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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Andrew said to Jesus,
"There is a boy
here who has
five barley loaves
and two fish;
but what good
are these
for so many?"

John 6:8-9



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September 28-30



The Sacrament of Love

When was the last time you experienced a situation in which you thought there was no solution? Often we feel cornered by circumstances in life and think that there is no possible way out. And yet, miraculously, things end up working out for our good. This week's Gospel Reading highlights Jesus's love for his people as he transforms five barley loaves and two fish into a feast for five thousand people. This week, let's focus on the miracles that can happen when we place our trust in God.

First Reading Reflection

2 Kings 4:42–44

This week's reading comes from a chapter full of miracles: Elisha saving fatherless children from slavery, obtaining a child for a childless family and later raising that same child from the dead, and feeding people during a famine. In these situations, people appeal to the prophet begging for help, and he responds with compassion to their deepest needs. This sets the stage for the passage.

The offering of bread brought to Elisha comes from the giver's first fruits, calling to mind the offering of Abel. Elisha immediately gives the gift to the hungry people, even though it is not enough to feed such a large crowd, confident that the Lord will provide.

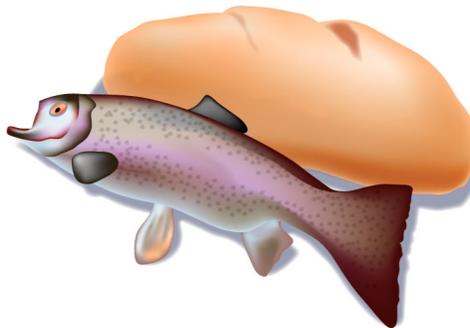
This story is an obvious foreshadowing of the miracle related in this week's Gospel. It sheds

light on the true purpose of our religious offerings: to glorify God and participate in his generosity. Set in the context of a famine, it also foreshadows the absolute necessity of the bread from Heaven, the Eucharist. We see that Elisha does not reserve something for himself, but gives all that he has received to his people, just as Christ does.

Second Reading Reflection

Ephesians 4:1–6

While he is a "prisoner for the Lord," Saint Paul tells us to "live in a manner worthy of the call you have received," He has lis-



tened to that call, and it gives him hope and power; even in the midst of tremendous suffering.

As Saint Paul tells us, our Christian calling means that we look to the "one hope" of our call: "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." But this call also means that we need to act here and now by living out the Trinitarian life we received through our baptism. Humility, gentleness, patience, love and peace: these virtues are the result of living in union with God and neighbor in the Mystical Body.

We are enabled to live this call through the sacraments, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. In Reconciliation, we receive forgiveness and strength to persevere in virtue; in the Eucharist, we receive the very Person of Christ into our souls in order to "become Christ" to the world to the glory of the "one God and Father of all."

Gospel Reading Reflection

John 6:1–15

St John's account of this familiar miracle contains many significant fulfillments of Old Testament events. In this scene, we see elements of this week's First Reading about Elisha, where he feeds many from a small amount of food. Another significant moment from the Old Testament that Jesus fulfills in this week's Gospel is when Moses and the elders meet with God at the mountain to establish the Old Covenant.

Here, on the mountain, Jesus is preparing to teach about the New Covenant—which will culminate in the Eucharist. John provides a hint of this when he specifically mentions that there is a lot of grass. The Gospels are so brief that they often leave us begging for more details. So why would John bother to mention the grass? This short reference relates to Psalm 23: "He makes me lie down in green pastures." John is hinting that the Good Shepherd is about to feed the sheep.

However, when people recognize

him as the “one who is to come,” Jesus withdraws by himself. The people are still confused about his kingship and need to see that this miracle is only a preparation for the true covenant meal that is to come. In fact, this great miracle serves as an introduction to the Bread of Life discourse about the Eucharist in John’s Gospel.

Discussion

To participate in the online discussion, please visit **StMichael.FORMED.org** and click on the “Community” tab. There you can watch the short Opening the Word video reflection on today’s readings and post your comments to the following questions:

How has God answered your needs, even the ones you didn’t tell him you needed?

Is going to Mass every Sunday a priority for you? If it is not, what keeps you from going? If it is, do you really work to enter into the

prayer of the Mass and realize the miracle happening before you, or do you become distracted and let your mind wander?

Digging Deeper Keeping the Holy of Holies a Sacred Space

As Mass ends we often find ourselves greeting friends and family around us. The Church community is a wonderful gift, and worshipping as the Body of Christ is very important. However, because Jesus is always present in the Tabernacle, we ought to reserve those conversations for outside of the sanctuary as a sign of respect and adoration for Christ’s presence. Practically speaking, it is also respectful of those still in the sanctuary wishing to pray quietly after Mass. In addition, when we enter and leave the sanctuary, we should genuflect and make the Sign of the Cross while facing the Tabernacle, acknowledging and adoring God present there. During Adoration, when the Eucharist is exposed on

the Altar in a monstrance, it is appropriate to genuflect on both knees. All of these traditions honor Jesus Christ, present to us in the Eucharist.

The Four Senses of Scripture

Whenever we read a passage from Scripture, there are four different ways that it can be interpreted. The literal sense refers to “the meaning conveyed by the words of Scripture and discovered by exegesis” (CCC 116), or what the story means on the literal level. The allegorical sense looks at Scripture by recognizing its significance in Christ. For example, in this week’s Gospel, we looked at how Elisha’s miracle was a sign or type of the Eucharist. When we read Scripture in the moral sense, we look at how it is guiding us to act. Finally, the anagogical sense “view[s] realities and events in terms of their eternal significance” (CCC 117).

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True Reformers: St. Ignatius of Loyola

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Mass

Intentions

Saturday 7/28

8:30am Honorata Ferrer †
5:00pm James Dayton
Paolo Monjes †
7:00pm Ofelia Ramis †
Luis J. Gonzales

Sunday 7/29

6:45am Joseph & Anna
8:00am Richard J. Gandolfo
Agatha Ngong-Nji
9:30am Gerald Dixon †
11:00am Angel Hernandez
Ursula Chindia †
12:30pm Estee
6:00pm Ray Werner †
Tom Dayton †

Monday 7/30

8:30am Neglin and
Custadio Rebello †

Tuesday 7/31

8:30am Raymond Werner †
Cathy Struempf †

Wednesday 8/1

8:30am Pat & Ray Werner †
7:00pm Maria Dolores †
Enrique Portilla †

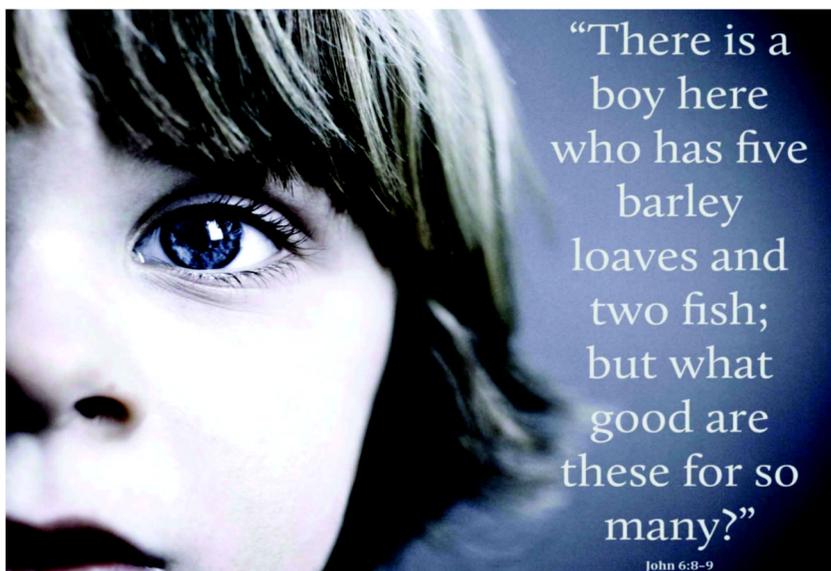
Thursday 8/2

8:30am Esteban Yambao

Friday 8/3

8:30am Michael Gordon †

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 this week's Gospel, notice how Jesus doesn't hear the people's complaints of hunger before he thinks to feed them. Rather, Jesus recognizes that the people are hungry even before they do. Take a moment to consider what you are hungry for. Have you turned to Christ to satisfy this hunger?

Just as Jesus provided enough food so that all were satisfied, he does the same for us. He longs to give us what we need if only we would look to him first. He knows that we need to experience him in a physical way, so he has given us the gift of the Mass—where he comes to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity under the forms of bread and wine. Take a moment to consider if there is anything that keeps you from getting to Mass, or anything that distracts you during Mass. Ponder what it really means that Jesus is truly physically present in the Eucharist.

Resolution

Write down your answers to the questions in the prayer section. Make a commitment this month to attend Mass at least each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. Commit to having an attitude of thanksgiving and awe before the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Prayer Requests

For our new pastor, Fr Carl Arcosa, and for the community of Good Shepherd Parish in Pittsburg in their transition.

For Brother Peter Lawongkerd, who will be ordained a deacon on August 4.

For the repose of the souls of Paul Garcia and Aurea Dela Rosa.

Send your prayer requests to our parish "Prayer Warriors" at Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com



Bishop's Appeal

For most of us, our experience of Church is at our parish. The Church is, however, much more than that. We are all called in mission to serve the Church and its people through our parish, our diocese and universally.

The Annual Bishop's Appeal in the Diocese of Oakland is but one way to serve our fellow parishioners and the broader community as we demonstrate our unity as Catholics of the Diocese of Oakland. We are asked to pray for our fellow parishioners, our clergy and leadership, for those who are served by the many ministries and programs offered by the Church, and for the success of the 2018 Bishop's Appeal.

Every member of the faith community of our local Church is also asked to participate in whatever way possible by making a gift.

We are 64.69% of the way toward our parish goal!

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
Average Gift	\$325
Funds Raised	\$50,134
Parish Goal	\$77,500

Donate Fresh Produce

If God has blessed you with an over-abundance of garden bounty this year, please consider bringing your excess harvest of fruits or vegetables to the St. Vincent de Paul food locker.

Your nutritious donation will supplement the bread and canned goods that we distribute to the needy throughout the week.

Garden fresh tomatoes and cucumbers, zucchini and yellow

squash, peppers of all colors, apricots, peaches and plums and more are welcomed and appreciated! You have tended your garden with love and care, and the fruits of your labor can go to help a struggling family right here in Livermore.

Where to Donate

St Vincent de Paul Food Locker is located at the back parking lot behind the church and is open Monday through Thursday from 7 to 8 pm.

Reminder from the Rectory Office!

So that we can properly and more accurately track your contributions to our St. Michael community, please remember to write your envelope number on your check.

For those who do not have an envelope number, please stop by or call the Church Office, so we can get you setup. Thank you for your continued support.

Collection Report

Thank you for your support! If St Michael's is your home parish, and you have not yet set up regular offerings, please call the Church Office at 925-447-1585.

7/22/18 Collection	\$16,282.59
Month-to-Date	\$80,617.49
Month Goal	\$108,823.53
Percentage Reached	74%
Faith Direct	\$12,980.75
Maintenance (July)	\$9,536.86

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 30

St. Peter Chysologus

Readings: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

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TUESDAY, JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Readings: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Deadline to register for Faith Formation and Youth Programs! (see below)

WEDNESDAY, AUG 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Readings: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46

Welcome, Father Carl!

Confession at 2:30 pm in the Convent Chapel

THURSDAY, AUG 2

**St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard**

Readings: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Cantor Workshop at 7 pm in the 6th Grade Classroom is open to parishioners with a pleasant, in-tune singing voice with basic music reading ability. Email Music@StMichaelLivermore.com

FRIDAY, AUG 3

Readings: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

First Friday Mass at 8:30 am. Consider starting a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by attending nine consecutive First Friday Masses.

Jesus gave this devotion to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673 in France.

SATURDAY, AUG 4

St. John Vianney

Readings: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Anointing of the Sick in the Church after the 8:30 am Mass.

Confession in the Church at 9:30 am, 3:15 pm and 6:45 pm

SUNDAY, AUG 5

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Miracles & Whispers

Next Sunday, we will focus on Jesus' call to open our hearts to our deeper desire for God. Ultimately, God wants to fill our deepest longings for his infinite love. We will pray for the grace to understand that God moves in gradual ways that invite us into deep friendship with Him.

Faith Formation & Youth Programs Register 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

Edge Middle School Youth Ministry

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LifeTeen High School Youth Ministry

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CYO Basketball Registration

Now Open!

Boys and girls entering first-eighth grades are invited to register for the St Michael/St Charles CYO Basketball 2018-2019 season.

St Michael/St Charles CYO usually has over 500 kids on teams, and is part of the Tri-Valley CYO league that consists of teams from Danville, San Ramon, Dublin, and Pleasanton.

We are always looking for parents who would like to volunteer. We would love to have you join alongside of us as we head into the 2018/2019 season.

Get more information and register at smsccyo.org

Backpack Project Finale!

Saturday, August 11
9am-12pm

The 26th annual Backpack Project is a BIG success! All are welcome to help us for the finale when we deliver 175 backpacks stocked with school supplies for Livermore students from low-income families. Adults 18 years and older, meet us at 501 Hillcrest Avenue, Livermore at 9:00 am.

Thank you to all who contributed financially, who prayed, who lifted, sorted, carried, counted and laughed together. You all are the definition of "Community".

Contact:
Ernestina Shay 925-455-1089 or
Lynn Macedo 925-443-3287



Adult Confirmation Classes

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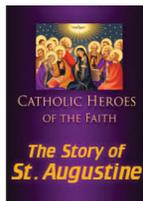
If you are at least 18 years old, a baptized, practicing Catholic who has received First Holy Communion but have never been confirmed, this is the group for you!

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The Story of St. Augustine

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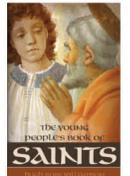
Young Augustine thinks his mother's religion is foolishness, much preferring a life of luxury in Rome, until he must decide whether he will serve God or the Empire.

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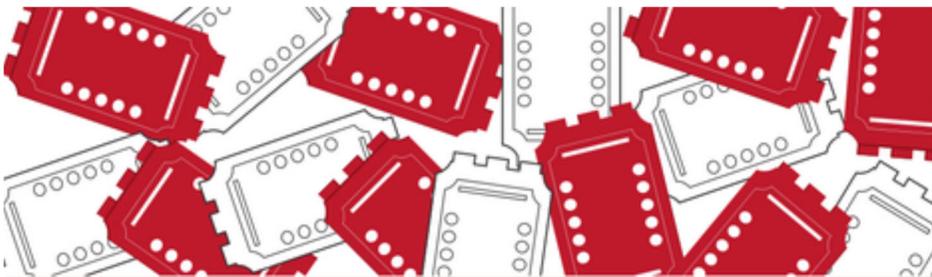
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Festival Sponsors

You are invited to be part of our century-long tradition of living our Christian faith by sponsoring the Fall Festival. Proceeds will help to preserve and modernize our historic facilities and to support our ministries.

We have several levels of sponsorship with many benefits. Please email for details at **Festival** @StMichaelLivermore.com

The historic St Michael Centennial Celebration will culminate with our annual Fall Festival this 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 raising 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, raising more than \$20,000 last year. Can we count on your support of the raffle again for this Centennial Celebration year?

Watch for your ten tickets in your mail this August.

Each ticket costs \$10.00. You may purchase them for yourself or sell them to friends and family. If you'd like more to sell, just ask!

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Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

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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

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