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There appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:3-4

# Right Relationships

**F**ire. It's intense, beautiful, dangerous, overwhelming, warm, and all consuming. Fire can be used to warm us on a cold night, or as a way to gather friends on a summer evening. It can also yield immense destruction. Fire is powerful. This is the image that we hear about today as we learn more about the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost. At our Confirmation, we too receive the gift of the Spirit. But have our hearts been set ablaze like those of the Apostles? Do we radically and unabashedly share Christ with those around us, setting their hearts ablaze, too?



## First Reading Reflection

**Acts 2:1–11**

As the time of prayer and preparation draws to fulfillment, the disciples, together with Mary, gather in prayer in one place. This may well have been a location in the Temple, as Pentecost was a major Jewish feast day. Known in Jewish terms as the Feast of Weeks (occurring seven weeks, a “week” of weeks, after Passover) or as the Feast of First Fruits. We are reminded of Jesus’s words that if a grain of wheat dies, it bears much fruit. Jesus also said that “harvest is abundant,” as we see when three thousand new

members are added in one day! The action of the Holy Spirit is truly like a fire, leaping forth to ignite others. And like the fire of Moses’s burning bush, it does not destroy, but brings a supernatural power to those who receive it. Transformed by grace, the Apostles (whom we find so fearful right after the Resurrection) preach the Good News boldly,

it, whose original Fiat provides a glorious testament to the transforming power of trustful prayer.

## Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13**

St Paul, as part of his continuing instruction to the people of Corinth, explains the varied yet unifying role of the Holy Spirit.

Like many doctrinal clarifications in the early Church, St. Paul is responding to a practical concern: it seems that the people in Corinth were getting caught up in certain flashy manifestations of God’s power, losing sight of the more essential points. But Paul points to the single source of all holiness:

God.

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Mystical Body, giving life to each member. Likewise to each member he gives special gifts to be used in service of the others and the whole. The purpose of the variety is not individual importance, but harmony. The Holy Spirit, who took the form of a dove, is truly a spirit of peace, which Saint Augustine calls “the tranquility of order.” A body is at peace when the parts work harmoniously together.

The image of the body is not an accident. The action of the Holy Spirit in the Church may well be likened to the forming and functioning of a human body: there

with authority. They have become far more Christlike. But Pentecostal fire is not only for the Apostles. Though Peter speaks the official word, each one present begins to speak in different languages. The rebellious action of men at the dawn of time brought about the confusion of Babel as a punishment. Now the humble obedience of Christ and his followers calls forth a miracle of understanding. Never should we think that we are unable to witness to the mighty deeds of God. There are always people in our lives whose languages we speak. And if such persons seem hard to reach, turn to Mary, spouse of the Holy Spir-

are times of rapid and intense growth, and times of apparently slow change. But we should always keep in mind that the Spirit is constantly working in and through the Church.

Let us entrust ourselves to Mary, the spouse of the Holy Spirit, as we surrender to the workings of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives.

## Gospel Reading

**John 20:19–23**

The giving of the Holy Spirit is not a one-time event. Rather it is like a small river that grows, eventually becoming a mighty river. The scene we are presented with today provides several points for meditation.

First, this is a Resurrection scene, reminding us that the gift of the Holy Spirit is inextricably tied to the events of Holy Week. (In fact the other reading option for this day is taken from the Last Supper discourse.) Paradoxically, Jesus breathes forth the life of his Spirit

at the moment of his death, and enables us to receive that Spirit through his sacrifice on the Cross. Second, this particular giving of the Holy Spirit is specifically for the Apostles. This is when we see them receive a special power—the power of absolution of sins, a power hitherto reserved to God. But this is a gift that the Apostles handed down to their successors. God has chosen to communicate himself through his priests, and we are blessed to frequent the sacraments as an ever-available spring of life.

Finally, while there is certainly a clerical aspect to this reading, we should be reminded that for the laity, the power of forgiveness is a special grace of the Holy Spirit. When we struggle to “forgive those who trespass against us,” the Holy Spirit is always ready to assist us.

What we are powerless to do alone, he will do in us.

## Discussion

Our culture struggles with com-

placency and mediocrity. We settle into a routine and rarely work outside of those confines. In general, we lack passion. Today we will hear about the one who can fix this; the one who can add adventure and spontaneity into our lives.

Let’s learn more together about the Holy Spirit. Are you open to a new adventure in your life? What holds you back from “setting out into the deep”? Are you willing to follow the Holy Spirit as he leads you on a path of deeper fulfillment in your life?

Watch the short 6-minute video reflection available free at  
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# Mass

## Intentions

### Saturday 5/19

- 8:30am Pat Mueller †
- 5:00pm Casey & Charles Gazzaway †
- 7:00pm The Blandon, Castillo and Mendoza Families

### Sunday 5/20

- 6:45am Brando G. Zamora
- 8:00am Jean Mosley †
- 9:30am Benjamin Ramis †
- 11:00am Mary Ike
- 12:30pm Estella Ocho and Jesus Alvarez †
- 6:00pm Melanie Maher †

### Monday 5/21

- 8:30am Sonia More and Justwant †

### Tuesday 5/22

- 8:30am Richard Boerger †

### Wednesday 5/23

- 8:30am Jaime De Pasquale †
- 7:00pm Alan Aglwin †

### Thursday 5/24

- 8:30am Julie Killeen †

### Friday 5/25

- 8:30am James Kane †

**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.**



### PRAYER

The disciples are paralyzed by fear. They have hidden themselves in a locked room, afraid that they will be put to death for being followers of Christ. Imagine them huddled around the room. What might they have been talking about? They were probably dejected and confused. Their teacher, the man they believed to be God, had been killed. And then Jesus surprises them. He immediately puts their hearts at ease as he says, "Peace be with you." He reveals his wounds and again offers them peace. Place yourself among the disciples in that locked room. What is it like when Jesus first appears? Are you more scared? Confused? What do his hands and feet look like? As he speaks words of peace, how does your heart change?

Take some time to be part of this scene. When a phrase or moment strikes you, stop and pray with it.

### RESOLUTION

Jesus breathes his Spirit upon the disciples and sends them out, giving them authority to teach and forgive in his name. You, too, have received the Spirit of Christ through Baptism and Confirmation. Do you shamelessly share Christ with others? Have you heeded the Spirit or ignored his promptings? Commit this week to sharing Christ with someone you meet or already know.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

For Herb Schindler, for the Hom family, for our adult children who have strayed from the Church. For Judy Tomlin, Gregoria Cantor, Mike Surritte and for those who are enslaved by addiction. For all those who need peace of mind, for those who are looking for employment and for those who are lonely. For engaged and married couples and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.



## Knights Donate \$8,000 for the Convent Refresh

Our Livermore Knights of Columbus presented Deacon Dave with a check for \$8,000 toward the Convent refresh project. Funds were raised by hosting Friday Fish Taco nights during Lent.

## Successful Baby Gift Drive

The Livermore Knights of Columbus hosted a baby gift drive that collected over \$5,700 of diapers, clothing and gift cards for families with newborn infants. Knights delivered these items to Birthright of Concord, an organization dedicated to offering loving encouragement and practical support to pregnant women in crisis.

## Security Eye Patrol Now Hiring

Deacon Dave's Security Eye Patrol is now hiring for the Alameda County Fair & Pre-Fair: June 15th to July 8th.

20 days of fair shifts 6 to 8 hours. Days, swing and grave shifts available. These positions are perfect for recent high school grads, college students home for the summer, people who are retired or anyone wanting a part-time job. Applicants must be at least 18 years.

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## Reason #2 to Give to the Bishop's Appeal

100% of monies collected over our parish goal will be returned to St Michael's

When it comes to the Bishop's Appeal, it's okay if we are over-achievers! If we collect more than our parish goal, all of the surplus will be returned to St Michael's.

So far, 79 parishioners have contributed \$12,920 toward our parish goal of \$77,500.00.

Percentage Reached: 30.04%

Will you help us meet our goal?

Donate online at [www.oakdiocese.org](http://www.oakdiocese.org) or by sending a check to St Michael Parish, 458 Maple Street, Livermore, CA 94550.

## Collection Report

Thank you for your offerings! Because of your generosity, we are able to minister to our community.

Give online at [FaithDirect.net](http://FaithDirect.net)

5/13/18 Collection	\$15,543.73
Month-to-Date	\$45,404.54
Month Goal	\$87,058.82
Percentage Reached	52%
Faith Direct	\$8,454.00
Maintenance (for Month)	\$6,741.08

# THIS WEEK

## MONDAY, MAY 21

**Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

**Readings:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

**Suggestion:**

*RSVP to the Golden Friends Prayer Luncheon* that will be held this Friday. Contact Mary Pineda at 925-784-1812 by noon!

## THURSDAY, MAY 24

**Readings:** Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

**Events:**

*Rosary in the Courtyard* at 6:30 pm led by our Livermore Knights of Columbus. All are welcome to celebrate the Month of Mary by asking for her intercessions.

## SUNDAY, MAY 27

**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

**Readings:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

**Events:**

Look for our Knights at the Wings of Freedom Bomber Tour at the Livermore Airport, May 27 and 28! They will be grilling mouthwatering food! Stop by to say hello and thank them for their service.

## TUESDAY, MAY 22

**St. Rita of Cascia**

**Readings:** Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

**Events:**

*Stroller Walk Playgroup at 10 am* at Bothwell Park on 8th Street. Parents of little ones are invited.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

**Readings:** Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

**Events:**

*Discover the Faith Inquiry* meets at 7 pm in the Convent. If you are an adult who is feeling the draw of the Catholic Church, come find out more in a relaxing environment where you can ask questions.

## FRIDAY, MAY 25

**St. Bede the Venerable**

**Readings:** Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

**Events:**

*Golden Friends Prayer Luncheon* at 10 am in the Hall. The theme is Rodeo!

*Priestly Ordination of Deacon Jimmy Macalinao* at 7pm at the Cathedral of Christ.

## SATURDAY, MAY 26

**St. Philip Neri**

**Readings:** Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

**Events:**

*Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest* from 9 am to 3 pm in the Hall. We meet monthly to make simple dresses for girls in poverty-stricken countries. If you want a take-home kit, please call Contact Suzanne at 925-352-8447.



**Got Old St Michael Pictures?**

**Help us build our Centennial Gallery!**

**Barbara Mitchell 925-455-0944.**

## **Parish Office Closed**

**Mon, May 28**

Parish and school offices will be closed on Monday in observation of Memorial Day.

## **Memorial Day Mass & Ceremony**

**Mon, May 28 at 11 am**  
**St Michael Cemetery**

The community is invited to attend the annual Memorial Day Ceremony. Beginning at 11:00 am, there will be a flag presentation, followed by the traditional laying of the wreath, playing of taps and a gun salute. A Celebration Mass will follow at 12:00 noon with the St. Michael choir in attendance.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. For more information, please contact Frank at 925-455-9696.

## **Serve at Open Heart Kitchen**

**Wednesday, May 30**

St. Michael's provides volunteers every 5th Wednesday at Open Heart Kitchen, Tri Valley's free hot meal service for those in need. There are two shifts: 9:30 am-11:45 am and 11:45 am-2:00 pm. To volunteer, contact Diane Schord 925-447-4344.

## **Exodus: Called to Freedom**

**New Bible Study begins May 31**

In this study, we will learn that more than just seeking to free His people from the domination of Pharaoh, God desired to free His

people from the far more sinister tyranny of sin, so they could live the authentic freedom that belongs to children of God.

Meets Thursdays, May 31-Aug 9 at 6:30 pm in the Convent. Register by emailing Ken Varallo at steamboatwillie1928@comcast.net



## **Polenta & Chicken Cacciatore Dinner**

**Sat, June 2 at 6 pm at St Augustine**

Enjoy fabulous prizes and authentic Italian food. All Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Scholarship Program and other Italian Catholic Federation Charities. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under. Reservations by MAY 29th are required. Contact Christine 925-462-3704.

## **Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession**

**Sat, June 2 at 5 pm Mass**

Youth who have recently received First Communion and youth and adults who received sacraments at Easter are invited to follow Jesus, present in the Eucharist, in the procession around our church campus, stopping at altars to pray.

Ministries are also invited to process with their ministry banners.

Please meet in the Courtyard at 4:30 pm.

Father Jimmy's reception in the Hall to follow.

Questions? Contact:  
[Liturgy@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Liturgy@StMichaelLivermore.com)

## **Father Jimmy's Thanksgiving Mass & Reception**

**Sat, June 2 at 5 pm Mass**

Newly ordained Fr Jimmy will preside at a Thanksgiving Mass at 5:00 pm. A reception will follow at the Large Hall. All are invited! Fr Jimmy was assigned to our parish as a transitional deacon from May through July 2016. He has been assigned as Parochial Vicar at Most Holy Rosary in Antioch.

If you wish to bring food, please drop off at the Large Hall between 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Contact Edna McCombe at 925-980-8435 or [ednamac@yahoo.com](mailto:ednamac@yahoo.com)

## **Heroes of the Faith**

**Online Summer Study  
June 6-August 22**

This multi-part film series illuminates a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

Sign up to receive a Flocknote email with a video from this amazing series and reflection questions every Wednesday, June 6 - August 22. Watch videos and respond to questions when you can! Register by emailing [Adult@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Adult@StMichaelLivermore.com)



## **The Vatican Approved: The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit**

**June 9 and June 10  
8 am—8 pm in the Large Hall**

The St Michael Eucharistic Adoration Ministry will be displaying the *Vatican Approved: The Eucharistic Miracles of the World* exhibit in the Hall. There will be hundreds of placards with descriptions of the miracles that have taken place through out the world. Admission is free.

All are encouraged to spend some time in our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel after visiting the exhibit!

## **Golden Friends Casino Trip**

**Tues, June 12**

Come and play at Jackson Rancheria! We will depart St. Michael's at 8:45 am and return approximately 4:15 pm. The price is only \$25 per person and includes round trip bus fare, \$20 free play and driver's gratuity. To sign up, contact Wilma at 925-447-8198 or [wilma.matuska@gmail.com](mailto:wilma.matuska@gmail.com)

## **St Michael School Trunk Sale**

**CLEAN OUT THE CLUTTER!**

**June 16 from 8 am - 2 pm**

Do you have any unwanted items cluttering up your home?

Or, do you simply want to earn a little extra cash?

Pack your car and head on down to the Trunk Sale.

St. Michael School is hosting a Trunk Sale a.k.a. Flea Market!

This is a great opportunity to recycle your items and get some extra cash for summer fun.

Visit [smsliv.org/trunksale](http://smsliv.org/trunksale) for details or the St. Michael School office to register.

## **St Michael's Parish & School Stroller Walk Playgroup**

**Tuesdays at 10 am at Bothwell Park on 8th Street**

Parish parents, put on your walking shoes, get the little ones in the stroller, the older ones on their scooters and meet us on Tuesdays at 10:00 am at Bothwell Park! Parents and kids of all ages are welcome.

This is a great way to meet other Catholic parents and get our kids together. Bothwell Park is just a leisurely 10-minute walk from St Michael's.

For more information contact: [Families@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Families@StMichaelLivermore.com)



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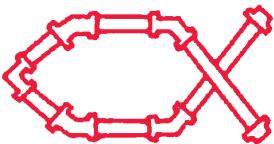
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#### Saturday, in the church |

#### Sábado en la iglesia

9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English

6:15 pm en español

1st & 3rd Wed in the Convent Chapel,  
at 2:30 pm in English

### Anointing of the Sick | Unción de los Enfermos

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by appointment: 925-447-1585 |

1er sábado después de las 8:30 am Misa o con cita previa: 925-447-1585

### Eucharistic Adoration | Adoración Eucarística

24/7 in the Chapel. For after hours access code, call 775-772-6369 |

24/7 en la Capilla. Para el código de acceso después de las horas, llame al 775-772-6369

### Office Hours | horas de oficina

**M-F** 8:30 am—5:00 pm (closed during lunch)

**Sun** 8:30 am—12:30 pm

### Clergy | Clero

Rev. Van Dinh, Pastor  
Rev. Alfonso Borgen, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. David Staal, Associate  
Rev. Alfred Amos, In Residence  
Rev. Stanislaus Poon, Retired  
Rev. Deacon Bill Archer  
Rev. Deacon Rob Federle  
Rev. Deacon Dave Rezendes

### Pastoral Council | Consejo Pastoral

Pastoral Council Chair: Mike Pereira  
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Finance Council Chair: Dave Ruth  
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### St. Michael School | Escuela de San Miguel

925-447-1888 smsliv.org

### Faith Formation in English

925-667-4096

### Catecismo en Español

925-667-4096 Niños

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