:30pm Antony Pham Van Hoi †
6:00pm Bessie Bassano †

Monday 2/27

7:00am Feliz Solon †
8:30am The Souls in Purgatory †

Tuesday 2/28

7:00am Makena Ramos and
Tommy Ketterhagen †
8:30am Louisa Carney †

Wednesday 3/1

7:00am Felisa Yambao †
8:30am Patricia Werner †
9:30am Vada Carnes and
Clifford Bates †
5:30pm Douglas Northern †
7:00pm JoJo Payumo †

Thursday 3/2

7:00 am William Lawrence †
8:30 am Jose Avila †

Friday 3/3

7:00am Georgia Megue †
8:30am Helen, Charles & Skip Kelsey †

Saturday 3/4

8:30am Nunay Sison †
5:00pm Gino D. Fazio †
7:00 pm Analy Palomino and
Rigoberto Javier Munoz †

Prayer to Ease Anxiety

O God, my beloved Father, I thank you for this day. You know how worried and anxious I am about _____.

Help me to be sensible and to see that worrying about things does not make them any better. Help me to be calm and serene in such situations of life. Help me to cast all my worries and anxieties upon you for I know that you care for me.

Help me to be sure that nothing can happen to me through which you cannot bring me in safety and that nothing can separate me from your love.

I believe and trust that your everlasting arms are underneath me and above me and give me something of the peace that the world cannot give and cannot ever take away. Jesus my Lord you said to me,
"Take courage; it is I; do not be afraid."

Jesus, I praise you. Jesus, I love you. There is power in your mighty name. Alleluia. Holy Spirit, my consoler, give me comfort in all difficult situations of life. I trust in your power. Enrich me with your powerful intervention. Thank you, Lord. Praise you, Lord. Amen.



Special Intentions

Happy 90th Birthday Bob Kaifer! Bob has been a parishioner of St Michael's for over 60 years and was one of our first Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We give thanks to God for his life and his service to our community.

For the repose of the souls of Clifford Bates, Dorothy (Alice) Behrends and Marie Candaux.

Send your prayer requests to Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

This Week

Monday, Feb 27

Readings: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, Feb 28

Readings: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 1

Readings: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

- **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of Lent, is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat.
- **Mass** in English at 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 9:30 am, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm in Spanish. Ash service without Mass at 12:15 pm and 3:15 pm
- **Confession** in the Convent Chapel at 2:30 pm.
- **Pick up your Lent Gift Bag** at church. One per family, please.
- **Spend time** in the Adoration Chapel

Thursday, March 2

Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

- **WINGS** (Women in God's Spirit) at 9:30 am at St Charles featuring "Stations for Our Times – A Journey of the Heart" led by Mary Fair. Questions: Phyllis Clearwater 925-337-4299 or Donna Leach 925-443-6815

Friday, March 3

Readings: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

- **Special Observances:** St. Katharine Drexel; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
- **Abstain from eating meat** if you are over 14 years old.
- **Stations of the Cross** in the church at 7 pm in English, 8 pm in Spanish

Little Black Books, the traditional Lent devotional, are available in the church office.

Saturday, March 4

Readings: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

- **Special Observances:** St. Casimir; First Saturday
- **Anointing of the Sick** in the church after the 8:30 am Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.
- **Confession** after Benediction and at 3:45 pm in English, 6:15 pm in Spanish.

Sunday, March 5

Readings: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

- **March birthday blessings** at all Masses.
- **2nd Collection** for maintenance fund at all Masses.
- **Adoration Sign Up** Weekend and Eucharistic Miracles display in the courtyard.
- **Mass with Sign Language** Interpreter at 11:00 am

1 WHY THE ASHES? THE MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY	2 ASHES WERE USED AS A SIGN OF REPENTANCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT	3 ASHES ARE A PUBLIC SIGN OF OUR INTENT TO DIE TO OUR WORLDLY DESIRES AND LIVE IN CHRIST
4 ASHES ALSO SYMBOLIZE GRIEF. IN THIS CASE, GRIEF FOR OUR SINS.	5 AS OUR FOREHEADS ARE BEING MARKED, THE PRIEST SAYS: "REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST AND UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN"	6 THE ASHES COME FROM THE BLESSED PALMS USED IN THE PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

INFORMATION FROM ARCHTORONTO.ORG AND CATHOLIC.ORG 

Upcoming Events

Adoration Sign Up Weekend

March 4-5

A perfect Lenten practice is to sign up for a regular hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Sign up at Mass next weekend and browse the mini display of the Vatican Eucharistic Adoration Miracles in the courtyard.

The Italian Catholic Federation Bingo Bash

Fri, March 10

St Augustine's at 6:00 pm

Come have a blast playing bingo and supporting Children's Hospital treatment of Cooley's Anemia plus other ICF Charities. \$10 per bingo packet (10 games). Reservations by March 6th by calling Bobbie 925-361-7088

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Sat, March 18 at 6:00 pm

St Charles

Grief Support Ministry invites you to fun and friendship as we toast Ireland's favorite saint. Dinner includes corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, wine, soft drinks, and Irish Coffee. Tickets are \$12 each and will be sold by mail only. They sell out fast! Watch for the order form fliers after Mass.

Parish Lenten Mission

Monday, March 20 at 7:00 pm

(English) with Fr. Mark Mannion

Centennial Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes

September 5-13

Fr Van Dinh and Fr Neal Clemens invite you to a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to Fatima during the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of our Blessed Mother - and also the 100th anniversary of our church! This is a time to rekindle our faith as we visit the tomb of St Teresa of Avila, the birthplace of St Bernadette and the healing waters of Lourdes. The all-inclusive cost is \$3,200 per person. A \$200 deposit is due by May 13. For details and reservations, call Scott Scaria at 860-289-2606.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent

7:00 pm English, 8:00 pm Spanish

Parish Centennial Photo Directory

Our Centennial Photo Directory just wouldn't be the same without your picture! New portrait sittings in June and July have opened. The sitting is free, and you will receive a free 8x10 and a copy of the directory when it comes out.

To book your portrait sitting, visit the parish website and click the photo directory image
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March 1

Mass with Ashes

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 9:30 am (School Mass) and 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Service with Ashes only (no Mass)

12:15 pm and 3:15 pm

Próximos Eventos

Registro para Adoración Eucarística en el fin de semana

Feb 25-26 & Marzo 4-5

Una práctica cuaresmal perfecta es inscribirse para una hora regular de Adoración Eucarística. Regístrese en la misa los fines de semana del 25 al 26 de febrero y del 4 al 5 de marzo

Proyectos para Padres de Familia

Marzo 7, 2017 a Marzo 30, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Un programa de 12 semanas que se llavara acabo en el salon grande de la escuela East Ave. Especial para padres con hijos en la adolescencia o con temperamento fuerte. Con éste programa usted Logrará: Motivar a sus hijos hacia el éxito académico. Prevenir o mejorar los problemas de drogas, alcohol y pandillas. Formar grupos de apoyo. Mejorar la comunicación en la familia.

Posiblemente ofreceremos el grupo para adolescentes "Keepin' It Real" Inscripciones en Horizons Family Counseling (925) 371-4747 Precio: \$60 por persona , \$100 por pareja

Retiro Juvenil

18 de Marzo en Convento de Iglesia

Todos los jovenes entre las edades de 16 a 25 años estan invitados a vivir el retiro juvenil que se llevara acabo en nuestra iglesia. El encuentro comenzara a las 8 de la mañana y terminara con misa de 7pm. Los Esperamos! Mas información llamar o mandar mensaje de texto a Brenda 1(510)691-2864

Charla de la Misión de Cuaresma en la Parroquia

Martes, 21 de marzo a las 7:00 pm (Español) con Fr. Rafael Hinojosa

Retiro de Servidores 24 a 26 de Marzo

Todos los servidores de nuestra parroquia de San Miguel están cordialmente invitados a asistir a nuestro retiro de servidores. Este comenzara el viernes 24 de marzo en misa de sanción a las 7pm. El sábado , segundo día comenzara a las 8am y terminara en misa de 7pm. Por ultimo el tercer día, domingo comenzara a las 8am y terminara con misa de 12:30. Los esperamos!

Estaciones de la Cruz Todos los viernes de Cuaresma

7:00 pm en inglés, 8:00 pm en español

Directorio de Fotos del Centenario de la Parroquia

Nuestro directorio de fotos Centennial no sería lo mismo sin su foto! Se han abierto nuevos retratos en junio y julio. La sesión es gratuita, y usted recibirá un 8x10 libre y una copia del directorio cuando salga.

Para reservar su sesión de retrato, visite el sitio web de la parroquia y haga clic en la imagen del directorio de fotos StMichaelLivermore.com/Espanol.

Reflexiones del Evangelio de Cuaresma

Pase su tiempo con Cristo en el Evangelio esta Cuaresma junto al Obispo Barron y la comunidad de Word On Fire. Regístrate hoy! Meditaciones diarias con Obispo Barron www.lentreflections.com/espanol



Misa con distribution de Cenizas

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 9:30 am (Misa de la escuela) y las 5:30 pm y las 7:00 pm (en español).

Servicio de distribución de Cenizas solamente (sin Misa)

12:15 pm y 3:15 pm.

Noticias Parroquiales

Colección para Mantenimiento

A partir del 4 al 5 de marzo, primer fin de semana del mes, tendremos una segunda colecta para nuestro fondo de Mantenimiento y Mejora. Esta colecta se hará el primer fin de semana de cada mes, para beneficiar a nuestra comunidad de San Miguel. Este fondo se utilizará para continuar mejorando nuestras instalaciones parroquiales, incluyendo el edificio de la Iglesia, el Convento y el Centro de Educación. No sólo se utilizará este fondo para estas mejoras, sino también para hacer reparaciones de mantenimiento diario, tales como unidades viejas de climatización, reparaciones de asfalto en el estacionamiento, accesorios de plo-

mería, sistemas viejos de iluminación que no son eficientes energéticamente, reparaciones de riego, mantenimiento de techos, etc Gracias de antemano por su continua generosidad mientras trabajamos para lograr estas mejoras y administrar nuestras instalaciones para que todos en la comunidad puedan disfrutarlas.

Para cualquier pregunta, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a Eric Hom, Gerente de Negocios al EricHom@stmichaellivermore.com.

Lecturas del domingo y reflexiones

Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

UNA PREGUNTA DE LEALTAD

Fuertes imágenes acerca de Dios están presentes en las lecturas de hoy: una madre amorosa (Isaías), un fuerte refugio (Salmo 62), un padre que alimenta (Mateo). Estas imágenes nos recuerdan que Dios primero nos promete amor y lealtad. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos invita a "buscar primero el reino" dentro de la promesa de Dios.

Cuando Jesús describe el Reino, el menciona una palabra que además de estar en las Escrituras, es una palabra de uso diario. Para muchos es esa parte del mundo antiguo, la palabra "Reino" no era estrictamente para referirse a un área geográfica, como cuando uno cruza de un reino a otro. Reino era un asunto serio en cuanto a la lealtad hacia la persona que era el rey (o la reina). Uno "vive" en un reino permaneciendo leal al

rey o a la reina, sin importar el lugar donde uno se encuentre.

La elección difícil que presenta Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, entre el dinero y Dios, es una pregunta que involucra la lealtad. ¿Quién o qué recibe tu lealtad en primer lugar? ¿Por cuáles propósitos comprometes tu vida

ANGUSTIA O ESPERANZA

A través de los evangelios, Jesús toca profundos sentimientos del corazón. En el Evangelio de hoy, él menciona los miedos escondidos y las angustias de quienes lo escuchan. Es muy probable que muchas de aquellas personas que lo oyen vivan en la pobreza, con pocas posibilidades de tener que comer o que vestir. Jesús no trivializa sus necesidades físicas. Con compasión, él los invita a que confíen sus necesidades al cuidado de Dios.

Viacruzis 2017

Se buscan participantes

Si usted o alguien que conozca gusta participar en el viacruzis de nuestra iglesia esta semana santa, por favor comunicarse con nuestros organizadores.

Paty Murillo :
925.784.5034

Alejandro

Anaya:925.475.9861



Boletín en Español

Para obtener información en español sobre eventos y noticias de nuestra parroquia. Si están interesados en agregar o presentar un artículo en el boletín en español, por favor contactar a Brenda Zavala 510-691-2864



Todos estamos consientes que el futuro es incierto. Aquello que hoy parece fuerte podría evaporarse mañana. Jesús conoce nuestras angustias, tanto quien como aquello que es digno e indigno. Podemos crear mecanismo de defensa físicos, financieros o emocionales para protegernos de un daño futuro. O confiar en Dios y alcanzar nuestra vulnerabilidad, podemos crear relaciones de cuidado y afecto mutuo con los demás. Podemos vivir con angustia o con esperanza. Así como Jesús lo indica, podemos elegir servir a Dios o servir al dinero.

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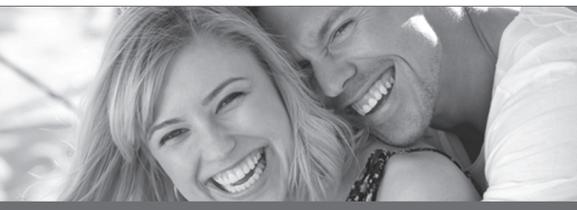

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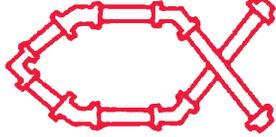
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Oracion a San Miguel Arcangel

O San Miguel, Arcangel defiendenosen la batalla. Se nuestra proteccion contra el mal y las trampas del Diablo; humildemente te rogamos que Dios los reprenda.

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