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*Many who heard
Jesus were astonished.
They said,
“Where did this man get all this?
Is he not the carpenter,
the son of Mary?”*

Mark 6:2,3



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The RIGHT Things to Ask For

We have all been in need of something at some time—whether we needed to ask for a favor from someone or had an urgent need that had to be met. When it comes to asking God for things, what do we ask of him? Do we seek comfort, health, wealth, job security, or some other goal? Or, do we seek virtues like patience, humility, compassion, meekness, and so on? Let us turn to God and ask him to grant us the spiritual gifts we need, as we cooperate with his grace and learn to turn to him in all our human struggles.

First Reading Reflection

Ezekiel 2:2–5

Ezekiel was a prophet in the land of Babylon during the time when Jehoiachin, king of Judah, was a captive there. This reading tells of his call to prophesy. It's a difficult task, but notice that he has help. Jeremiah is assured repeatedly that his audience is rebellious, but his job is to be faithful, not necessarily successful. The people may or may not accept him, but he must be what God has called him to be. God's mercy is evident in this reading. Despite the repeated rejection of his people, he continues to send them warnings. He wants them to hear his word.

The malady of stubbornness is not confined to Ezekiel's audience. Looking ahead to the Gospel, we will find Jesus also being rejected by people who rebel against the idea of his authority. It saddens, but does not deter Jesus.

How dangerous the attitude of rebellion can be! It can shut us off from the voice of God. Let us ask God for the grace of submission to his will. Let us especially ask Mary, perfect in submission, to share with us her humble heart.



**The Lord said to me,
“My grace is
sufficient for you,
for power is
made perfect
in weakness.”**

2 Corinthians 12:9

Second Reading Reflection

2 Corinthians 12:7–10

St Paul's words show us that even the most faithful experience trials. His response is worthy of our imitation. He prays with perseverance for deliverance and receives an answer. It is not the precise answer he is looking for, but he listens. "My grace is sufficient for you." In trusting that response from God, Paul receives a greater strength than he had originally asked for. "Power is made perfect in weakness." He accepts that the essential thing is to allow God to work in him in all circumstances.

This passage brings to mind a much later saint, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. Her "little way" of confidence and love included being undisturbed even by her weakness and sins. This was not from self-complacency, or because she thought sin was not so bad, but rather because she recognized how terribly weak she was. She saw that God would have to do everything for her, and she trusted that he would.

We must not indulge in our weaknesses, but we must not be dragged down by them either. Instead, we can use the times when we fail to thank God for his mercy. We accept his mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and in the other means of grace. And we believe that God can use the offering of our weakness in the same way that he used the offering of Christ, for the salvation of the world. When we are weak, we are most strong.

Gospel Reading Reflection

Mark 6:1–6

This week's Gospel contrasts sharply with the miracles of faith from Jairus and the hemorrhaging woman we read about last Sunday. These people have known Jesus all his life, and the fact that they are surprised by Jesus's deeds testifies to his humility. Though God, he remained for years an undistinguished member of his community. Only when the Father's plan ordained it did he begin to work miracles. But this does not win over his

neighbors from Nazareth. Because of their familiarity with Jesus, they are irritated when he begins to show his mighty power.

This Gospel is warning for all. When it comes to faith, especially for lifelong Christians, it is possible to think that we have Jesus all figured out. When this happens, we become upset when he diverges from our expectations. This might be when he asks for faith during a major change in our lives, or when something small occurs and throws off our daily routine. Whenever we experience disappointment or disillusionment, Jesus wants us to trust him. Our plans and our ideas about how God should act must not be the object of our trust. To avoid this pitfall, it can be wise to spend some time examining what our idea of Jesus is, and to pray to know him as he truly is. And as always, the one who can help us best to appreciate Jesus is his Mother.

Discussion

Watch the short *Opening the Word* video reflection on today's readings free at StMichael.FORMED.org

Have you ever felt like the prophet Ezekiel or Jesus in this week's readings where they are most misunderstood in their hometown? How did you respond to family and friend's misunderstandings? Were you able to remain charitable and still hold on to your convictions?

St Paul tells us of a "thorn in the flesh" that he suffers from. What "thorn" do you suffer from? How can you carry it with joy as Saint Paul encourages us, rather than complaining about it?

Digging Deeper: Virtues Don't Appear

After the reflections, we are inspired to ask God for the gift of

virtue in our lives. While it is true that God will grant us the virtues we need, this won't happen as though by magic. Virtues are good habits; this means that they will take time and effort to acquire. For example, if you are asking for the gift of patience, you will probably still be frustrated in rush hour traffic, when you find a mess that someone left, or the baby won't stop crying. Rather, God grants you the grace to turn to him in that moment of weakness, and he will offer you the strength you need to persevere. As you pray for the spiritual gifts, be patient with yourself, ask for God's grace, and remember to rejoice in your weaknesses and continue to get back up when you fall.

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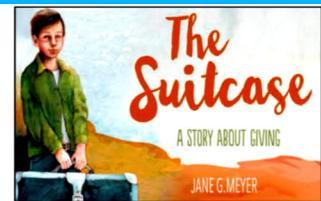
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5:00pm Richard J. Gandolfo
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Sunday 7/8

- 6:45am Virginia Tynan †
8:00am Fernando Castro †
9:30am Jon & Pamela Hamilton &
Family
11:00am Delfin Gatchalian, Jr. †
12:30pm Cliff Wood †
Daniel Moore
6:00pm Romana & Vidal Ebrado †

Monday 7/9

- 8:30am Janice Alvarez †

Tuesday 7/10

- 8:30am Reynaldo Bustos †

Wednesday 7/11

- 8:30am Rosita & Antero Barina †
7:00pm Jose Ramirez Montoya †

Thursday 7/12

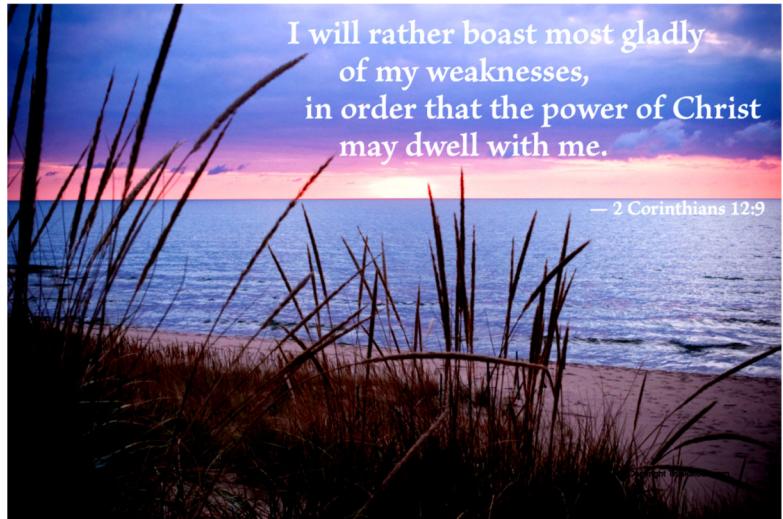
- 8:30am The Borowitz Family

Friday 7/13

- 8:30am Jose Baltazar †
Raymond Hahn

To arrange a Mass intention, please visit the Church Office.

The suggested donation of \$10 per intention goes to the priest who



Prayer

This week's readings challenge us to be people of faith, seeking after spiritual gifts and virtues rather than focusing on worldly blessings. Take some time to examine your own heart. Are you motivated to seek Christ in order to obtain wealth, health, popularity, or prosperity? Or, are you seeking after a life of virtue that will bring you intimacy with God, despite the trials you may face along the journey?

What holds you back from having faith in God? What attachments cause you to lose focus of spiritual goods? Do you make time to read and accept the Word of God in your life?

Resolution

As you reflect on your relationship with God and where you have great faith and where you need his grace, make a commitment this week to read his Word and reflect on it for fifteen minutes before you start your day each morning. Allow his words to guide you as you begin to seek after spiritual goods rather than worldly successes.

Prayer Requests

For Fr Van Dinh and for our new pastor who will be assigned soon.
For children separated from their families.
For those visiting St Michael's this summer.
For our parishioners who are traveling.

Send your prayer requests to the parish prayer team by emailing Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com



Livermore Knights Install New Officers

Congratulations to our newly installed Knights of Columbus officers for the coming year! Grand Knight, Wesley Arnold, emphasized maintaining the council's incredible momentum and building upon that to evangelize their faith through continued works of charitable service for the church and community.

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Bishop's Appeal

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Thank you to all who have contributed to the "Lighting the Way"

Garden Explosion? Share with St Vincent de Paul!

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 (back parking lot behind the church). 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.

We are open and accepting donations Monday through Thursday from 7 to 8 pm. Thank you for helping us help others.

2018 Bishop's Appeal. Because of you, our diocese will have the resources to train seminarians, support faith ministries, support clergy, assist local parishes in need, nurture ethnic ministries, help our retired priests and much more.



THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 9

St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Readings: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26

TUESDAY, JULY 10

Readings: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

St. Benedict

Readings: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

THURSDAY, JULY 12

Readings: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY, JULY 13

St. Henry

Readings: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

SATURDAY, JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Readings: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Traveling this Summer?

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Tri-Valley Catholic Young Adult Ministry

TVYAM is a group of Catholic adults between the ages of 21-35 who meet together to grow in faith, build strong friendships, encourage good citizenship and help create a culture of life.



[Facebook.com/groups/TriValleyCatholicYoungAdultMinistry](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TriValleyCatholicYoungAdultMinistry)

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

Cantor Workshops

July 19, August 2, August 23 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the St Michael School 6th Grade Classroom

Experienced cantors and those who wish to explore this ministry at St. Michael are invited to attend a three part workshop this summer!

Topics of discussion include: Liturgy 101, Vocal and Psalm Preparation, Liturgical Teamwork within the Mass and Leading the Assembly into Full, Active and Conscious Participation. Much emphasis will be made on pray-

ing as you lead and developing an awareness of the cantor's ministerial presence and awareness. The last session will be a Master Class with each participant preparing a Psalm to demonstrate their skills for helpful critique.

Open to all interested parishioners. Requirements are a pleasant singing voice with the ability to sing in tune

and a basic music reading ability. There is no charge for registration but each participant must register in advance and be able to attend all three sessions. Materials included.

For more information or to register contact JaNet Hancock, Director of Music Ministries at 925-292-5071 or Music@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 start the week of Aug 29
[StMichaelLivermore.com/
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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
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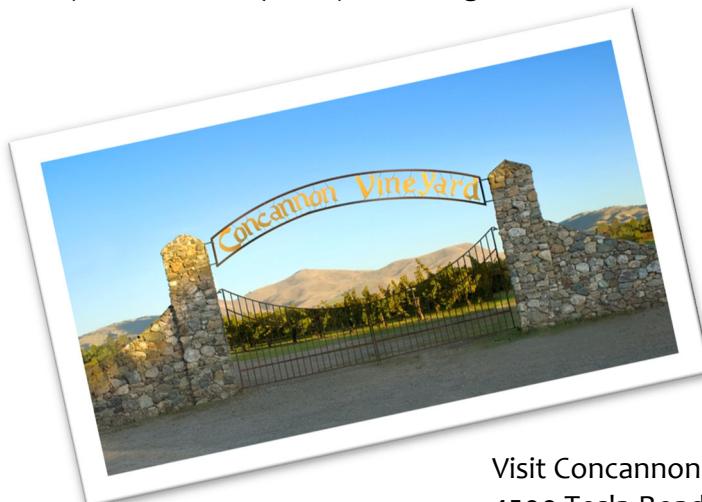
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The James Concannon family posed for this picture in 1897. Left to right: May, Robert, Ella, Ellen (mother), Joe, Veronica, James, James (father), Thomas (resting on father's knee), John, Sarah (Sadie) and Margaret.

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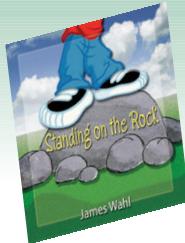


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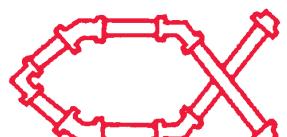


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