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Jesus said,  
"I say to you,  
you are Peter,  
and upon this rock  
I will build my church,  
and the gates of the  
netherworld shall not  
prevail against it."

MATTHEW 16:18



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST  
**27**  
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# Great Faith & Prayer

## First Reading

**Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).**

This passage, because of the mention of the “key of the House of David,” has always been paired by the Church with the Gospel reading from Matthew 16 that we have today in the Lectionary. Eliakim has been prophesied by Isaiah to be the rightful holder of the important office of steward of King Hezekiah’s house. Hezekiah is the heir of the House of David and has tried to reform the kingdom, but has entered into an alliance with Egypt against his enemies from the north, contrary to God’s will. His current steward, Shebna, has apparently been complicit in the plans to fortify the city of Jerusalem against an attack from the north and to enter into an alliance with the great power to the south.

God reveals to Isaiah that he himself is the only real safeguard against Israel’s enemies and that Hezekiah’s reforms will have to include a steward, or right-hand man, who understands just exactly who God is and what role he is to play in the life of his people. All this is borne out when, finally, the Assyrians do invade from the north, and, just when they are about to strike, the army of Sennacherib is suddenly and mysteriously slain by an angel and the survivors depart! (See 2 Kings 19.) Worldly calculations, political machinations are never a substitute for reliance upon the sovereign power of the Most High. We are to be prudent in how we arrange our affairs, as any good steward of the gifts of God must be, but prudence is not cunning and must be informed by faith.

## Second Reading

**How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).**

This short hymn of praise from St. Paul springs forth in response to his reflection upon the remarkable surprise that God reveals about the place of the Gentiles, or non-Jewish peoples, in God’s plan of salvation. Although they had seemed lost in the morass of pagan culture of the time, God had made clear that they were to be part of God’s covenant plan of love in no less a way than the Jews. As Paul notes, from the Jewish perspective that he had grown up with, this was entirely unexpected—as he says, “inscrutable.”

And yet, Paul also tells us that this “judgment,” though unforeseen, does make sense. In verses 28-32 of this same chapter of Romans, he says that God has done so “that he may have mercy upon all.” Because God is infinite and entirely transcends our experience, the things he ordains are not always immediately clear to us. But, precisely because he is supreme in being, he is also supremely wise. Everything he wills is ordered to bring the maximum good. We are fallen; the world has been wounded by human sin. God permits our trials, many of which are born from either our sin or the sin of others, only because he knows how to make a mercy of even the greatest trials. Often we cannot see what he has planned for us beyond the current circumstance in which we find ourselves, but we can be absolutely certain that God has in store for us a depth of “riches,” even if they be hidden from us now.



## Gospel Reading

**Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20).**

In this text we see echoes of the first and second readings. The “keys” offered to the steward of the House of David in the first reading are disclosed as a prophecy of the “keys to the kingdom of heaven” given now to Peter. Like Eliakim, who is a steward chosen by God because he knows who God is and how to follow him, Peter, by a special gift of revelation, knows who Jesus is: “the Son of the living God.” Peter, though weak and human, is to be the fixed “peg in a sure spot,” who will guide the kingdom for his King when he ascends to heaven.

That Peter, an unlettered fisherman — not a Levitical priest, not a scholar of the law — should take this important place in the kingdom is “inscrutable.” And that God should use a mere man as his viceroy and that he should found a Church made up of sinful men to do his divine work is “unsearchable.” That he should allow weeds and wheat to grow in the same field is a difficult thing for us to understand, and often still more difficult for us to bear. But once committing himself to come among us as a man, with all that that means, God remains true to the logic of his choice. Men, sometimes sinful, sometimes saints, will be called to hold those keys and to exercise the remarkable role of the steward of the kingdom of God, that office that we refer to as the papacy.

# Grow in Discipleship

**W**ho do you say that I am?" That question, asked by Jesus to Simon Peter in today's Gospel, sets the stage for a key foundation of the Catholic Church. Once Simon states that Jesus is the Messiah, then Jesus blesses him, changes his name to Peter (which means rock), and says that he will build his church upon that rock.

This week's study will draw out two important themes from this passage. First, the symbolism of the rock. Solomon, the great king of Israel, built the Temple on the rock where Abraham offered his son Isaac as a sacrifice. With this background in mind, we will see that Jesus is saying that he is the new Solomon. Like Solomon, Jesus is the builder of the new temple, the Church. And just as Solomon built his temple on the rock of Abraham's sacrifice, so Jesus will build his—though not on a physical rock, but on Peter, the new rock. This new temple, which Jesus refers to as his kingdom, will be his church—the Catholic Church.

Second, the keys. Jesus, knowing that he will not be physically present much longer, hands over the "keys of the kingdom" to Peter. We will see that in the Bible, the keys are a symbol for the king's prime minister, the caretaker of the kingdom. By giving Peter the keys of the kingdom, Jesus is appointing Peter as his prime minister in the kingdom he is building. From that moment on, Peter and his successors, the popes, have held a central leadership role for Christ's Church—one that recalls the prime minister of the Davidic kingdom of old.

## Reflection & Discussion

In this week's Gospel, Jesus gives Simon a new name, Peter, which means rock. What do you think this new name tells us about Peter?

Let's look at how changing Peter's name is essential to understanding the foundation of the Catholic Church. Please watch the short

Opening the Word video by Dr. Tim Gray on FORMED.org

According to Dr. Gray, how does the relationship of Jesus to the Catholic Church resemble the relationship of a king to his kingdom?

Dr. Gray explains that Jesus was a "tekton." What is a tekton? How does Jesus' being a tekton relate to his renaming Simon to be Peter, the rock?

## DIGGING DEEPER: A Master Builder

The Greek word tekton is used to mean someone who isn't just a builder of furniture or tools, but an artisan who is skilled in construction and design work and who can build with stone as well as wood. A tekton was a craftsman, not a mere common laborer.

### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

## Confession

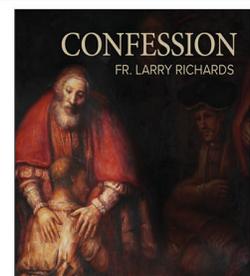
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# Mass

## Intentions

### Saturday 8/26

- 8:30am Ramiro Resendiz †  
Hector & Sofia Hernandez †  
5:00pm Mary Cycyk †  
Reinaldo Bustos †  
7:00pm Maria de Leon

### Sunday 8/27

- 6:45am Melanie Maher †  
8:00am Marily Rita Estill †  
9:30am Antony Pham Van Hoi †  
11:00am Leona Perez †  
Connie Chavez †  
12:30pm Mass for Our Parish  
6:00pm Meturalin Loreto Fetalvero †  
Alejandra Durlan Fetalvero †

### Monday 8/28

- 8:30am Erik Forstreter & Family  
The Bustos Family  
Bill Weaver †

### Tuesday 8/29

- 8:30am Slegfried Forsprever †  
Tony Untalan †  
William Jordan †

### Wednesday 8/30

- 8:30am Thomas McVey  
Magna Flauta †  
7:00pm Victims of Tragedies

### Thursday 8/31

- 8:30am Dell, Fredd & Anette  
Rose Bamba  
Pedro Pablo Ledezma †

### Friday 9/1

- 8:30am Mr & Mrs Anabub  
Maria Ike & Charles †  
Patricia Werner †

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

# Prayers & Devotion

*"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;  
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

— Matthew 16:19



Put yourself into this pivotal scene in which Jesus elevates Peter to this important leadership role in his kingdom. Picture Jesus with all of the twelve Apostles but singling out Simon and changing his name to "Rock" (Peter). Then imagine Jesus saying those sacred words to him: "You are rock and on this rock I will build my Church." Prayerfully ponder what you think this means for you and for the Church Jesus established.

## Resolution

Come up with one resolution you can do this week that either helps you accept the leadership role of Peter's successors, the popes, more in your life or helps you express greater gratitude for this gift Jesus left his Church.

***Download this week's Opening the Word prayer journal free on FORMED.org***

## Parish Prayer Requests

Continued prayers for Yunuen Guadalupe Garcia, age 15, daughter of Knight of Columbus, Ricardo Garcia, who had brain surgery for a tumor on August 9th

For 2-year old Landon, whose brain/eye tumor has reappeared; for his healing and the family's comfort and strength.

For abundant blessings on all our parish ministries as they resume with programs this fall.

For the teen and adult Confirmation candidates who will begin preparation classes next week.

***Please send your prayer requests to Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com***

# News & Announcements



## Calling All Bakers!

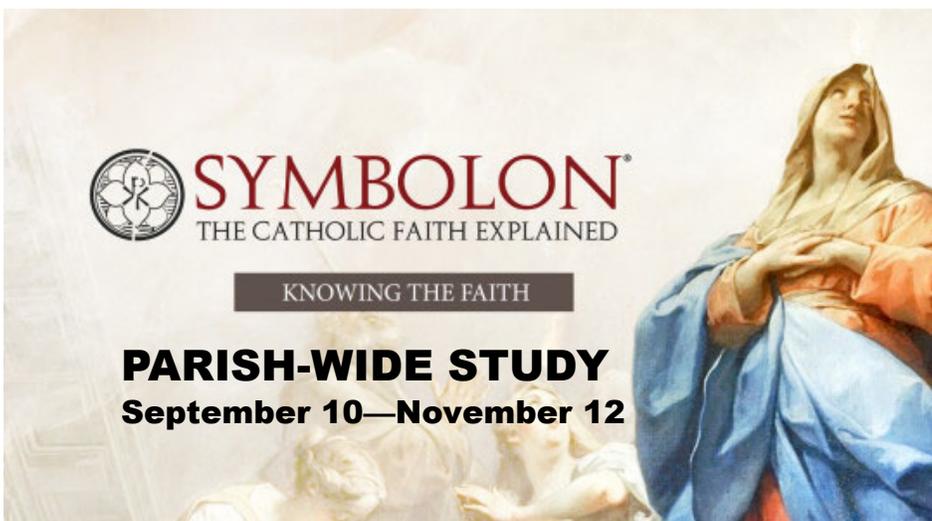
Put your apron on and find your favorite cake recipe, because it's time to sign up this weekend, after Mass, to donate a baked cake for the Parish Festival Cake Walk!

See more details about all Festival events online at [StMichaelLivermore.com/FallFestival](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/FallFestival)



## Mission Accomplished!

The 25th Annual Backpack Project was a BIG success. More than 1300 packs were delivered to homes. Thank you to all who contributed and helped!



## The Catholic Faith Explained. For the Whole Parish

The beauty and truth of the Catholic Faith is captured in Symbolon, a stunning video series with the best and most trusted Catholic teachers you'll ever find in one place. **All parishioners are invited to participate in this 10-week study Sept 10-Nov 12!** Here's how:

1. Watch the 30-minute video at home each week starting Sept 10. OR...
2. Gather in your small group or ministry to watch the weekly video. OR...
3. Join us on Tuesdays at 1 pm or Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Convent (sign up by emailing [Grow@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Grow@StMichaelLivermore.com))

Access the Symbolon video study series free from any browser at [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org). Get your free account using parish code **P4XNPZ**

## Collection Report

Thank you for your generous financial gifts. Because of you, we can continue to celebrate the sacraments, grow disciples and bring Christ to people.

If St Michael's is your home parish, and you have not yet set up regular giving, please prayerfully consider doing so today. Setting up electronic giving is easy through Faith Direct (church code CA602), or you can requesting traditional offering envelopes from the church office.

8/20 Collection	\$17,781.66
Month to Date	\$62,388.77
Monthly Goal	\$86,274.51
Percentage Reached	72%
Aug Maintenance	\$9,671.93
Aug Faith Direct	\$8,792.00

# This Week

## MONDAY, AUG 28

St. Augustine

**Readings:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**Suggestion:**

Watch *Restless Heart*, a fantastic movie depicting the life of St Augustine, on FORMED.org

## TUESDAY, AUG 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

**Readings:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

**Suggestion:**

Watch *Lectio: Eucharist, The Lamb of God* on FORMED.org. Dr. Pitre examines why John the Baptist's disciples were quick to leave him to follow the One he proclaimed as "the Lamb of God."

## WEDNESDAY, AUG 30

**Readings:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**Events:**

*Serve at Open Heart Kitchen* from 9:30 am-11:45 am or 11:45 am-2:00 pm. To volunteer, contact Diane Schord at 925-447-4344 or dhschord@sbcglobal.net

## THURSDAY, AUG 31

**Readings:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

**Suggestion:**

*Look at your September* calendar and choose days to spend in the Adoration Chapel.

## FRIDAY, SEPT 1

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

**Readings:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

**Suggestion:**

Observe "First Friday" by attending 8:30 am Mass.

## SATURDAY, SEPT 2

**Readings:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

**Events:**

*Anointing of the Sick* after the 8:30 am Mass followed by Confession. Confession also at 3:45 pm in English and 6:15 pm in Spanish

## SUNDAY, SEPT 3

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**Events:**

*Maintenance & Improvement Collection* at all Masses to fund projects to support our parish facilities and grounds.

*Birthday Blessings* at all Masses for those celebrating another year in September.

*Mass with Sign Language* Interpret-er at 11:00 am Mass.

## Family Movie Knight



Livermore Knights of Columbus is hosting a FREE showing of "Moana" at St Charles Borromeo, Friday, September 8, at 7:30 pm.

The 2016 musical film is based on a mythic adventure set 2000 years ago across a series of islands in the South Pacific. It is appropriate for all ages! Free popcorn and beverages will be served.

Contact Joe Allen for information at 817-673-9171 or joseph698@yahoo.com.

# Upcoming

## Confirmation Preparation Classes for Adults

**Wed, September 6**

If you are an adult who is baptized Catholic and who has received first Holy Communion but have never been confirmed, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation! Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30 pm in the Convent. Contact Marjorie Melendez 925-447-2925 RCIA@stmichaellivermore.com

## Faith Formation Registration Deadline

**Wed, September 6**

Classes in English will be on Wednesdays at 4:00-5:30 pm or 6:00-7:30 pm, beginning October 4th. Classes in Spanish will be on Fridays at 5:00-6:30 pm, beginning October 6th.

Download the registration packet at [StMichaelLivermore.com/Faith](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/Faith)

## Donate Religious Books

**Sun, September 10**

Donate new or gently used Catholic religious books to our Parish Fall Festival's Book Sale. Bring your donations to the courtyard on Sept. 10th from 7:30 am to Noon. Contact Arnette Leonetti at 925-212-0826 or a\_rafael@msn.com for more details.

## Teen Confirmation Deadline EXTENDED! To Mon, Sept 11

If your high school student has not yet registered for Confirmation preparation, you're in luck! The deadline has been extended to Sept 11. Get the paperwork at [StMichaelLivermore.com/Confirmation](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/Confirmation) (Second-year students do not need to re-register).

## St Michael's Got Talent Tryouts

**Sept 16 and Sept 19**

All parishioners are invited to participate in a talent show as part of our festival on Saturday, September 30. We welcome acts of all shapes and sizes; dances, gymnastics routines, instrument pieces, magic tricks, skits, singing groups, joke-telling, poetry recitation, martial arts routines, basketball rhythm dances, and more!

A committee of parish staff, SMS school faculty and parishioners will observe tryouts and select the acts on Sat, Sept 16 from 9am-10:30am and Tues, Sept 19 from 4-5:30 pm in Room 26 at St Michael School.

## Chance to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card

**Sat, September 16**

Turn in your Fall Festival raffle tickets by Sept 16 to enter a drawing to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card!



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## Train to Become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

**Oct 3 OR Oct 17**

Have you thought about what it would be like to bring Our Lord present in the Eucharist to the assembly at Mass? Prayerfully consider training to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. You need attend only one day/time. Either Tuesday, October 3 after 8:30 am mass until about 10:30 am **OR** Tuesday, October 17 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Please RSVP to Debbie Pizzato at [Liturgy@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Liturgy@StMichaelLivermore.com) or call 925 667-4095.

# Noticias Parroquiales



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2. Reúnase con su pequeño grupo o ministerio para ver el video semanal. O...

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imagina si alguien te dio algún nombre, sin ningún aviso o sin consultártelo. Renombrar a alguien es un acto extraordinario. Jesús seguramente sabia esto, y renombra solo a uno de sus discípulos. Simón es el único discípulo al que Jesús le hace esto. Al tiempo que vamos leyendo los evangelios, podemos notar varias de las debilidades y defectos de Pedro, y también constantemente recordamos el día que Jesús lo llamó "piedra" y le confió el camino de la salvación.

## LLAMADO POR NOMBRE

Jesús nunca le quita a Pedro las llaves del Reino de los Cielos, aún después que Pedro lo negó durante su Pasión. La llamada de Jesús es inmutable, como una piedra. Y así es con cada uno de nosotros. En el Bautismo, una de las preguntas que el sacerdote o celebrante hace es: "¿qué nombre quieren darle al niño?" Al renacer de las aguas del Bautismo, en el nombre de Jesús, recibimos la llamada de Dios para vivir en la luz de Cristo. Nuestra llamada es irrevocable. No podemos hacer nada para borrar la llamada personal de Dios. Aun cuando debamos negar a Cristo mismo, como Pedro lo hizo, el Señor continúa amándonos y deseando nuestro amor a cambio.

## Lecturas de hoy

Is 22:19-23; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

## ¿QUÉ HAY EN UN NOMBRE?

En un momento impresionante, Jesús da a Simón un nuevo nombre: Pedro, que significa piedra. La historia del nuevo nombre de Simón se cuenta de manera diferente en otros evangelios. En Juan y Marcos, Jesús da el nuevo nombre a Simón después de su primer encuentro e invitándolo para ser uno de los Doce. Sin embargo, aquí en la historia de Mateo, Jesús cambia el nombre de Simón a Pedro solo después que Simón profesa su fe en Jesús como el Mesías. La experiencia de Pedro nos ayuda a reflexionar en momentos impresionantes de nuestra propia vida: "¿Qué momento personal me afectó radicalmente que parecía que me convertía en una nueva persona? ¿Qué experiencia transformadora cambió mi nombre, ya sea literal o figurativamente?"

Algunas veces un cambio de nombre sucede en momentos importantes, naturalmente después del nacimiento, adopción, Confirmación, profesión de votos religiosos, o el matrimonio. Pero



## Hermano Zeferino: El Pan de Vida

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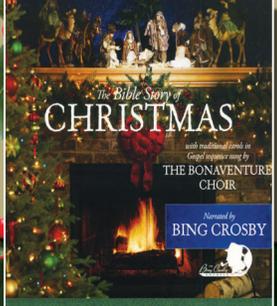
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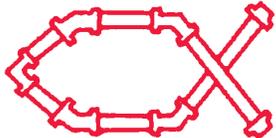
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### Mass | Misa

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

**Wed | Mi** 7:00 pm (español)

**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

**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

1st & 3rd Wed in the Convent Chapel,  
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**Anointing of the Sick |**

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