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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Your
light
must
shine

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

before others, that they may
see your good deeds and
glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

Mass Times

Mon-Fri: 7:00 am & 8:30 am
Wed: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish)

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

Sign Language: 1st Sun, 11:00 am
Vietnamese: 4th Sun, 3:30 pm

Confession

Saturday, in the Church
9:00 am & 3:45 pm
6:15 pm in Spanish
1st & 3rd Wed, Convent Chapel, 2:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by
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Sunday Readings

Salt and Light

First Reading

If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10)

This passage reminds us that it would be wrong to consider the just or righteous treatment of the less fortunate as simply a penance to be undertaken in the season of Lent. Justice is a constant requirement for all people, whether they have any religious affiliation or not. Feeding the hungry and meeting the needs of the afflicted is always required, even if there were no reward attached to such behavior. Justice ennobles the person who is just by honoring the nobility of others.

Although we should not need a reward for righteousness, our good God has built the universe such that goodness builds upon goodness. He also attaches to just acts a merit beyond their desserts. That's why Isaiah can say to us that, if we act with justice, our "wound shall be quickly healed." The wound of sin that we all bear is beyond our healing; but God, in his kindness, has attached reparative value to our good acts so that in Christ we are healed—the whole world is healed—through our small acts of justice.

Second Reading

My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Paul doesn't see the success of the Gospel as depending on his actions. Rather, it is the power of God that converts hearts when Paul preaches. We see this proven in that the content of his preaching should have caused it to be rejected! Paul preached that a mocked, beaten, and crucified man is the King of the Universe, the Almighty God! By all measures, Paul's words should not have been accepted; instead, Christianity became the largest religious movement in the history of the world. More than two billion people follow the Crucified One.



Be these.

Matthew 5:13-16

Paul tried the standard approach of appealing to the world on its own terms when he addressed the Athenians in Acts 17. We're told that they were anxious to hear something new, but instead Paul failed to deliver what they were looking for. The whole presentation flopped and resulted in few conversions to the Faith. But the Corinthians did hear something new from Paul; he spoke of "nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified." They recognized his preaching as not something new, but the Good News. When speaking about the faith to our own friends, family, and even our fellow Catholics, we ought to be more confident in a simple appeal to the Cross or, more importantly, to him who hung upon it.

and Meditation

Gospel

You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

In this section from his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reminds us that we are the world's light, like a city set on a hill. Jerusalem was set upon a hill. The light that a city could cast at night was fantastic to an ancient man or woman—the sheer size of the combined human effort and the common concern for mutual welfare that a city represented made it all the more marvelous.

The city of which Jesus speaks isn't thrilling for the same reason that New York or Paris are thrilling. The city we are citizens of attracts for much of the same reason as Jerusalem attracted the Jews. On its highest mount, Zion, the Temple drew Jews from all over the world, be-

cause there one could experience not the highest things of earth but rather the lowest realms of heaven. As Jesus says in the last line of this passage, we are to attract others by our heavenly goodness and by the praise that we give to our heavenly Father. We are not to desire that others look up to us, but rather that they might join us on that height which is the Church, so that we might both look up together.

Meditation

Imagine Jesus saying to you, "You are the light of the world." What does that mean to you? Does it make you feel encouraged or overwhelmed? Now, in the stillness of your being, ask Jesus to reveal to you a way that you can become a light to the world. What comes to mind? Is it something you are currently doing or something new that you are being called to do?

Resolution

Now hear Jesus say, "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

What is one good deed that you can do this week that will glorify the Father?

What are some ways that you might be able to take your faith beyond the walls of the church?

Choose a specific day and time to do it so that it doesn't go the way of unfulfilled good intentions.

Bring your thoughts and prayers to Jesus, present in the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. In the quiet, sacred space, ask Our Lord to help you this week.

DIGGING DEEPER: A Sprinkle of Salt

Because we can buy all the salt we could ever need at our local grocery and we have light anytime we want at the flick of a switch, we may not realize how special both were in ancient Israel. Salt was so valuable it was part of the pay of Roman soldiers (the word "salary" comes from the Latin *salarium*: salt). Light came only in the form of fire or small oil lamps. In both cases, salt and light were valuable.

That's what Jesus is telling us in this week's Gospel: We must be valuable signs of God's love and grace for the world. We need to season and preserve the world like salt and illuminate the darkness of sin and despair like a light in the night.

**SALT &
MATTHEW 5:13-16
LIGHT**

Prayers & Devotion

Looking for Direction? THIS is your Compass



We are fortunate at St Michael's to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Adoration Chapel 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Anyone can come and sit in the quiet serenity of Jesus' presence.

Bring your worries and sorrows, your joys and thanksgiving. Bring every aspect of you to the Lord's presence. He will guide you in everything.

The chapel is open for you at any hour of day or night. For safety reasons, you will need an access code to get in between the hours of 9:00 pm and 6:00 am. To get the code, please call Dick at 925-980-4826 or Manny at 925-337-0741 in advance. Security cameras are in place throughout the church property.



Schedule a weekly Holy Hour at
Adoration@StMichaelLivermore.com

Apostles of Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, I consecrate myself today anew and without reserve to your Divine Heart.

I consecrate to you my body with all its senses, my soul with all its faculties, my entire being.

I consecrate to you all my thoughts, words and deeds, all my sufferings and labors, all my hopes, consolations, and joys.

In particular, I consecrate to you this poor heart of mine so that it may love only you and may be consumed as a victim in the fire of your love.

Amen.

5 FORMS of PRAYER

-  **BLESSING AND ADORATION**
We acknowledge our dependence on God
-  **PETITION**
We ask God for physical and spiritual goods
-  **INTERCESSION**
We make requests on behalf of other people
-  **THANKSGIVING**
We thank God for everything he does for us
-  **PRAISE**
We express our love for God

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Reminders

Prepare for Marriage Convalidation March, June or October



Allow Christ to make your civil marriage a sacramental marriage!

The Convalidation Program is designed for those couples who are married civilly and now wish to marry in the Church. A Sacramental marriage allows Catholics to fully practice their faith, including receiving Communion.

Some couples, because of differences in religious background or, a sense of distance from the Church at the time of their marriage, or due to complicating family situations, were married civilly or in some other manner that did not meet the Catholic Church's legal requirements for a valid church marriage.

The Church's intention is to provide couples with a sufficient understanding of Catholic Christian marriage to enable them to enter into marriage with integrity and knowledge.

If you are interested in learning more, please call 510-893-4711 and save one of the Convalidation Weekend

Program dates: March 4-5, June 3-4 and October 14-15

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Pope Francis



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VIRTUS Safe Environment Training ALL Volunteers Must Complete by February 15

All who volunteer at St Michael's in any capacity and at any level of regularity must complete the VIRTUS Safe Environment Online Training. This means every volunteer, in every ministry, committee or council—even if you do not directly work with children.

Instructions and link to the training are at StMichaelLivermore.com/SafeEnvironment

Got questions? Contact Eric Hom at EricHom@StMichaelLivermore.com or 925-447-1585 x 14.

This Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday 2/4

8:30am Thomas McMahon

5:00pm Ralph Guzman †

7:00 pm Julia Fardo †

Sunday 2/5

6:45am Anita Borromeo †

8:00am Patricia Gladys Kidd †

9:30am Cresencio Quero †

Pedro Quero, Sr. †

11:00am Dennis Dean Parker †

12:30pm Mass for Our Parish

6:00 pm Joseph P. Valle †

Monday 2/6

7:00am Thomas McMahon

8:30am Ralph & Kay Burkett †

Tuesday 2/7

7:00am Souls in Purgatory

8:30am Jesus Llacer, Jr. †

Wednesday 2/8

7:00am Pete Nunes †

8:30am Margaret T. Guenette †

7:00pm Shun Suk Bang †

and Silva †

Thursday 2/9

7:00 am Thomas McMahon

8:30 am Angie Morgan

Friday 2/10

7:00am Andres Borromeo †

8:30am Melanie Maher †

Saturday 2/11

8:30am Thomas McMahon

5:00pm Tim Sturdevant and

Jerry Kennedy †

7:00 pm Margarito Guzman †

Salvador Guzman †

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

Centennial Parish Directory Portrait Sessions..

...are this week in the Portable behind the church. Additional portrait sessions have opened up for June! Check the link at StMichaelLivermore.com

WINGS: "Get on the Bus" Presentation...

is on on Thursday at 9:30 am at St Charles. "Get on the Bus" is a non-profit program of that unites children with their mothers and fathers in prison. Contact: Phyllis Clearwater 925-337-4299

Next Weekend

- **Birthright Auction** at St Raymond on Feb 11 at 5:30 pm. Reserve tickets by calling 925- 449-5887.
- **KofC Crab Feed** at Robert Livermore on Feb 11 at 4:30 pm. Contact Dennis Lundbom at 775-772-6369
- **World Day of the Sick Mass** at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Feb 11 at 11:00 am
- **Bring old palms from Palm Sunday** to church by next Sunday, February 12, to be burned for Ash Wednesday ashes. Look for the box in the breezeway.

Readings and Special Observations

Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: St. Scholastica

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick

Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Upcoming Events

Bilingual Mass of Remembrance

Mon, Feb 13 at St Charles

We gather to remember departed loved ones at 7:00 pm. Please bring photos of loved ones to place before the altar during Mass. A Ritual of Remembrance gives us the chance to come forward with a rose (provided), light a candle, and speak about the people we are remembering, if we wish.

St Michael's El Salvador Mission Dinner Dance

Feb 18. 6-11 pm at St Francis of Assisi

Join us at a fundraising dinner dance at St Francis of Assisi in Concord to help the families who are a part of our El Salvador Mission.

Contact Edwin Henriquez
650-279-5175.

Charismatic Healing Mass

Sun, Feb 19
3:00 - 5:30 pm

All masses are healing masses, for God wants to heal you through the powerful sacrament of the Eucharist. It is His gift to the Church. At a Charismatic Healing Mass, the theme of the entire mass is healing, from the celebrant to the musicians to the participants to the prayer teams. At this Mass we will provide trained people to pray for your individual needs. Join us in the church at St Michael's.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Mon, Feb 20

Join us as we prepare our hearts for Consecration to Jesus through Mary. From the writings of St. Louis de Montfort, we recite simple prayers for 33 days (Feb. 20-Mar. 24) and conclude with a communal

Consecration on March 25—Feast of the Annunciation of the LORD. Excellent Lenten exercise. Contact Jon Hamilton at IHNmotors@gmail.com or Pam Hamilton at pacatham@gmail.com

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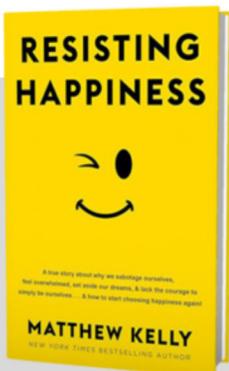
Saturday, February 25th

Come to St Michael School's biggest



fundraising gala at Robert Livermore Community Center on Feb 25. Purchase tickets online at www.smsliv.org or at St. Michael School or parish offices. Contact: Vanessa Gallo at 925-963-7958

Come bid on a chance to play Bocce Ball and have dinner with Fr. Van at Campo di Bocce!



Parish Wide Lenten Study Begins March 1

At all Masses and Ash Services on Ash Wednesday, you will receive a special gift: **Resisting Happiness** by Matthew Kelly. (One book per family, please.)

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Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 1

The penitential season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1.

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

Service with ashes only (no mass) at 12:15 pm and 3:15 pm



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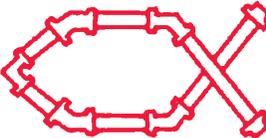
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Consagración a Jesús a través de María

Mon, Feb 20

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Esta misa trimestral esta ofrecida por medio del ministerio de Apoyo del Dolor de San Michael y St. Charles. Todos son bienvenidos.



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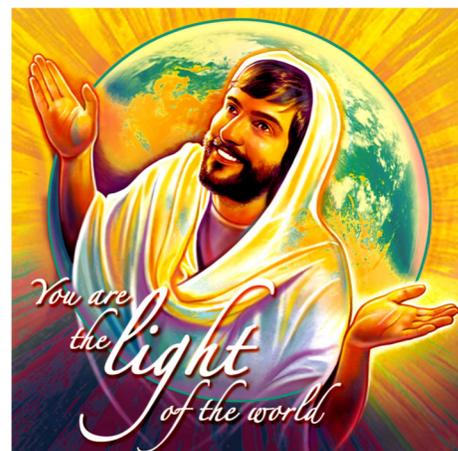
Jesús para hablar usa el tiempo presente, "ustedes son" la sal de la tierra y la luz del mundo. Escuchar esto puede ser problemático, con un poco de meditación, quizá deje de serlo. Es fácil ver lo frecuente que fallamos ser sal y luz para los demás. Esto podría llevarnos al desanimo y un miedo de fracasar una vez más. Pero Jesús dice que ser sal y luz es un don de Dios, y no un logro de nuestra parte.

Él recalca que un "cajón" ocasiona que la luz de una lámpara no se vea. Hemos creado y recibido todo tipo de formas de pensamiento y comportamiento que bloquean nuestra capacidad de ser luz para los demás. Pero estas formas no definen quienes somos. Pese a nuestras faltas, somos primeramente los hijos amados de Dios y personas con dones. Podemos tener esperanza que Dios nos ayudará a dirigir nuestros "cajones" para evitar que bloqueen nuestra habilidad de amar a los demás. La

Buena Nueva de Jesús para nosotros es que en definitiva no somos cajones sino lámparas.

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A menudo, podemos tener fuertes imágenes de Jesús acerca de sal y luz que se refiere a la vida de los cristianos. Esto efectivamente es apropiado. Sin embargo, junto con "sal de la tierra" y "luz del mundo", escuchamos acerca de una "ciudad construida en una montaña". Claramente, estas imágenes también están dirigidas a las comunidades cristianas. Una parroquia, por ejemplo, está llamada a tener una visible presencia de servicio en el lugar donde esté ubicada. Como sal y luz, una comunidad de fe puede añadir su propio sabor y sabiduría a sus alrededores. Una comunidad de fe puede tener sus propios "cajones" también. Esto podría incluir conflictos internos que no han sido resueltos, o una falta de recibimiento a los extraños, o solo



estar enfocada hacia sí misma. Esto puede prevenir a la comunidad de demostrar el amor de Dios. Sin embargo, así como los individuos, Dios puede guiar a los fieles a dirigir esos obstáculos, y ser sal y luz más plenamente a sus prójimos.



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