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# The Most Holy Trinity



June 16, 2019

GLORY TO  
THE FATHER, THE SON,  
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TO GOD WHO IS,  
WHO WAS,  
AND WHO IS  
TO COME.

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Revelation 1:8

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# Unpack Today's Mass Readings



In today's Gospel reading, we are given a unique and intimate look into the very heart of the Blessed Trinity. As Jesus describes the relationship between himself, his Father, and the Holy Spirit, one central point emerges: God's very life is one of communion. The Trinity is a relationship of giving and receiving, a communion of life and love. God exists as a relationship of Persons.

This reality brings us to a very important question: What does the Trinity mean for us, as we live our lives?

The communion of Persons of the Holy Trinity reminds us of the importance of relationships in our world, and at the same time provides the model for what these relationships are supposed to look like. When the Scriptures say we are made in the image and likeness of God, it means we were made to live like the Trinity. We are made for communion, for relationship, with God and the people God has placed in our lives. God wants us to model and witness to him as Trinity, which means we are made to love as he loved. We are to give ourselves totally in relationship with him and with others. Only when we live in self-giving love, like God himself, will we find our fulfillment in life.

## Unpack the First Reading Proverbs 8:2r 31

Proverbs is part of that body of writing in the Old Testament that we call the Wisdom Literature.

This passage is part of the second discourse by Wisdom, here the feminine personification of a divine attribute, the attendant that sits by God's throne (Wisdom 9:4) and who is associated with God's work in ordering creation. The ancients sought wisdom with the same energy with which we today seek information. To be wise was not simply to amass knowledge of many "data points" but to understand



the reasons for things, the meaning behind things, the connections between things. To know these was real wisdom, and the place to go for this wisdom was to God, because he is the designer and author of all things.

But in God his attributes, including wisdom, are more than qualities that he has. God is not merely wise, he is Wisdom. This is already hinted at in this passage from the Old Testament where we see Wisdom as preceding the work of God's creation and even as his "craftsman" in carrying out that work. In the prologue to

John's Gospel we find that the Word of God, the eternal Son, "was in the beginning with God" and that "all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:2-3, RSV). And so on this Sunday of the Holy Trinity the Church offers us this beautiful reflection on the Son as the very Wisdom through whom God has ordered the world. To know him is to know the connections between things, to know the reason for, the very meaning of the world itself. To know him is wisdom.

## Unpack the Second Reading Romans 5:r-5

Here in his letter to the Romans, St. Paul demonstrates the principle we saw in the first reading from Proverbs. Wisdom promises that "he who listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of evil" (Proverbs 1:33, RSV). And that is exactly the "peace with God" that we have through faith in Christ. The supernatural grace of faith (and, of course love, see 1 Corinthians 13:2, 13) brings with it the grace of the "hope of the glory of God," that is, the hope of heaven, where grace becomes eternal glory. The wonderful trinity of gifts - faith, hope and love - that Paul talks about here are signs of the work of the Trinity of Persons (here called "God," "our Lord Jesus Christ," and "the Holy Spirit") in us. These gifts make us so wise as to even understand that riddle which has plagued man from the beginning, the problem of suffering. Paul tells us that in Christ-

the One who suffered for us-our afflictions are even things about which we should boast, because their meaning is now made clear by him and through the love that "has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." Affliction spells the hope of glory for those of us who, in faith, have received the love of God in our hearts, such that we are conformed to Christ in his Passion, death, and Resurrection.

### Unpack the Gospel John 16:12-15

In this passage from the long Last Supper discourse in John's Gospel, we see part of Jesus' frank disclosure of the Trinitarian mystery to his disciples by way of the Trinitarian missions. In chapters 14, 15, and 16, Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to his Church, the "Spirit of truth," who will "guide you to all truth." This divine "Counselor" is the shared gift of the Father and Son to continue the work of God in the world after Christ's Ascension to the right hand of the Father. Jesus even promises that through this

"Spirit of truth" he will disclose to his apostles more of the content of the truth which he had been sent to reveal. That is, the Spirit would continue to teach the apostles the full truth of Jesus Christ. And once they had died and the time of public revelation had come to a close, the Spirit would continue to guide the Church in understanding all that Jesus had said and done in revealing the truth that the Father had given him to disclose. The Spirit is the one who testifies to the truth of the Son, who himself reveals everything that he had heard from the Father. In the face of this final gift from Jesus of the Trinitarian mystery; the disciples exclaim, 'Ah, now you are speaking plainly....by this we believe that you came from God" (John 16:29, 30, RSV).

### Reflect & Discuss

Watch the short ***Opening the Word*** video on the "Community" tab at StMichael.FORMED.org, then reflect on these questions:

Today's Gospel provides a unique

glimpse into the very heart of God as Trinity and the relationship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What did you learn about God from the Gospel reading? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

The video presenter, Jules Miles, talked about a passage from Genesis that makes reference to God using the plural words "us" and "our": "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). What insights might you have gained from realizing that the use of the plural is one of the first hints of the Holy Trinity in Scripture?

Jules discussed how God's inner life is a communion of self-giving love. According to her, what is the difference between a "self-giving" love and a "self-getting" love?

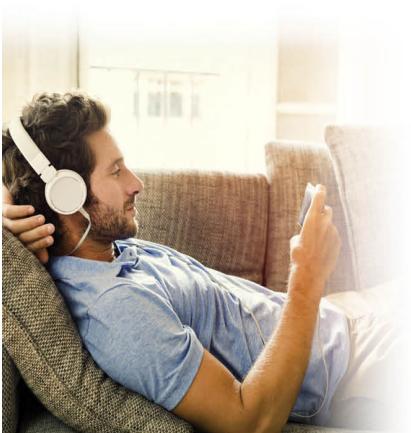
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### FORMED PICK

## Pure Fatherhood *By Devin Schadt*

### An Image of Our Heavenly Father

From his experience as a father of five, Devin Schadt explains how to become a father on earth like our Father in Heaven. Drawing on the example of Saint Joseph, he shares a model for authentic fatherhood.



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On the "Community" tab



*"All men, regardless of if they are fathers, need to listen to this."*

—Sergio, Milwaukee, WI

# Pray Throughout the Week



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 6/15

- 8:30am Frances Way †  
5:00pm Mary & Ken Mitchell  
7:00pm Newton Joseph

### Sunday 6/16

- 6:45am Thomas Heise †  
8:00am Reinaldo Bustos †  
Leo Gutierrez †  
9:30am Tommy Dyer †  
11:00am Mass for Our Parish  
12:30pm Souls in Purgatory †  
6:00pm Modesta Ferrer

### Monday 6/17

- 8:30am Raymond & Pat Werner †

### Tuesday 6/18

- 8:30am Marian Herrera †

### Wednesday 6/19

- 8:30am Tootie Stoneham †  
7:00pm Colonel Cordoza

### Thursday 6/20

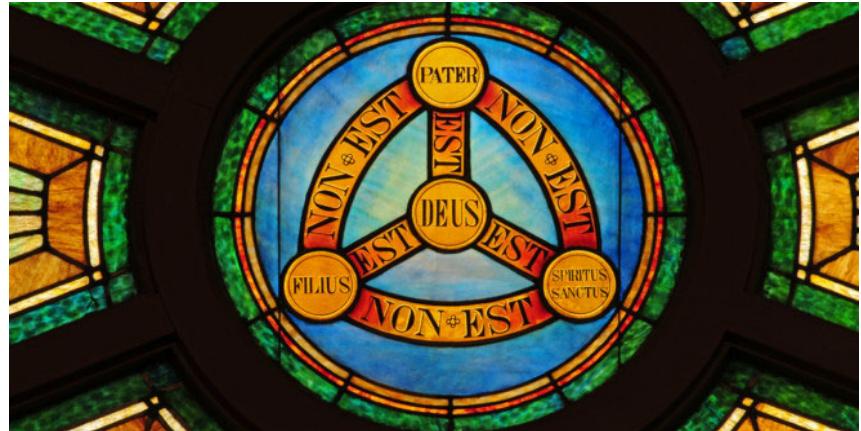
- 8:30am Annie Aflague Smith †

### Friday 6/21

- 8:30am Bella Fontanilla †

**To request a Mass Intention, please visit the church office.**

**The customary donation of \$10 goes to the priest celebrating the Mass**



## Prayer Meditation

Put yourself into the scene from today's Gospel reading and imagine that you are sitting with the disciples as Jesus says, "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." As he says those words, reflect on the most important relationships in your life. Maybe they are with a spouse, or a child, or a parent. What might the Spirit of truth be telling you about those relationships? In what ways might God be prompting you to make a change in the way you relate with that person? How might the Spirit be calling you to a greater self-giving? Prayerfully consider how God might be guiding you to love the people in your life in a more Trinitarian way.

## Resolution

Choose one relationship and make a specific resolution that will help you reflect the self-giving love of the Trinity more in that relationship this week.

## Special Intentions

For fathers, grandfathers and all who are father-figures.

For all married couples and couples preparing for marriage.

For the families of our community who are registering their children for Vacation Bible Camp and for faith formation programs this fall.

Submit your prayer requests to our growing prayer team at [Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com)

# Fr Carl's Message of the Week



## On Divorce and Remarriage

Dear St Michael Family,

Many have asked me to explain the Church's teaching on divorce and remarriage. I hope that this brief catechesis clarifies confusion and gives you peace, and I encourage you to make an appointment with me to help you walk this journey.

### 1. Divorce Destroys the Natural Law

By itself, civil divorce is not an obstacle to Communion. It is only a civil action to settle the legal effects of marriage. However, understood as a moral action, the willful breakup of a marriage or abandonment of one's spouse is indeed seriously wrong and not part of God's plan of love. See The Catechism of the Catholic Church: 2382-2385

### 2. The Innocent Party

The spouse who is responsible for the breakup of the marriage and the one who fails to work toward reconciliation is the person indeed guilty of sin. That person has an obligation to repent and confess their sin before receiving Communion, as would any grave sinner. The innocent spouse, however, should receive Communion as other Catholics, with the usual conditions (being free from mortal sin—and going to Confession if not free of sin—and observing the Eucharistic fast). See CCC 2386.

### 3. On Remarriage

A sacramental marriage takes place when vows are exchanged

by two baptized persons, with the proper intention, and consummated by sexual intercourse. No power on earth can declare a sacramental marriage null and allow the parties free to remarry. However, a marriage tribunal of the Catholic Church is empowered to judge whether a sacramental marriage actually did occur. If a sacrament did not occur, then the tribunal gives a Decree of Nullity (annulment). A person who receives a Decree of Nullity is free to marry in the Church since the first marriage was defective from its beginning (i.e. no sacramental marriage).

### 4. Remarried Without Decree of Nullity

Individuals or couples who have remarried but did not receive a Decree of Nullity may not receive communion. The continuous theology and discipline of the Catholic Church is that those who are divorced and remarried without a Decree of Nullity of the first marriage (whether that marriage was made within or outside the Catholic Church) are in an objectively adulterous union that prevents them from honestly repenting, receiving absolution for their sins, and receiving Holy Communion. Until the marital irregularity is resolved by a Marriage Tribunal, or other procedures which apply to marriages of the non-baptized, they may not approach Penance or Holy Communion.

### 5. A Unique Case

One final situation is that of those who have repented of their illicit union, but remain together for a serious reason, such as for the sake of their children. Catholic pastoral practice allows that IF their pastor judges that scandal can be avoided (meaning most people are unaware of their remarriage and consider them a married couple), then they may live together as "brother and sister" (without any sexual relations) and be admitted to the sacraments. If scandal cannot be avoided, then they must either separate or refrain from the sacraments.

### 6. Hope and the Next Steps

If you think you are in the situation of being divorced and remarried without a Decree of Nullity, please email me at [Pastor@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Pastor@StMichaelLivermore.com) or call the church office at 925-447-1585 to make an appointment with me or any of our clergy. I know issues on divorce and remarriage are not easy to talk about. However, we promise that this can be the first step in the healing process. Let me assure you that God loves you and that the Church is not against you or trying to make your life miserable. Please do me the honor of allowing me to walk with you during this difficult situation.

May God bless you and your families.

Fr Carl

# Events Happening This Week



## Faith Formation Info Night

Wednesday, June 19 at 6 pm  
Large Hall

Get all the details about our Faith Formation programs for kids and teens! Especially our NEW program: Kingdom Kids for little ones age 3-6, which will take place while parents celebrate Mass on Sunday at 9:30 am.

## Children's Program Info at 6 pm

Kingdom Kids - Ages 3-6  
Baptism Prep - 1st-11th grade  
First Communion - 1st-11th  
Genesis Youth Group- 3rd- 6th

## Teen Program Info at 7 pm

Edge Youth Group - 7th & 8th  
LifeTeen Youth Group - 9th-12th  
Teen Confirmation - 9th-11th

## Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest

Saturday, June 22, 9am-3pm

Help make simple dresses for girls in poverty-stricken countries. Sew, cut, iron: we'll put you to work!  
Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447  
or suzbeck@yahoo.com.

## Corpus Christi Candlelight Procession

Saturday, June 22 at 8:00 pm  
Church

Meet on the sidewalk in front of the Church to adore and process behind the Blessed Sacrament around the parish property. Bring a candle! Benediction and adoration to follow.

Please commit to a Holy Hour by signing up outside the chapel. We are offering our Corpus Christi prayers for the return of fallen-away Catholics.

## Presence

Anytime before June 23  
From any browser

As a preparation for Corpus Christi, Fr Carl is asking all parishioners to watch episodes 1, 2 and 3 of Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist available free on the community tab at StMichael.FORMED.org

## Br Paul's Farewell

Sunday, June 23 at 11:00 Mass

Come celebrate with Br Paul as he completes his Pastoral Year with us at St. Michael. Let's thank him and bid him farewell as he moves back to St. Patrick's Seminary to complete his formation. A reception after Mass will take place in the Courtyard.

Send a message to Brother Paul by signing his guestbook at [StMichaelLivermore.com/BroPaul](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/BroPaul)

## Register for Vacation Bible Camp!

If you haven't already done so, this week register your kids and grandkids for St Michael's Vacation Bible Camp. Your kids will discover how Mary brings us closer to Jesus through the power of the Rosary. Mysteries and messages revealed at each train stop! Through music, skits, activities, crafts and games, your kids will experience the wonder of Our Lady.

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Pre K - 6th Grade  
June 24 - June 28

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# Save These Dates!



FRIDAY, JUNE 28

## FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Mass at 8:30 am English,  
7:00 pm Spanish.



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## Feast of St Michael the Archangel

**September 20 - 29, 2019**



### Novena of Masses

**September 20 - 28**

M, T, Th, F: 7 pm (English)  
W: 7 pm (Spanish)  
Sat: 5 pm (English), 7 pm (Spanish)  
Sunday: All Masses

### Parish Raffle

Great prizes to be  
announced soon!  
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and Parish parking lots

### Gala Dinner & Auction

**September 28 at 7:00 pm**

Outdoor seating at St Michael  
School grounds

### Ministry Fair

**September 29**

Food, Music, Ministry  
Booths, Entertainment



## Steubenville Youth Conference: A Deep & Moving Experience for Teens

Each summer, Life Teen hosts six different Steubenville Youth Conferences with the hopes of strengthening and inspiring teens and youth groups in their collective journeys with Christ. Evangelistic in nature, these weekend conferences are both a great “introduction” to the Gospel message for new or younger teens, while offering deep and moving experiences of prayer and fellowship for your youth group “regulars.”

*This year, Steubenville NorCal is right in our own backyard—in San Ramon! -- July 26-28.* For all the details and to register to attend with St Michael's youth group, please contact Joseph at 925-667-4093 or email Youth @StMichaelLivermore.com

## Mass Attire Reminder



Long pants:  
jeans, khakis  
or slacks



Tops with  
sleeves



Modest  
neckline



Knee-length  
dress/skirt



No hats

## Giving Report

### Collection Report: June 9

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6/9/19 Collection	\$17,866.60
Month-to-Date	\$33,912.82
Month Goal	\$108,823.53
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# Mensaje de la semana del Padre Carl



## Sobre el divorcio

Querida familia de San Miguel,

Muchos me han pedido que explique la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre el divorcio y el nuevo matrimonio. Espero que esta breve catequesis aclare la confusión y le dé paz, y le animo a que haga una cita conmigo para ayudarle a caminar en este viaje.

### 1. El divorcio destruye la ley natural

Por sí mismo, el divorcio civil no es un obstáculo para la comunión. Es solo una acción civil para resolver los efectos legales del matrimonio. Sin embargo, entendida como una acción moral, la ruptura voluntaria de un matrimonio o el abandono de su cónyuge es realmente un error grave y no forma parte del plan de amor de Dios. Ver El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica: 2382-2385.

### 2. La parte inocente

El cónyuge que es responsable de la ruptura del matrimonio y el que no trabaja para la reconciliación es la persona que es culpable de pecado. Esa persona tiene la obligación de arrepentirse y confesar su pecado antes de recibir la Comunión, como lo haría cualquier pecador grave. Sin embargo, el cónyuge inocente debe recibir la Comunión como otros católicos, con las condiciones habituales (estar libre del pecado mortal en otras áreas de la vida, ir a la confesión, si no, ayuno eucarístico, etc.). Ver CCC 2386.

### 3. Sobre el nuevo matrimonio

Un matrimonio sacramental tiene lugar cuando los votos son inter-

cambiados por dos personas bautizadas, con la intención apropiada y consumadas por las relaciones sexuales. Ningún poder en la tierra puede declarar nulo un matrimonio sacramental y permitir que las partes se vuelvan a casar. Sin embargo, un tribunal matrimonial de la Iglesia católica está facultado para juzgar si realmente se produjo un matrimonio sacramental. Si no se produjo un sacramento, entonces el tribunal otorga un Decreto de nulidad (anulación). Una persona que recibe un Decreto de Nulidad es libre de casarse en la Iglesia, ya que el primer matrimonio fue defectuoso desde el principio (es decir, no hubo matrimonio sacramental).

### 4. Se volvió a casar sin decreto de nulidad.

Las personas o parejas que se han vuelto a casar pero no recibieron un Decreto de nulidad no pueden recibir la comunión. La teología y la disciplina continuas de la Iglesia Católica es que aquellos que se divorciaron y se volvieron a casar sin un Decreto de Nulidad del primer matrimonio (ya sea que ese matrimonio fuera dentro o fuera de la Iglesia Católica) están en una unión objetivamente adultera que les impide honestamente arrepentirse, recibir la absolución por sus pecados y recibir la Sagrada Comunión. Hasta que la irregularidad conyugal sea resuelta por un Tribunal de Matrimonio u otros procedimientos que se apliquen a los matrimonios de personas no bautizadas, no podrán acercarse a la Penitencia o la Sagrada Comunión.

### 5. Un caso único

Una situación final es la de quienes se han arrepentido de su unión ilícita, pero permanecen juntos por una razón seria, como por el bien de sus hijos. La práctica pastoral católica permite que SI su pastor juzga que se puede evitar el escándalo (lo que significa que la mayoría de las personas no saben que se han vuelto a casar y los consideran una pareja casada), entonces pueden vivir juntos como "hermano y hermana" (sin ninguna relación sexual) y ser Admitido a los sacramentos. Si el escándalo no puede evitarse, entonces deben separarse o abstenerse de los sacramentos.

### 6. La esperanza y los próximos pasos.

Si cree que está en la situación de divorciarse y volver a casarse sin un Decreto de nulidad, envíeme un correo electrónico a Pastor@StMichaelLivermore.com o llame a la oficina de la iglesia al 925-447-1585 para hacer una cita conmigo o con cualquiera de nuestros clérigos. Sé que no es fácil hablar de temas relacionados con el divorcio y el nuevo matrimonio. Sin embargo, prometemos que este puede ser el primer paso en el proceso de curación. Permítame asegurarle que Dios lo ama y que la Iglesia no está en su contra o que trata de hacer su vida miserable. Por favor, hágame el honor de permitirme caminar con usted durante esta difícil situación.

Que Dios le bendiga a usted y a su familia.

Padre Carl

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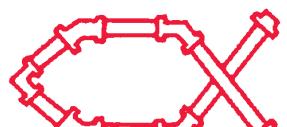


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### Mass | Misa

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

**Wed | Mi** 7:00 pm (español)

**First Friday | Primer viernes**

12:00 pm

### 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

### Traditional Latin Mass

2nd Sun, 8:00 am

### Tagalog

3rd Sun, 3:30 pm

### Vietnamese | Vietnamita

4th Sun, 3:30 pm

Cuarto domingo a las 3:30 pm

### Confession | Confesión

#### Saturday, in the Church |

#### Sábado en la iglesia

9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English

6:15 pm en español

### Monday & Friday in the church |

### Lunes y viernes en la iglesia

7:30 am in English & español

### Wednesdays in the Convent Chapel

2:30 pm

### 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.

### Office Hours | horas de oficina

**M-F** 9:00 am—5:00 pm  
(Closed 12:00 pm—2:00 pm)

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