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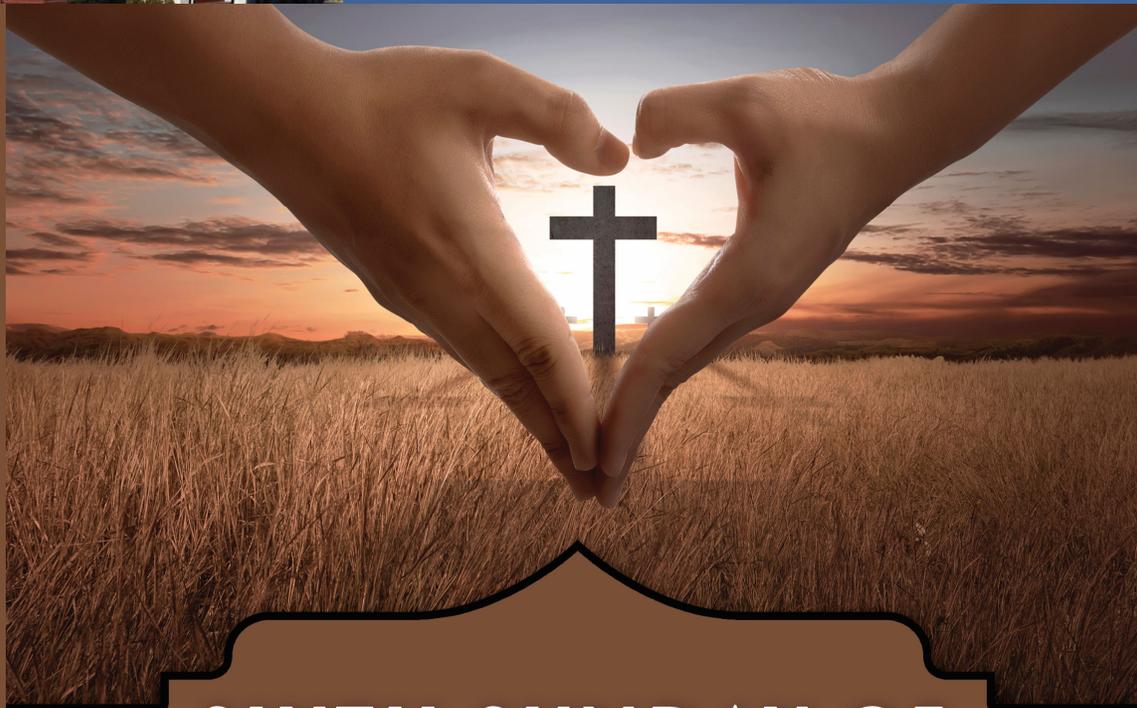
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 6, 2018

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

Remain in my Love

This week's Gospel picks up where last week's left off, and we hear Jesus continuing to teach us the metaphor of the vine and the branches. And like last week, the First Reading is an example in the early Church of what happens when we remain on the vine.

While this week is certainly a deepening of last week's themes, there is at least one new dimension. In the First Reading, we see another Pentecost take place when Peter preaches the Gospel to the first Gentiles. We see Peter's life bearing much fruit in all of these new believers, but we also see Peter as the head of the Church discerning God's will in that moment. Because Peter, and thus the Church, was attached to the vine, he was able to perceive the new movement of the Holy Spirit to welcome Gentiles into the new covenant.

The Catholic Church plays a vital role in our ability to remain on the vine throughout all of history. As new circumstances arise, God has given us the gift of the Church to help us recognize where his love is so that we can remain with him. We know that God does not ask anything from us without giving us the grace to respond, and that grace always flows through his Church so that we can be assured that we are truly following him in all truth.

First Reading Reflection

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48

In this reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we encounter the first Gentiles to be received into the Christian community. Until now, all those who have entered are converts from Judaism. Peter, who has just seen a vision showing him that God no longer distinguishes between clean and unclean, is summoned to the home of Cornelius, a God-fearing man who is nevertheless a Gentile. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit is poured out in an astounding way on all those in Cornelius's household, even before they are baptized! Peter understands the message. God welcomes the Gentiles into full communion in the new covenant and endows them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those who had been considered outsiders are now insiders, chosen and accepted by God. Peter, who once would not even associate with Gentiles much less enter their homes, now welcomes these converts and calls for their Baptism.

What emerges from this story is the all-encompassing love of God who is ready to embrace all those who seek him. The community of faith has become inclusive—all are welcome, no one is excluded. As followers of Christ, we too are challenged to welcome those who seek out God. We need to ask ourselves if we are as welcoming and ready to accept newcomers into our community as Peter was with Cornelius and his household. In a world that seeks to create and magnify division, we Christians are

called to embrace and unite, spurred by grace and the love of God in our own lives.

Second Reading Reflection

1 John 4:7–10

In these 4 short verses, St. John uses the word "love" nine times! His message is very clear. God is love, and love is his first gift to us. God is an exchange of love between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God invites us to share in that exchange of love by pouring out his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. We who have been created by God out of love are called to love in return; love is our fundamental vocation. The way we can be sure that God lives in us is if we love as God loves.

Since we are made in the image and likeness of God, love is what he asks of us in return. God's gift to us is his beloved Son, sent to offer himself as expiation for our sins so we might have eternal life through him. This is the good news that we are called to share with others. Our mission as Christians to share the good news is rooted in God's very identity as love itself. Jesus summarizes the commandments for us in terms of love: love God and love neighbor as yourself. Bottom line, how well we love is the measure of our union with God and the benchmark by which we will ultimately be judged by Christ.

Gospel Reading Reflection

John 15:9–17

Last week, we saw Jesus use the analogy of the vine and branches to teach us about discipleship. To be fruitful disciples, we need to abide in him. In the Gospel passage for this week, Jesus tells us that we abide in him through love. Jesus loves his disciples with the divine love that the Father gives him. This agape love or selfless love is the very same love manifested by the Father when he sends his son into the world (cf. John 3:16). The assurance of this love brings us joy and calls for a response from us, the same kind of response that Jesus gives the Father through unconditional obedience to him. We also must manifest our reciprocal love to God through obedience to his commandments. The love that Jesus gives and desires in return is not a purely emotional love based on feelings but one that is based on action, specifically in laying down one's life for the good of others just as Jesus did for each of us. Our Christian joy spurs us on to this Christ-like love.

Our joy is founded on our friendship with Christ. Jesus calls his disciples friends for whom he lays down his life. We are no longer slaves because we share in the same mission with Jesus. However, our friendship is based on obedience in the same way that the love of the Father and the Son requires obedience. We have been called by Jesus to share in his friendship and mission to bring Christ's love to others and bear fruit for the kingdom. As privileged members of God's family, chosen by him and with our wills aligned to his, we can confidently bring all our needs to God in prayer entrusted to the name of Jesus, knowing that God will answer our prayers (cf. 1 John 5:14).

Discussion

Most of us probably think that something like Pentecost was only meant to happen once—the Holy Spirit coming down upon the Apostles, the gift of tongues, and Peter preaching the Gospel and converting 3,000 people all at once. But in the First Reading for today

we see a very similar thing happen, the scene plays like a second Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is poured out on the Gentiles, and they speak in tongues and glorify the Lord.

What has your relationship with the Holy Spirit been like? Is He a Person of the Blessed Trinity you spend much time with? Does this image of the Church challenge your notion of what it means to be a disciple and bear fruit?

Watch the short ***Opening the Word*** video reflection on today's readings at StMichael.FORMED.org.

Quiet Time with Jesus

We are blessed to have our Adoration Chapel open 24/7, with Jesus present in the Eucharist exposed on the altar. There must ALWAYS be at least one person in the chapel with Jesus. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a regular hour, once per week, to spend quiet time with Jesus who loves you so much.

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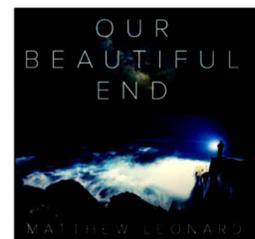
By Matthew Leonard

We Long for the Beautiful

We grow frustrated when sunsets fade, children grow up, and special moments pass. Will beauty be forever fleeting? Internationally known Catholic speaker, Matthew Leonard, expounds upon our experience of beauty and its powerful role in drawing us closer to our Creator and glorious home in Heaven.

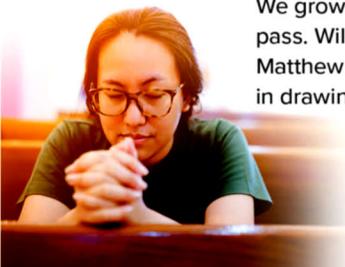
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Mass

Intentions

Saturday 5/5

8:30am Fr Eduardo Chacon
Fr Antonio Lootens
5:00pm Richard J. Gandolfo †
7:00pm Eloise & Max Tellez †

Sunday 5/6

6:45am Thomas Heise †
8:00am Fernando Castro †
9:30am Gerald Dixon †
11:00am Angel & Mitch Bautista †
12:30pm Maria Fernandez Rocha
Felipe Rocha Anaya
6:00pm Jody Garica †

Monday 5/7

8:30am Matthew Kalchik

Tuesday 5/8

8:30am John Kemmer †

Wednesday 5/9

8:30am Fr Augustine †
7:00pm Margarita Zamorano †
Antonio Hernandez †
Paula Ramirez †

Thursday 5/10

8:30am Fr Van Dinh
David Hom †

Friday 5/11

8:30am Concepción Duenas †

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

Return to the Gospel for today. Jesus continues teaching us the metaphor of the vine and the branches, emphasizing that he is telling us these things so that our joy will be complete. He knows how he made us and that we are destined to be in perfect communion with God and one another, and he offers it to us freely if we will only remain in his love!

Take the word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase “I have told you everything I have heard from my Father” might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. Is Jesus encouraging you that it is indeed him speaking through the Church through the ages, even now, to tell you all that he has heard from the Father?

RESOLUTION

We see that to remain with the Church is to above all remain with the Eucharist. This is the spiritual food that attaches us to the vine. As the branch is one with the vine, so we become one with Christ in his gift of the Eucharist that unites us as one Church.

How can you live a more Eucharistic life this week? Consider signing up for a Holy Hour, once per week, in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. See the information table after Mass or email

Adoration@StMichaelLivermore.com

Please Pray for...

For the repose of the souls of Carol Perry, Antonia Rizo and Theresa Alvarez

Send Your Prayer Requests to the Prayer Team

We have 73 people on the Parish Prayer Team who will pray for your intentions. Please email your requests to **Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com**



STAINED GLASS WINDOW FAMILY DESCENDANTS

As our Centennial Celebration on September 28 approaches, we would love to connect with the descendants of those who are remembered on our church's stained glass windows. If you are related to someone listed below, please contact Barbara Mitchell at 925-455-0944 to share your family's story.

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14-Day Prayer Challenge!

May 23 - June 5

Are you up for a challenge? Starting on May 23, subscribers to the 14-Day Prayer Challenge Flocknote group will receive an email each morning for 14 days with a prayer challenge for that day to deepen your prayer life. On each day, add a comment with your insights or questions! Your posts will help us all grow closer to Christ. (Flocknote is our parish text/email network.)

How to Join:

See the join button in the last Friday Flocknote or The join button on the home page of StMichaelLivermore.com or Visit Flocknote.com/StMichaelLivermore/PrayerChallenge



REASON TO GIVE #5

It takes a diocese to support a diaconate program and ethnic ministries.

A single parish cannot support a Permanent Diaconate Program. Only a diocese has the reach to encourage, renew and form deacons.

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Percentage Reached: 28%

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Collection Report

4/29/18 Collection	\$14,351.20
April to date	\$88,056.54
April Goal	\$87,058.82
Percentage Reached	101%
April Faith Direct	\$13,459.00
April Maintenance	\$10,771.67
Easter (Year-to-date)	\$44,368.41
Holy Land	\$5,420.83
Rice Bowl	\$1,295.64
CRS (March & April)	\$3,519.41

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 7

Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a

Event:

Catholic Daughters Info Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Hall. We are forming a new “court” here at St Michael’s. All Catholic women are invited to come find out more about this fantastic organization.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Suggestion:

Summer Adoration: as the new season approaches, why not schedule an hour per week in the Adoration Chapel for the summer? Sign up by emailing Adoration @StMichaelLivermore.com

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Readings: Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Events:

Ice Cream Social: Boys entering K-5th grades this fall and their families are invited to enjoy ice cream and check out Cub Scout Pack 903 at 7 pm in the Hall.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

St. Damien de Veuster

Readings: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Events:

Rosary with the Knights of Columbus at 6:30 pm in the Courtyard. May is the Month of Mary, and all are invited to pray with the Knights every Thursday this month.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Suggestion:

Prepare for the Ascension of the Lord by watching Symbolon: Knowing the Faith—The Paschal Mystery (session 6) on **StMichael.FORMED.org**. Understand what the phrase “Paschal Mystery” means in the greater story of Salvation, from the Passover in Egypt to the Last Supper and Crucifixion of Jesus.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

**Ss. Nereus and Achilleus;
St. Pancras**

Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Events:

Ribs, Chili, Cars, Blues & Brews 10 am—5 pm at Msgnr Adams Field. Competition with over 25 rib teams, 23 chili teams, 17 salsa teams plus 70 classic cars, 30 boutiques, and over 2,000 expected guests! Fun for the whole family!

SUNDAY, MAY 13

The Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Events:

Traditional Latin Mass at 8:00 am. All are invited to experience this form of the Mass that St Michael Parishioners prayed in this same church from 1918 up until the early 1960’s.



Inviting
Boys Entering
K-5th Grades

CUB SCOUT PACK 903

Ice Cream Social

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 AT 7 PM IN THE HALL

Blood Drive

Saturday, May 19
8 am—2 pm in the Hall

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.

Your blood donation can potentially help three people. Give blood and save a life at the Knights of Columbus Blood Drive!

Book a time that works for you at RedCrossBlood.org
Use code KofC4588

YLI Meeting Change

The May meeting will be Tuesday, May 15th in the Convent at 12:30 PM. Our June meeting resumes to our regular meeting schedule of the second Monday of the month. As always, all are welcome to attend and delicious refreshments are always served.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay Annual Parish Collection

May 19 & 20

We are called by Pope Francis “to go the margins” and help our brothers and sisters, near and far. Every year, we are invited by our Church’s charitable arm, Catholic Charities of the East Bay to “make all things possible” for those on the margins.

Your gift makes it possible for our Church to help people facing difficult circumstances so that they can move forward in life with greater independence. This includes our children who face pervasive violence at school, home, or on the streets; families or seniors facing homelessness; and people fleeing violence in their homelands. Please give generously to this appeal on May 19th and 20th.

For more information, contact Stephan Pippen, Development Manager at spippen@cceb.org or (510) 508-1063.

St Michael’s Parish & School Stroller Walk Playgroup

Tuesdays at Bothwell Park

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.

For more information contact: Karen at karentighe01@gmail.com or Alison at aebarood@gmail.com



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Online Self-Paced Course
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. But *don't feel pressured!* Watch the videos and respond to the questions whenever you like, at a time most convenient to you.

Register by emailing
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When

Each day, June 25-29 from 9:15 am-12:15 pm

On Friday, June 29th, we will conclude VBS with a family Mass at 12pm in the Church, followed by lunch in the Hall. Please bring food and drink for your family. Dessert will be provided.

Who Can Attend

All Children, Grades Pre K* - 6th Grade, are invited!
*4 years old by 6-25-18

Where

St. Michael's Church & School
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Cost

\$45 first child
\$35 for each additional child
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Registration

Download the packet at
StMichaelLivermore.com/VBS

Volunteer

Teens & Adults: Want to share your faith with children, have summertime fun, and serve God and our community? Consider volunteering! We'd love to have you!

Onsite childcare will be available for volunteers with children under age 4.

Contact

Mary Dayton, Coordinator
maryfdayton@gmail.com

Amanda Arsenault 925-216- 9394
or aarsenault448@gmail.com

Tricia Vieira 925-337-0705 or triciannevieira@gmail.com

Our Vacation Bible Camp is written from start to finish by Catholics for Catholics.

We will be using Catholic Kidz Camp for our Vacation Bible Camp materials. It is not a derivative of Protestant programs. We celebrate the richness of our faith given to us by Jesus and handed down by his apostles. The role of the Church is missionary, therefore we lead children closer to God through the Church that HE established through His Son Jesus Christ. We follow the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Holy Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the lives and teaching of the saints to call children to holiness. We include a Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and a Closing Assembly Celebration. Why settle for anything less than 100 percent Catholic?

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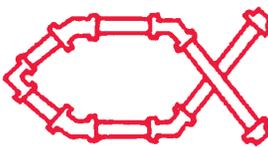
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5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

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

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Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the church |

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6:15 pm en español

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Office Hours | horas de oficina

M-F 8:30 am—5:00 pm (closed
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Sun 8:30 am—12:30 pm

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