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“Lord, do you not care that my sister
has left me by myself to do the serving?
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Luke 10:40

July 21, 2019 • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Unpack Today's Mass Readings



Have you ever considered how much God wants us to be hospitable to him? Today's readings challenge us to look at how we invite the Lord into our hearts each day. Are we as gracious and open as a hospitable host, or do we go through most of our day forgetting to keep company with the Lord, rushing from one thing to the next?

Many of us Christians are so busy trying to serve in our families, our children's schools and activities, and even our local churches that we forget who we are serving. We often lose sight of the Lord himself. The Gospel reading for today portrays this beautifully in the person of Martha, who is so busy serving her guests that she becomes upset and loses sight of why she is serving in the first place: to make a place of welcome for Jesus.

It isn't that we are unwilling to offer hospitality to God. It's just that so often the Lord comes in disguise, as a poor person, a child, someone in need. If we aren't alert, we can miss the Lord as he passes by. Each day we need to reflect on the willingness we have to show hospitality to God. And our willingness to see him in the many disguises he wears.

Unpack the First Reading Genesis 18:1-10a

In this strange yet evocative story of what the Fathers of the Church consider to be a pre-

incarnational manifestation of the Lord, he appears to Abraham in the form of "three men," two of whom are later referred to in chapter 19 as "angels." There are many mysteries in this scene. The narrator calls these three figures "the LORD," which is indicative of the name Yahweh, and yet Abraham, while being very solicitous toward them in the



HOSPITALITY TO GOD

INVITING THE LORD INTO OUR HEARTS

manner required by the manners of the desert, refers to the three in the singular, "My lord," indicating not the divine name but a polite form of human address.

These three have come on a dual errand. First, they announce the birth of Isaac to Abraham and Sarah in a year's time, and then two of the three go off in chapter 19 to bring destruction to Sodom and Gomorrah for its immorality. The only survivors will be Lot and his family. The common element in the two very different errands is the gracious hospitality shown the heavenly visitors by Abraham and his nephew Lot.

Both men, although masters of very large households with many servants (Genesis 13), wait upon these visitors as though they were servants themselves, and in

each case this is the mark of their righteousness, the hospitality they show. This reminds us that courtesy is more than just good manners; it is a common hallmark of holiness.

Unpack the Second Reading Colossians 1:24-28

The mysteries of our first reading are, in some measure, disclosed in St. Paul's letter to the Colossians. The primary mystery of God's Trinity, which is only hinted at in Genesis 18 in the three

mysterious men who appear to Abraham, is evident at the beginning of this first chapter when Paul blesses the Colossian Church with the grace and peace "from God our Father" (1:2) and commends, first, their "faith in Christ Jesus" (1:4) and then their "love in the Spirit" (1:8). In addition to this central mystery of our faith, this present passage opens other deep mysteries "hidden from ages and from generations past," now "manifested to his holy ones." The mystery of suffering is disclosed as salvific, and even a cause for joy when we share our difficulties with Christ and allow him to make of them a share in his own afflictions "on behalf of his body, which is the church." And we see, too, the mystery of the "hope for glory" that has come to the Gentiles, who, like the citizens of Sodom

and Gomorrah, “once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds” (Colossians 1:21, RSV), but have now been made coheirs with the Jews and capable of being made “perfect in Christ.” These two revelations—human suffering and the plan for the Gentiles—represent a great wealth of mystery in just five verses.

Unpack the Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Although it’s not uncommon to see interpreters of this passage portray Martha as the “bad guy” in this Gospel scene, many others suggest that Martha and Mary taken together—and not just Mary alone—represent a composite of what the Christian life ought to look like. Martha, like Abraham in the first reading from Genesis, is the picture of love acting in hospitality, while Mary is the picture of pure contemplative love, gazing upon the Lord. Many religious orders since the Middle Ages, like the Franciscans, Dominicans, and Jesuits, have striven to be both active and contemplative in their approach to the service of Christ.

But in keeping with the Lord’s clear declaration that “one thing is needful” (RSV), the Church has always stressed that prayer itself is the lifeblood of service. Without that foundation, service, however extensive, becomes formal and stale because it won’t be fed by love. And we must recall that the simple contemplative gaze is also a representation of our heavenly goal, the beatific vision, when we shall see God as he is in himself. Contemplation is, we could say, heaven practice, where the one needful thing will be the one object of our constant attention and joy. With no offense meant to the “Marthas” among us (and within all of us), our lives as Christians should rightly express a growing simplicity of focus and less troubling of ourselves about the “many things” of life. And it is only prayer that will enable us to serve without anxiety and to care for others without getting lost in the complexities of life.

Reflect & Discuss

Please view the free *Opening the Word* video found on the St Michael “Community” tab of FORMED.org.

In this week’s readings, we encounter a God who is willing to knock at the door of our hearts asking for a place of welcome. We see this exemplified in Sunday’s first reading from Genesis where Abraham shows hospitality to the Lord, who appears in the form of three unexpected visitors. What is Abraham’s central plea to the Lord when he appears? How does his concern connect with today’s theme of “hospitality to God”? In the busyness and chaos of our world, we often miss when God “passes by.” In what ways do you miss God passing by in your daily life?

The Gospel story of Martha and Mary gives readers a glimpse into the proper and improper attitudes of disciples, as well as the meaning of true hospitality. How are Mary’s actions a model for Christian discipleship? What does “sitting at the foot of Jesus” look like in your own life? What was wrong with Martha’s service to the Lord? According to the presenter, what were her two faults and how does Jesus correct her?

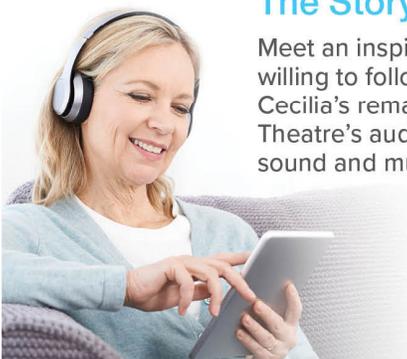
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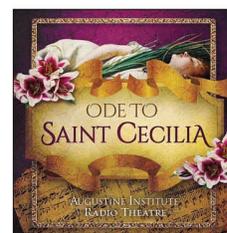
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Pray Throughout the Week



Mass Intentions

Saturday 7/20

8:30am Adelina Soliva †
5:00pm Edward Thaete, III †
7:00pm Jack & Bernice Rooney †

Sunday 7/21

6:45am Dr Joseph Szumowski †
8:00am Catherine Sweeney
9:30am Mass for Our Parish
11:00am Bob & Keith Moreland
12:30pm Manual Navaratte †
6:00pm Christine Spence

Monday 7/22

8:30am John Pruner

Tuesday 7/23

8:30am Edward Lafranchi

Wednesday 7/24

8:30am Hermosa Tan †
7:00pm John & Kale Egan †

Thursday 7/25

8:30am Mary Angela Field

Friday 7/26

8:30am Ricardo Coelho

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

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

Mary has
chosen the
better part.



Prayer Meditation

Prayerfully place yourself in today's Gospel reading. Imagine that you are in the house of Mary and Martha. Mary is sitting at Jesus' feet, listening to him talk. Martha is in the kitchen, preparing a meal. Where would you be? What would you be doing? Is this where you want to be? Do you feel guilty about where you are and what you are doing? Now hear Jesus say that Mary has chosen the better part. How do his words impact you? Do you change what you are doing? If you could say one thing to Jesus right now, what would you say?

Resolution

As you reflect on the ways you allow or do not allow access for Jesus in your heart, ask God to show you one small thing you can do in life so that you can focus more on him, and then ask him for the grace to carry out that resolution this coming week.

Prayer Requests

For our 260+ parishioners who are spending these 33 days preparing to Consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary on August 15, that they may be granted every blessing.

Please let our Parish Prayer Team pray for you. Send your requests to Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com. You are also invited to write your prayer intentions in the book of intentions located just inside the Adoration Chapel.

Visit StMichaelLivermore.com/Funerals to view upcoming funerals and pray for the repose of souls.

Fr Carl's Message of the Week



Let's Be All In!

Faith Formation for all of us – children, youth and adults - is crucial for our lives. Growing in faith is a continual process of development and is how we gain a deeper understanding of what we believe. Along with a dedication to a life of prayer, continual formation will eventually help us make good moral decisions. Our lives become purposeful, joyful and peaceful as intentional disciples of Christ!

Faith Formation is not only dependent on a program or a textbook. We are formed in the faith through the many facets in our parish life. We can encounter Christ through liturgy and prayer devotions, through social events and gatherings or through opportunities to practice the spiritual and corporeal works of charity.

In the Joy of the Gospel #28, Pope Francis wrote, "The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach."

This is what I am talking about! Parish life and all that we do as a community is an evangelical and catechetical resource, a place where we can grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus through our Catholic faith.

Let's be ALL IN!

If we just half-heartedly only come to Mass on Sundays, we cannot grow in faith. We must be ALL IN. Total growth is possible when we become active members of the parish through involvement in ministries and other volunteer opportunities. All ministry efforts are geared toward forming intentional disciples and missionaries of the gospel. The parish community herself is a catechism!

Here are my 5 Requests:

1. Don't be a spectator. You're not an audience member in the parish. Get involved in our spiritual and community events and affairs.

2. Register for our online resource for Catholic movies, video-based study programs, audio talks and eBooks at StMichael.FORMED.org. This library is free for parishioners and contains faith-growing content for every topic.

3. Invite Catholic friends and family to Mass every Sunday and Holy Days. Encourage them to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

4. Prayerfully read the bulletin each week. Ask the Lord how He wants you to be involved in the parish. Look at our website StMichaelLivermore.com and click on "Ministries" to see where the Lord is calling you.

5. Parents and grandparents, see to it that your family members avail themselves of our faith formation opportunities for children, youth and adults.

As a final note, I would like to commend all our catechists for all the sacrifices and effort you do for our parish. We need more orthodox and faithful catechists who are willing and ready to teach our Catholic Faith to others, particularly to our children. Please help us build a future of disciples.

If you have questions, please email the following members of our staff leading our parish faith formation team:

Tina Gregory, for adult continuing education:
Adult@StMichaelLivermore.com

Marjorie Melendez, for adult sacramental prep:
RCIA@StMichaelLivermore.com

Priscilla Stutzman, for programs for children age 3 through 12th grade:
DRE@StMichaelLivermore.com

Joseph Garcia, for programs for middle and high school:
Youth@StMichaelLivermore.com

May St. Michael protect us and defend us!

Fr. Carl
Pastor

Living and Growing as Disciples



Register for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry This Weekend

Stop by the information table in the Courtyard after Mass this weekend and next to register your kids age 3 through 12th grade in faith formation programs that start this fall.

Consecration Spiritual Talk #3 Saturday, July 27 at 9:00 am

For those who are on the 33-day journey to prepare for Consecration to Jesus Through Mary, Fr Conrad will be offering an inspiring talk.

Serve Meals at Open Heart Kitchen Wednesday, July 31

Help serve meals to those in need at 4743 East Ave, Livermore from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest August 3 from 9 am—3 pm in the Large Hall

Make simple dresses for girls in poverty around the world. Stay for a little, or stay for a lot!

Drop-In Family Choir August 4 & 25 at the 9:30 am Mass

Come sing in the choir with your whole family! Please arrive at the Convent at 9:00 am for a brief review of the music.

Schola Cantorum (Latin Choir) Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 6 at 7:00 pm in the Church

Come sing in Latin for the Traditional Latin Mass for Sunday, August 11 at 8:00 am.

Oakland Diocese Catechetical Congress Saturday, August 10 at Bishop O'Dowd

Come be enriched and inspired by nationally known speakers as well as some of our local leaders in ministry. Register at www.oakdiocese.org/congress

Traditional Latin Mass Sunday, August 11 at 8:00 am

Experience the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated in the Extraordinary Form. For information, see StMichaelLivermore.com/Latin



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Get Fr Carl's "Message of the Week" and all the parish news, announcements and resources for the week delivered to you each Friday morning exactly at 7:00 am via email or text. Stay in-the-loop! Sign up today at StMichaelLivermore.Flocknote.com

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*Solemnity of the
Assumption of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

**Holy Day of
Obligation
Mass Times**

Wednesday, August 14

6:00 pm English

7:30 pm Spanish

Thursday, August 15

7:00 am, 8:30 am,
12:15 pm and 6:00 pm
in English

7:30 pm
in Spanish



Feast of St Michael the Archangel

September 20 - 29, 2019



Novena of Masses

September 20 - 28

9/20 8:30 am (English)

9/21 5 pm (English) 7 pm (Spanish)

9/22 All Sunday Masses

9/23 7 pm (English)

9/24 7 pm (English)

9/25 7 pm (Spanish)

9/26 7 pm (Spanish)

9/27 7 pm (English)

9/28 8:30 am (English)

Dinner & Auction

September 28 at 6 pm

Outdoor seating at St Michael
School grounds

Parish Raffle

Tickets will be on sale soon, and great prizes will be announced. Raffle drawing to be held at the Dinner & Auction. Proceeds go toward repairing the School and Parish parking lots

Ministry Fair

September 29

9 am - 6 pm in the Church parking lot. Food, Music, Ministry Booths, Entertainment

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Alpha

Alpha is a series of dinners with really nice people exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

Alpha is for people who wouldn't identify themselves as Christian, or for people who have never experienced a relationship with Jesus.

Who will you invite to dinner?

Alpha in Livermore

We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Sundays at 5:00 pm
Starting September 8

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Mensaje de la semana del Padre Carl



Con TODO!

La formación de fe para todos nosotros, niños, jóvenes y adultos, es crucial para nuestras vidas. Crecer en la fe es un proceso continuo de desarrollo y es cómo obtenemos una comprensión más profunda de lo que creemos. Junto con la dedicación a una vida de oración, la formación continua eventualmente nos ayudará a tomar buenas decisiones morales. ¡Nuestras vidas tienen propósito, se vuelven alegres y pacíficas como discípulos intencionales de Cristo!

La formación en la fe no solo depende de un programa o libro de texto. Somos formados en la fe a través de las muchas facetas en nuestra vida parroquial. Podemos encontrarnos con Cristo a través de la liturgia y devociones de oración, a través de eventos sociales y reuniones o mediante oportunidades para practicar las obras espirituales y corporales de caridad.

En la Alegría del Evangelio # 28, el Papa Francisco escribió: "La parroquia no es una institución obsoleta. Precisamente porque posee una gran flexibilidad, puede asumir contornos muy diferentes dependiendo de la apertura y la creatividad misionera del pastor y la comunidad. "Es una comunidad de comunidades, un santuario donde los sedientos vienen a beber en medio de su viaje, y un centro de constante alcance misionero".

¡De esto es de lo que estoy hablando! La vida parroquial y todo lo que hacemos como comunidad es un recurso evangélico y catequético, un lugar donde podemos profundizar en nuestra relación con

Jesús a través de nuestra fe católica.

Con TODO!

Si solo a medias entramos a misa los domingos, no podemos crecer en la fe. Debemos estar con todo! El crecimiento total es posible cuando nos convertimos en miembros activos de la parroquia a través de la participación en ministerios y otras oportunidades de voluntariado. Todos los esfuerzos del ministerio están orientados a formar discípulos y misioneros intencionales del evangelio. ¡La propia comunidad parroquial es un catecismo!

Aquí están mis 5 solicitudes:

1. No sea un espectador. No es un miembro de la audiencia en la parroquia. Involúcrese en nuestros eventos y asuntos espirituales y comunitarios.

2. Regístrese para nuestro recurso en línea para películas católicas, programas de estudio basados en video, charlas de audio y libros electrónicos en StMichael.FORMED.org. Esta biblioteca es gratuita para los feligreses y tiene contenido de fe para cada tema.

3. Invite a amigos y familiares católicos a misa todos los domingos y días festivos. Anímelos a acercarse al sacramento de la reconciliación.

4. Lea en oración el boletín cada semana. Pregúntele al Señor cómo quiere que se involucre en la parroquia. Mire nuestro sitio web StMichaelLivermore.com y haga

clic en "Ministerios" para ver dónde lo está llamando el Señor.

5. Padres y abuelos, asegúrense de que los miembros de su familia aprovechen nuestras oportunidades de formación en la fe para niños, jóvenes y adultos.

Como nota final, me gustaría felicitar a todos nuestros catequistas por todos los sacrificios y esfuerzos que hacen por nuestra parroquia. Necesitamos más catequistas ortodoxos y fieles que estén dispuestos y listos para enseñar nuestra fe católica a otros, particularmente a nuestros niños. Por favor ayúdenos a construir un futuro de discípulos.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, envíe un correo electrónico a los siguientes miembros de nuestro personal que dirigen nuestro equipo de formación de fe en la parroquia:

Tina Gregory, para la educación continua de adultos:
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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)

Clergy | Clero

Rev. Carl Arcosa, Pastor

Rev. Alfonso Borgen, Parochial Vicar

Rev. David Staal, Associate

Rev. Stanislaus Poon, Retired

Rev. Bento Tamang, in residence

Rev. Deacon Bill Archer

Rev. Deacon Rob Federle

Rev. Deacon Dave Rezendes

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Finance Council Chair:

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