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When Jesus saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved
with pity for them,

*for they were like sheep
without a shepherd.*

Mark 6:34

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Are You Searching?

The great Italian poet Dante Alighieri begins the Inferno, the first part of his masterpiece the Divine Comedy, with the image of being lost in a dark wood. Somewhere along the way, he lost sight of his true destination. Like Dante, we are all travelers on a journey which will end in either Heaven or Hell. We all long to see God in Heaven, but we encounter so many distractions, as well as legitimate needs and desires, along the way. If we aren't careful, these things can make us lose our way and forget the greatness of our calling.

When that happens, we end up living an empty life that pales in comparison to the things we are made for. Our true hunger and loneliness can't be filled by this world. But God hasn't left us alone to wander in the dark wood—he sent us his only Son to lead us home to him. Jesus is our true compass. He is our Good Shepherd. He is the way, the truth, and the life.

First Reading

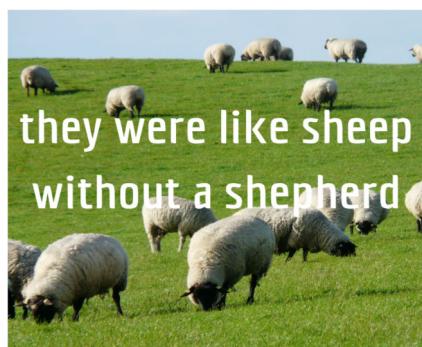
Reflection

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Jeremiah was a prophet in Jerusalem during the city's final years before its destruction by Babylonian forces. The passage speaks judgment upon the kings of Judah, the "bad shepherds." After King Solomon, most of the kings of Judah were disastrous for the Jewish people, whether instigating crippling taxes or promoting idolatry. Many prophets denounce these activities, but their warnings go unheeded. Then, in

Jeremiah's lifetime, judgment day comes. Babylon conquers Jerusalem, and the people are scattered.

In his mercy, God promises that he himself will "gather the remnant" of his flock, and appoint



good shepherds for them. In particular, there will be a new king after the likes of David, the good shepherd who later became the great king of Israel. All this is fulfilled in Jesus, who is both the successor to David and the Son of God. He is the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep, and through the ministry of his Church, he trains shepherds to carry on his work of salvation.

Second Reading

Reflection

Ephesians 2:13–18

This passage reflects the transforming power of the New Covenant. The Ephesians have just been reminded that, as Gentiles, they were without "Christ, alienated from the community of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12).

But through his Passion, Death,

and Resurrection, Christ has done everything for them. In his Person, he has both fulfilled and abolished the legal demands of the Old Covenant. He has atoned for sin and won back union with God for all mankind. He has united himself with humanity, so "that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace."

This new creation is the Mystical Body of Christ, the fruit of the New Covenant. Christ Jesus, the Good Shepherd, brings about true peace for his flock by offering union with God through himself to all, whether Jew or Gentile. By uniting ourselves more closely to him, we are able to experience his peace that the world cannot give.

Gospel Reading

Reflection

Mark 6:30–34

In this week's Gospel Reading, Jesus invites the Apostles to a time of retreat after they return from their first mission. But no sooner than they set off "in the boat by themselves to a deserted place," the crowds begin to arrive. Let's take a closer look at Jesus's response to them.

Despite his desire for a time of rest and quiet both for himself and his closest companions, he does not chase the people away. Instead, "his heart was moved with pity for them." Why does Jesus take pity on this crowd? Mark tells us that "they were like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus loves these people and wants to share his own life with them, so

he cannot abandon them to wander by themselves. Rather, he teaches them many things, addressing the heart of their need. If we continue reading the chapter, we also find Jesus feeding the entire group, and then sending the Apostles off by themselves again while he dismisses the crowd (see verses 35–45)

In the First Reading, Jeremiah condemned the selfish leaders of the Israelite people. Here, in contrast, Jesus is training the new shepherds in a life of unselfish service. As the Good Shepherd, he will give you the strength to follow in his steps.

Discussion

Watch the short 5-minute *Opening the Word* video at StMichael.FORMED.org

Before this week's Gospel Reading, Jesus had sent the Apostles to preach the Gospel, heal the sick, and cast out demons. As the Apostles returned and told Jesus about their experiences, he invited them to go to a quiet place to rest. But the people had started to receive God's love through his Apostles,

and they followed them. Here our Gospel ends, with Jesus's heart moved with pity for these people who are seeking his truth and life.

Have you ever experienced the compassion of Christ as the crowds did in this week's Gospel? Do you really believe that he is waiting just for you?

When Jesus feels compassion on the crowds as sheep without a shepherd, his first action is to teach. This seems to show that the primary way that he leads his sheep is by giving them the gift of the truth.

What has been your experience with learning the truth of your own Catholic Faith? Where has your education taken place? Do you feel like you've received a good education on the truths of the Faith or not? Do you have a curiosity to learn more? What do you think about the truth being such an important part of what Jesus came to give us a Good Shepherd?

Digging Deeper Evangelization and Catechesis

These are two words that have been used in many different ways but should be defined well so that we understand our role as Christian leaders. *Evangelization* must include a moment when we explicitly proclaim the Gospel with a call to conversion. *Catechesis* educates beyond that first proclamation and continually nourishes and matures the Christian. In many churches, there has been a lot of catechesis without actually evangelizing the parishioners—they have not had a conversion moment when they've said "no" to the world and "yes" to Christ.

If we never evangelize people and definitively invite them into relationship with Jesus, then the truths they do learn are outside of the relationship they are intended for. As we teach, it's very important to constantly pray for our participants' conversions and look for moments to invite them into relationship with Jesus so that the teaching truly takes hold.

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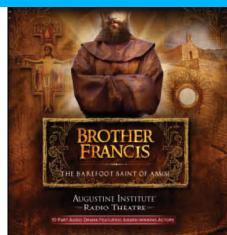
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| 8:30am | Tom Dayton †
Alex Cooley †
Jill Dayton &
Michael Snook |
| 5:00pm | Margaret Romano † |
| 7:00pm | Shawn Eichenberg
Shea Michael Eichenberg |

Sunday 7/22

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| 6:45am | Thomas Heise † |
| 8:00am | Asuncion Esto † |
| 9:30am | John and Jeff Owens † |
| 11:00am | Jimmy Cortez † |
| 12:30pm | Margarita Zamorano †
Antonio Hernandez †
Paula Ramirez † |
| 6:00pm | Concepcion Ferjeren † |

Monday 7/23

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| 8:30am | Jose Santane Leitao †
Ignatious Silvera † |
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Tuesday 7/24

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| 8:30am | Donald Slater † |
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Wednesday 7/25

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| 8:30am | Raymond Werner † |
| 7:00pm | Jorge Martinez †
Lola Hernandez † |

Thursday 7/26

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| 8:30am | Tom Dayton † |
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Friday 7/27

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| 8:30am | Paolo Monjes † |
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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.



In today's gospel, Jesus and the Apostles are trying to find somewhere they can rest, but the crowds won't let them. Put yourself in this scene and consider who you relate to the most. The Apostles are probably tired and hungry after their long journey, and most likely want nothing more than some peace and quiet. The crowds, however, are consumed with a desire to hear the Good Shepherd's message. They have been following false shepherds and cannot wait any longer to encounter the truth. Jesus takes pity on them, and begins to guide them, for "they were like sheep without a shepherd."

Take a word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase "his heart was moved with pity for them" might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. Are you afraid to get in touch with your desire for Jesus and to truly seek him? Could he be trying to console you and reveal how he longs to be with you?

Prayer Requests

In thanksgiving that God has chosen for us our new parish shepherd, Fr Carl Arcosa.

For Fr Carl during this time of transition. Also prayers for the community at Good Shepherd Parish, where Fr Carl is leaving, as they will miss him.

For Fr Alfred as he embarks on a new chapter in his priestly vocation.

For Fr Van and his family.

For all of our priests, seminarians and those who are discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

For the repose of the soul of Paul Garcia.

Send your prayer requests to
Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

Welcome, Fr Carl Arcosa!

Our New Pastor

Bishop Michael Barber announced that Fr. Carl Tacuyan Arcosa has been assigned as Pastor at St Michael's effective August 1.

He is excited to get to know us, and would like us to get to know him! Below is a little bit about him:

Ordained to the Diaconate:

March 10, 2007

Ordained to the Priesthood:

May 18, 2007 by Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron

Date of Birth: July 19, 1976

Place of Birth: Iloilo, Philippines

Siblings: Charles (Philippines) and Che (Hayward, CA)

Parents: Domingo Arcosa (deceased) and Amelita Arcosa (deceased)

Education

Elementary – Colegio Del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, Iloilo, Philippines

High School – St. Vincent Ferrer Seminary, Iloilo, Philippines

College - St. Vincent Ferrer Seminary, Iloilo, Philippines (AB Philosophy 1997)

Theology – Ateneo de Manila University – San Jose Seminary, Manila Philippines and St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, CA

Previous Parish Assignments:
2007-2009 – Parochial Vicar: St. John the Baptist Parish, San Lorenzo, CA

July 2009- June 2012 – Parochial Vicar: Immaculate Heart of Mary, Brentwood, CA

July 2013 – September 2013 – Parochial Vicar: St. Francis of Assisi



Parish, Concord, CA

September 2013- July 31, 2018 – Pastor: Good Shepherd Church, Pittsburg, CA

Others: 2012 – Present – Chaplain, Diocese of Oakland Divine Mercy Ministry and Apostolate.

Please keep Fr Carl in your prayers during this transition period. Also pray for the community of Good Shepherd Parish, who will miss him.

Read more at
StMichaelLivermore.com/FrCarl

Farewell, Fr. Alfred



Fr Alfred Amos will be leaving St Michael's to accept a position as chaplain at a Catholic hospital in Fresno.

Deacon Dave says:

"We have been so blessed to have Fr. Alfred these four-and-a-half years. Thank you, Father, for all that you have done here at St Michael Parish and thank you for your great homilies.

We wish you well as you go on to the Fresno Diocese. We will always keep you in our thoughts and prayers."

Please join with us in bidding our Fr Alfred farewell, and praying for him as he begins a new chapter in his vocation.

He will begin his new position on July 23.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 23

St. Bridget

Readings: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Ss. Joachim and Anne

Readings: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

SUNDAY, JULY 29

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

The Sacrament of Love

When was the last time you experienced a situation that you thought, "there is no solution—it is impossible." And yet, miraculously, things all end up working out for our good. Next Sunday, we will focus on how Jesus makes the impossible possible.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

St. Sharbel Makhluf

Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

FRIDAY, JULY 27

Readings: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

St. James

Readings: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

SATURDAY, JULY 28

Readings: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Institution Mass

On Saturday, July 28 at 5 pm we will be honored to celebrate the institution of a Catholic Daughters of America Court at St Michael Parish.

New members will dedicate themselves to the work of this organization.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas is the oldest and largest organization of Catholic women.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas engages in creative and spiritual programs which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways that positively influence the welfare of the Church and all people throughout the world.

There's still time to be a charter member! Contact Tess Chiampas at 925-577-4994.

St Vincent de Paul “5th Sunday” Collection Next Weekend

The St Vincent de Paul Food Locker, located at St. Michael Parish behind the church, is open Monday through Thursday, from 7 to 8 pm, offering food and assistance to the poor and those in need. We serve around eight families per night, providing nourishing groceries to the best of our ability thanks to generous donations and contributions.

We gladly accept donations of

fresh produce from your bountiful summer garden!

We also provide home visits to members of our home bound community and help people in financial crisis with rent, utilities payments and other services.

St Vincent de Paul is always looking for and welcoming new Vincentians. For more information about what we do and how you

can become involved, contact Janet Graham at 925-292-8001.



Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering a generous donation next weekend for the special “5th Sunday” St Vincent de Paul Collection.

Adult Confirmation

Classes

**Begin Thurs, Sept 6 at 7 pm
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If you are at least 18 years old, a baptized, practicing Catholic who has received First Holy Communion, but have never been confirmed, this is the group for you!

Email Marjorie Melendez
RCIA@stmichaellivermore.com



Register for St Michael Faith Formation & Youth Programs by July 31

Download registration packets at StMichaelLivermore.com

Faith Formation & First Communion Prep for 1st-6th grades

Classes starting August 29
StMichaelLivermore.com/FaithFormation

Baptism Prep for 1st-12th grades

Call Lourdes at 925-667-4096.

First Communion Prep for 7th-12th grades

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Confirmation for High School

Classes start the week of September 18
StMichaelLivermore.com/Confirmation

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LifeTeen High School Youth Ministry

Meets year-round
StMichaelLivermore.com/Youth

Collection Report

Thank you for your support!

7/15/18 Collection	\$17,400.97
Month-to-Date	\$59,561.15
Month Goal	\$108,823.53
Percentage Reached	55%
Faith Direct	\$8,207.00
Maintenance (for Month)	\$8,824.86

Bishop's Appeal

We are 65% of the way toward our parish goal!

By embracing Lighting the Way through the 2018 Bishop's Appeal, you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the Church of the East Bay.

There's still time to make a one-time offering or a pledge at OakDiocese.org or by bringing a check to the church office.

Number of Donors	154
Pledges	29
Pledge Amount	\$12,300
Funds Raised	\$50,134
Overall Goal	\$77,500
% Reached	65%
Average gift amt	\$325



100 Years of Catholic Tradition Centennial

September 28-30



Celebrate Mass with Bishop Michael Barber on Friday at 6 pm
Food, Entertainment & Fun at the Fall Festival Saturday and Sunday

Encounter Our Church History
StMichaelLivermore.com/Centennial

The historic St Michael Centennial Celebration will culminate with our annual Fall Festival on September 29th and 30th.

Once again, our festival will feature a variety of fun-filled activities for the whole family, including

game booths, silent auctions and raffle drawings. As always, the food and drink booths and entertainment will showcase our diverse ethnic cultures.

The Fall Festival is our parish's best opportunity to come together as one big family, while also rais-

ing much-needed funds to preserve and modernize our aging facilities and to support our ministries.

At the Fall Festival, the raffle is one of our biggest money-makers. Watch for your raffle tickets in the mail this August!



Bienvenido, P. Carl Arcosa!

Nuestro nuevo pastor

El obispo Michael Barber anunció que el Padre Carl Tacuyan Arcosa ha sido asignado como pastor de San Miguel a partir del 1 de agosto.

Él está emocionado de conocernos, ¡y le gustaría que lo conozcamos! A continuación su introducción:

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Ordenado al Diaconado: 10 de marzo de 2007

Ordenado al sacerdocio:
18 de mayo de 2007 por Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron

Fecha de nacimiento: 19 de julio de 1976

Lugar de nacimiento: Iloilo, Filipinas

Hermanos: Charles (Filipinas) y Che (Hayward, CA)

Padres: Domingo Arcosa (fallecido) y Amelita Arcosa (fallecida)

Educación

Escuela Primaria - Colegio del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Iloilo, Filipinas

High School secundaria - Seminario de San Vicente Ferrer, Iloilo, Filipinas

Colegio - Seminario St. Vincent Ferrer, Iloilo, Filipinas (Filosofía AB 1997)

Teología - Universidad Ateneo de Manila - Seminario de San José, Manila Filipinas y Seminario de San Patricio, Menlo Park, CA

Asignaciones parroquiales previas:
2007-2009 - Vicario Parroquial:
Parroquia San Juan Bautista, San Lorenzo, CA

Julio de 2009 a junio de 2012 - Vicario Parroquial: Inmaculado Corazón de María, Brentwood, CA

Julio de 2013 - septiembre de 2013 - Vicario Parroquial: Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís, Concord, CA



Septiembre de 2013 - 31 de julio de 2018 - Pastor: Good Shepherd Church, Pittsburg, CA

Otros: 2012 - Presente - Capellán, Ministerio de Misericordia Divina de la Diócesis de Oakland y Apostolado.

Por favor, tenga al Padre Carl en sus oraciones durante este período de transición. También ore por la comunidad de Good Shepherd Parish, quien lo extrañará.

Adiós, padre Alfred

El padre Alfred Amos dejará San Miguel para aceptar un puesto como capellán en un hospital católico en Fresno.

El Diácono Dave dice:

"Hemos sido bendecidos de tener al Padre Alfred estos cuatro años y medio. Gracias, padre, por todo lo que ha hecho aquí en la parroquia de San Miguel y gracias por sus grandes homilías. Le deseamos lo

mejor en la Diócesis de Fresno. Siempre le mantendremos en nuestros pensamientos y oraciones.

Por favor, únase a nosotros en la despedida del Padre Alfredo, y ore por él mientras comienza un nuevo capítulo en su vocación.

Él comenzará su nuevo puesto el 23 de julio.



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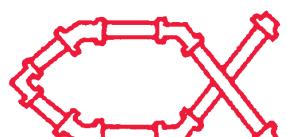
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Confession | Confesión

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. 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

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Faith Formation in English

925-667-4096

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925-667-4096 Niños

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