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# *Jesus said,*

"Whoever does the will of God  
is my brother and sister and mother."

MARK 3:35



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JUNE  
**10**  
2018

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# A House Divided

**T**oday's Gospel demands our conversion, which is a two-step process. It requires a change of heart and then a turning around toward God. It is both an interior and exterior change, which could be likened to re-aligning yourself to follow your north-facing compass—it first requires a knowledge that you are no longer headed north, and then the willingness to change paths in order to head north.

Because conversion requires a metanoia, or a change of heart, we know that to be converted, our consciences must be open. Truth must be able to penetrate our thoughts so that we become aware of our failings and shortcomings. When our conscience speaks we need to conform ourselves to the truth, instead of trying to justify our wrongdoing. The will then follows the intellect. If we know something to be true and want to embrace that truth, then our actions will begin to follow. The second step in conversion requires us not just turning away from something, but turning toward something else. Conversion is turning away from sin and turning toward God; turning away from vice and toward virtue. The best confessors will not just tell us we need to stop being greedy, but rather will encourage us to break the vice of greed by growing in the virtue of generosity.

## First Reading

### Reflection

**Genesis 3:9–15**

This Sunday's Gospel shows us the important division between followers of Christ and followers of the devil. The First and Second Readings help to highlight the difference.



The character of the evil one is revealed in this reading. Though Adam and Eve are misled, God has come and there is no deceiving him. The first sign of Adam's sin is fear: Adam hides from the God who made him out of love. Then Adam and Eve attempt to justify their actions by blaming others. There is no repentance, no apology, and not even a request for mercy. The voice of "the accuser" is in the mouths of God's children, and they do not trust their Father to forgive them. What a sad change from the gentle walk with God that used to grace their evenings.

God's judgment of the serpent shows us what a miserable exchange it is to follow the devil instead of God. While this story is

a literary figure, its message can help us to identify the telltale signs of the enemy: separation from others, blame, pride, and lies. Such thoughts and actions are sure signs of temptation. When we recognize these tendencies in our own lives, we must look for the devil's tail. And in keeping with the reading, we can turn to the woman and her seed, that is, to Mary and Jesus, to stamp out the evil.

## Second Reading

### Reflection

**2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**

St. Paul's words to the Corinthians provide a striking contrast to the sorrowful scene of the

First Reading. Here is a son of God restored to grace. He is full of brotherly encouragement and zeal for the salvation of "more and more." Unlike the distrusting accusations of our first parents, he is confident in the grace of God. He believes in the love God has for him and for others. He believes, not because he is confident in his own abilities, or because he is doing well from an earthly standpoint. In fact, the previous verses in the chapter show that he is suffering much. He believes because Jesus has been raised from the dead; he believes because God has promised goodness. In fact he is so confident in God that he sees his sufferings as an instrument of good: "This momentary light affliction is producing for us an

eternal weight of glory.”

As he encourages his readers, Paul makes an allusion to the people in Israel who traveled in tents, hoping for the Promised Land. He sees himself and all Christians as the people of God who dwell in tents in the world. The “promised land” of eternity is what awaits us. The followers of Christ see God’s love in affliction and draw strength from it. They trust in his mercy as they journey towards the heavenly Kingdom.

## Gospel Reading Reflection

Mark 3:20–35

Jesus is accused of insanity by his family and of Satanism by the scribes, learned men from Jerusalem. He seems untroubled by the first accusation, but vehemently rejects the second. Of course, Jesus is not insane, but perhaps he is willing to concede a certain craziness in his activity to the eyes of the world. And as the final verses of today’s Gospel show, he is preaching a family bond that goes

beyond the bounds of human comprehension.

However, Jesus is determined to establish the difference between his work and that of the evil one. First, he summons the scribes. (How interesting that they come and obey his call, even though they seem to have dismissed him. Christ’s power is at work.) Then he gives them a parable in the form of three questions about how an interiorly divided entity can survive. Then he asks how one can actually penetrate the defenses and cause such division: How can one bind the strong man? After these compelling arguments, he comes and warns them that they are heading into blasphemy of the worst kind.

The sin against the Holy Spirit is unforgivable because it rejects mercy. The scribes have attributed Jesus’s merciful restoration to the power of darkness. They are like the older brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son; they see the kindness of the Father as an attack on themselves; and they can-

not go to the feast of mercy simply because they won’t.

## Discussion

Watch the short *Opening the Word* video reflection on today’s readings at [StMichael.FORMED.org](http://StMichael.FORMED.org)

In the Second Reading, Paul is encouraging the Corinthians as he says, “Our inner self is being renewed day by day.” How are you allowing God to renew you each day?

In today’s Responsorial Psalm we proclaim, “I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word.” Do you place your trust in the Lord? Do you turn to the Scripture as your rock, or do you lean on other things or people in your life? Where do you look for security?

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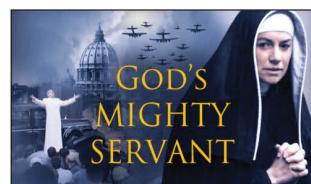
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# Mass

## Intentions

### Saturday 6/9

- 8:30am JP & Anne Mikolajczyk
- 5:00pm Laurie & Ken McCormick
- 7:00pm The Blandon, Castillo & Mendoza Families

### Sunday 6/10

- 6:45am Dr Anne Corbet Neuhaus
- Dr Jim Corbet †
- 8:00am Bill Flannagan †
- 9:30am Frank Ponce †
- 11:00am Gabriel & Rosa Longoria †
- 12:30pm Cheryl Stanley
- 6:00pm Anastacio E. Gallardo †

### Monday 6/11

- 8:30am Robert Buller †

### Tuesday 6/12

- 8:30am Thomas Coyne †
- Tom Docey †

### Wednesday 6/13

- 8:30am Proferio Abellar †
- 7:00pm Jose Ramirez Montoya †

### Thursday 6/14

- 8:30am The Moriarty Family

### Friday 6/15

- 8:30am Sonia More & Justwant †

**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.**



**T**oday's Gospel seems to be a little of a whirlwind and may be confusing. Jesus starts out by rebuking the scribes and also seems to be rebuking his family and close friends. Let's dive deeper into the passage.

Jesus starts out by explaining to the scribes that he is not allied with demons, because Satan would not allow his own to be driven out. He tells us that "if a house is divided against itself, it will not be able to stand." How are you divided? What areas of your life do you keep from the light of Christ? What do you need to expose to Christ so that he can be a part of your whole life, rather than just part of it?

Next, Jesus says that "whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." We all want a familial relationship with Jesus, and today he invites us to be part of his home. All we need to do is follow God's will. Do you seek the will of God in your life? Furthermore, do you accept the will of God? Spend some time praying with and answering these questions as you reflect on Jesus's words.

### Resolution

Commit this week to focus on being open to the will of God. How can you open your heart and life up to God? Where do you need to stop trying to control your life and allow God to direct you?

### Prayer Requests

For our adult sons and daughters who have drifted away from the church.

For the repose of the soul of Michael Anthony Bartels

Please send your prayer requests to  
[Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com)

# St Michael Parish Income & Expenses

January—December 2017

## Income

Sundays	\$ 1,160,542.54	43%
Holy Days	\$ 21,790.24	1%
Easter	\$ 47,707.10	2%
Christmas	\$ 44,311.50	2%
Other Unrestricted Plate	\$ 17,401.41	1%
Maintenance Fund	\$ 117,782.23	4%
Gifts (Restricted and Unrestricted)*	\$ 1,022,399.27	38%
Sacramental and Formation Services	\$ 92,283.49	3%
Festival/Carnival	\$ 61,006.52	2%
All Other Income	\$ 128,263.36	5%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,713,487.66</b>	<b>100%</b>

Plate and Maintenance combined were up \$90,702 (8%) from 2016. Overall operating income (excluding Hall donations) was up \$145K from 2016 (9%).

As a Parish community, we supported other local, regional and National Charities by donating \$153,980.51.

The Fall Festival net income was \$45K.

Total expenses were up 7%

from 2016, however expenses were under budget by 2%.

8% Employee Insurance & Benefits Cost increase in 2017

Thank you to the entire St. Michael community for your continued love and dedication to our Parish. Without your financial stewardship and support, without your endless gift of your time and without your continued prayers, we couldn't do this ministry work without you.

## Expenses

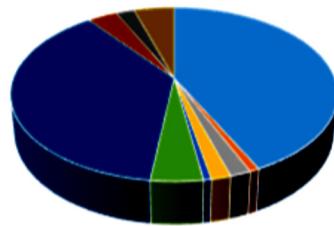
Administration	\$ 589,722.41	39%
Parish Property	\$ 260,079.46	17%
Priests & Rectory Living	\$ 153,391.90	10%
Liturgy & Music	\$ 163,112.83	11%
Formation & Sacramental Programs	\$ 152,665.97	10%
Adult Education & RCIA	\$ 70,434.14	5%
Depreciation	\$ 40,396.00	3%
Other Expenses	\$ 79,704.29	5%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,509,507.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Net Income\***      **\$ 1,203,980.66**

- Includes a gift of \$998k to St. Michaels for Hall renovations.

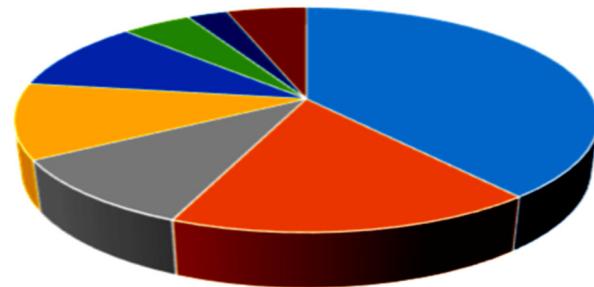
Special Collections	\$ 153,980.51
Seminary	\$ 6,944.50
Rice Bowl	\$ 4,170.62
Catholic Relief	\$ 3,703.31
Holy Land	\$ 5,083.65
Catholic Charities	\$ 9,081.43
Hurricane Victims	\$ 5,772.43
Social Concerns/Catholic Communications	\$ 2,193.04
Holy Father	\$ 4,200.34
2017 Bishop's Appeal	\$ 40,707.34
Norcal Fire Victims	\$ 3,086.80
Priests Retirement	\$ 8,385.92
St Michael School	\$ 2,865.76
St. Vincent De Paul Society	\$ 33,701.29
Backpack	\$ 5,298.75

## Income



- Sundays
- Holy Days
- Easter
- Christmas
- Other Unrestricted Plate
- Maintenance Fund
- Gifts (Restricted and Unrestricted)\*
- Sacramental and Formation Services
- Festival/Carnival
- All Other Income

## Expenses



- Administration
- Parish Property
- Priests & Rectory Living
- Liturgy & Music
- Formation & Sacramental Programs
- Adult Education & RCIA
- Depreciation
- Other Expenses

# THIS WEEK

## MONDAY, JUNE 11

### St. Barnabas

**Readings:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:1-12

### Events

*Young Ladies Institute* meets at 12:30 pm in the Convent. All women are invited to come to deepen spiritual awareness and form enriching friendships. Refreshments served!

## TUESDAY, JUNE 12

**Readings:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

### Events

*Golden Friends Casino Trip* to Jackson Rancheria departs St. Michael's at 8:45 am and returns approximately 4:15 pm. Contact Wilma at 925-447-8198 or wilma.matuska@gmail.com

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

### St. Anthony of Padua

**Readings:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

### Events

*Discover the Catholic Faith Inquiry* meets at 7 pm in the Convent for adults who are feeling the "tug" toward the Catholic Church.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 14

**Readings:** 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

### Events

*Summer Adoration Sign Ups:* With longer days, kids off school and college students home, schedules are different in the summer. Why not schedule an hour each week to sit in the presence of the Lord in the Adoration Chapel? Email Adoration @StMichaelLivermore.com

## FRIDAY, JUNE 15

**Readings:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

### Suggestion

*Talk to a friend* about your favorite video or talk or book on StMichael.FORMED.org and share the link. While you're at it, give a star rating and/or a review of it! Your review might motivate someone else to enjoy it too.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 16

**Readings:** 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37

### Events

*Date Night* potluck at 6:30 pm in the Hall followed by guest speaker Margaret M. Turek, S.T.D, Professor of Dogmatic Theology at St. Patrick's Seminary on "The Radical Way of the Beatitudes".

RSVP for Childcare at StMichaelDateNight@gmail.com

## SUNDAY, JUNE 17

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings:** Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

### Events:

*Lighting the Way Bishop's Appeal Commitment Weekend.* If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider your level of giving to our diocese.

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## Vacation Bible Camp

June 25-29 from 9:15 am-12:15 pm  
In the Church & School

Come to enjoy a fun-filled week exploring the Our Father! Through songs, skits, prayer and crafts students will learn that God Listens, God Provides, God Forgives, God Guides and Priests Serve God.

Info and registration at  
[StMichaelLivermore.com/  
FaithFormation](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/FaithFormation)

## Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest

Sat, June 30 from 9am—3 pm  
Large Hall

Come make simple dresses for girls in poverty-stricken countries. We need all kinds of help: sewing, ironing, cutting.

We are always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. We have take-home sew kits too if you can't make it. Contact:  
Suzanne Beck  
[suzbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com)

## Faith Formation

### Classes Start

The Week of August 29

Register your first through sixth grade students now at  
[StMichaelLivermore.com/  
FaithFormation](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/FaithFormation)

First grade through high school students who need Baptism and/or 7th grade through high school students who need First Communion, please call Lourdes at 925-667-4096 for further instructions.

## Summer Office Hours

### Church and Faith Formation

Church office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 am - 4 pm during July only.

Faith Formation hours are Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm, June 1 through August 27.

Many questions can be answered by visiting the parish website at [StMichaelLivermore.com](http://StMichaelLivermore.com)

## Traditional Latin Mass

Continues on Second Sundays at 8:00 am

By popular demand, the Traditional Latin Mass will continue to be offered on the second Sundays of the month at 8:00 am.

Thank you to Fr. Staal, Deacon Rob, Debbie Pizatto, Anne Staal, JaNet Hancock and our altar servers and musicians who have worked hard to learn and restore this liturgy.

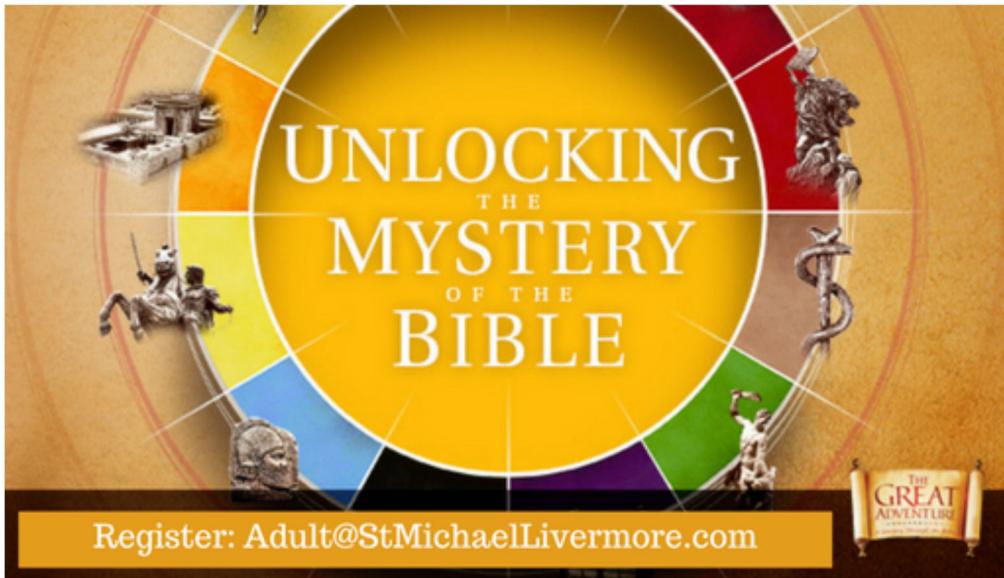
## Teen Confirmation

### Classes Start

The Week of September 18

Registration is NOW OPEN for students in high school who would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please pick up your registration packet in the faith formation office or on the parish website at [StMichaelLivermore.com/  
Confirmation](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/Confirmation)



Tuesdays  
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August 14  
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Conf Room

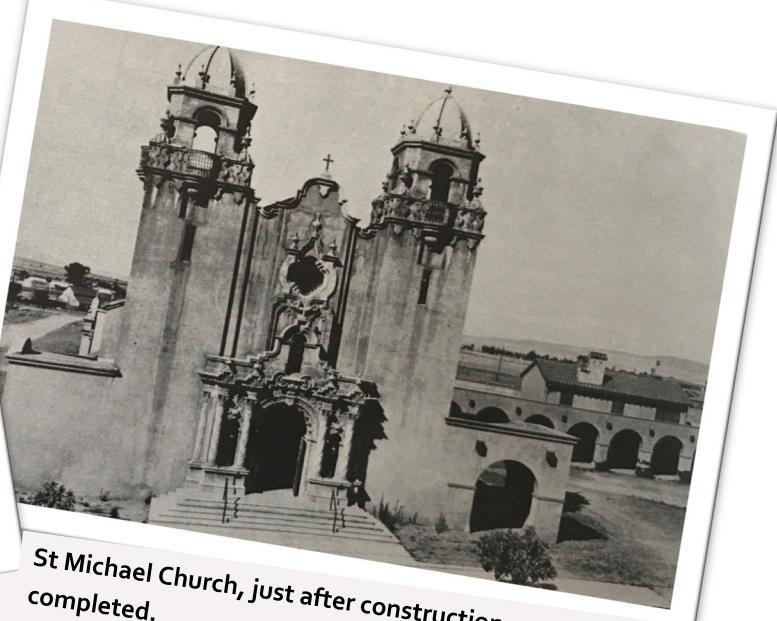
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# Centennial

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**Friday, September 28—Sunday, September 30**

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*More details to come!*



## ¿Por qué es tan especial la Eucaristía para los católicos?

Aun cuando a simple vista solo parece ser pan y vino, es en realidad la “fuente y cumbre” de la vida cristiana. *Presencia: El Misterio de la Eucaristía* explora la verdad y la belleza de la presencia real de Cristo en la Eucaristía, desde sus orígenes en la Sagrada Escritura, hasta su profundo rol en la vida de la Iglesia y sus miembros. Es el crescendo de la Historia de Salvación.

¡**Presencia: El Misterio de la Eucaristía** está disponible en [StMichael.FORMED.org](http://StMichael.FORMED.org)

**Sesión 1:** Dios está Con Nosotros

**Sesión 2:** La Historia de la Eucaristía

**Sesión 3:** Pan para el Camino

Episodios Adicional

## PROMESAS

La liturgia de hoy está llena de promesas. La lectura del Génesis promete un final triunfante sobre el poder del pecado y un regreso a una nueva creación. La lectura de la segunda carta a los corintios promete que todo aquel que sigue a Cristo tendrá dificultades. Sin embargo, también promete, que podemos perseverar si reconocemos que Cristo está con nosotros, renovándonos cada día, y dándonos el valor y la fuerza que necesitamos para esta perseverancia. El Evangelio promete que hacer la voluntad de Dios nos hace familia con Jesús, quien perdona todos los pecados y triunfa sobre el mal.

Hoy podría ser un buen día para que también nosotros hiciéramos algunas promesas. Podemos prometer dejar de engañarnos a nosotros mismos acerca de nuestras tendencias al egoísmo y el pecado. Podemos prometernos creer –en verdad creer– que, aunque no estamos sin pecado, somos perdonados. Podemos prometernos combatir el mal y el pecado comportándonos como hermanos y hermanas no solamente con el Señor, sino con nuestros prójimos.

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Basándose en las palabras de Jesús, Mariano de Blas, compuso su canto: "Entre tus manos". Este hermoso canto nos recuerda que "hay que morir para vivir", es decir, que no es nada fácil ser discípulo de Jesucristo. El mismo Jesús nos pide que nos neguemos a nosotros mismos (Mateo 16:24); que carguemos la cruz para seguirlo (Marcos 8:34); que perdamos nues-

tra vida por su nombre (Lucas 9:24). Todo esto porque Jesús reconoce que el grano de trigo debe morir para dar vida, para multiplicarse (Juan 12:24).

El canto: "Una espiga dorada por el sol", de Cesáreo Gabarán, nos recuerda que los cristianos somos trigo del mismo sembrador. Es Jesús quien nos siembra, nos cultiva, nos cosecha, nos tritura, nos

amasa, y nos hace un solo pan consagrado a Dios. Somos granos de trigo que, unidos formamos el pan de la comunión que es comunidad. Para esto, cada uno debe morir a sus egoísmos y preferencias. Morir a sí mismo tiene sentido cristiano, sólo si es para trabajar unidos y en la misión de Cristo, la cual es salvación del mundo y construcción del Reino de Dios.

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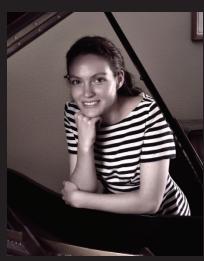
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### Mass | Misa

**Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa** 8:30 am

**Wed | Mi** 7:00 pm (español)

### 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

Low gluten hosts are available. Please make a request in the sacristy 10 minutes prior to Mass.

### Confession | Confesión

#### 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  
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### Faith Formation in English

925-667-4096

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925-667-4096 Niños

925-344-7150 Adultos



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