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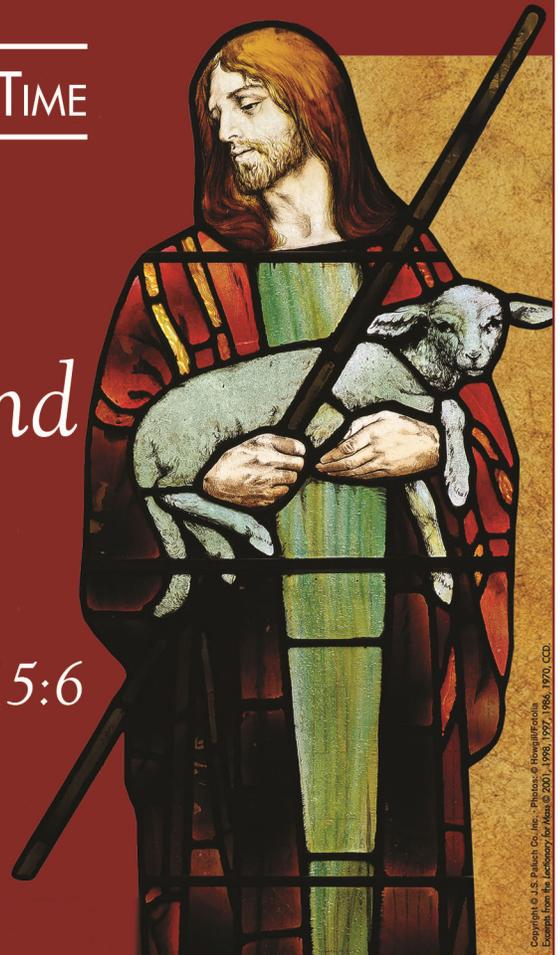
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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*Rejoice with me  
because I have found  
my lost sheep.*

*Luke 15:6*



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The theme of today's reflection is "Lost and Found." Do you remember a time when you lost something, perhaps a possession of great importance? When we lose something of high value, we search and search until we finally find it. And the discovery brings such a sense of relief. The greater the value of what was lost, the more we rejoice in finding it.

Three times, Jesus uses this theme of something valuable being lost and found as the backdrop for his message in the Gospel reading today: a shepherd losing one of his sheep, a woman losing a coin, a father losing a son. Jesus uses these analogies in a personal way to describe God's own seeking us out when we are lost and separated from him by sin: all of heaven rejoices when even one sinner is found and returns to God. That is the kind of rejoicing that happens in heaven for us!

But the analogy doesn't end there. We can find incredible gratitude stirring up in our hearts when we think of the ways God has pursued us, and found us when we were lost. The more lost we were, the deeper our gratitude should be. Moreover, we should share the Lord's heart for those who are lost. Once we've been found, God calls us to share in his desire to see others found and restored in relationship with him.

## Unpack the First Reading Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Moses Maimonides, a twelfth century philosopher and rabbi, points to the incident of the golden calf as a turning point in the life of Israel. The Egyptians and Canaanites worshiped bull or calf deities as symbols of fertility, wealth, and power. Yahweh, on the other hand, had just led the Jewish people out of Egypt, demonstrating not merely a pow-



er in nature but the Power behind nature. Yahweh had demonstrated that he was the God of gods in the clearest way possible by defeating the powerful gods of Egypt.

But, cast into doubt by Moses' long absence on Mount Sinai, the people had Aaron form the likeness of a calf as an object of worship. Despite all that God had done for them, they fell back on the comfortable patterns of their former lives in Egyptian slavery. Ironically, Yahweh seems to have in effect said, "If you want to live like slaves you will, but you'll be slaves to a law that Moses will

give you rather than to the gods of Egypt."

We sometimes fall into the same temptations as Israel. We fail in faith and start to rely on our own power or the power that we can derive from nature rather than to give ourselves in loving trust to God. He has saved us before and will do so again, as long as we don't give ourselves over to the worship of created things; to do so only leads to slavery.

## Unpack the Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

In this reading, St. Paul exemplifies the necessity of our depending not on our own power but on the mercy of God. Paul's fierce loyalty to the law and the God of the law had led him to reject the claims of Christ. Paul wasn't seeking Christ but Christ found him. He blinded Paul for a time so that he might see in a new way when he received the Gospel.

It's vital we remember that Israel proved time and time again to be unworthy of the task God set before her. Paul, likewise, protests that despite the task that has been set out for him, he's the worst of sinners. We, too, have received our salvation and faith without any merit on our part. Despite our sin, we've been chosen, grafted onto Israel. Israel is rightly proud of its irrevocable status as the chosen people; we're rightly proud of all of the wonderful things that we've been

given as Catholics. We fall into blindness, however, when we begin to think that any of that which we're proud of is ours by right and not by grace. When we fail to give glory to God for his gifts, we also fail in being "an example to those who would later have faith in him and gain everlasting life." The best example we can offer is that of mercy at work in us.

## Unpack the Gospel

### Luke 15:1-32

There's good reason to believe that Luke uses this story as a parable of the eventual offer of salvation to the Gentiles. In his Gospel, he shows a dual interest in telling the Jewish story and the world story. The parable of the prodigal son is told to an audience of Pharisees but with tax collectors and sinners gathered around as well. Jesus first tells two stories about one lost sheep and one lost silver piece. Then Jesus proposes the story of a father who had two sons, one of them the prodigal. If a sheep or a coin are worth the struggle to save it, certainly a human soul—a son's soul—is worth the same.

Indeed the prodigal leaves the family and thereby falls into the position of a servant, the same as that of someone who's dead or outside the covenant family of Israel. Despite the servant status he has earned himself outside of the covenant family, the father welcomes the prodigal son back to the covenant family life. The parable suggests that whether one is a member of the covenant family of Israel who has fallen out of the covenant or one who's beyond the reach of the covenant promises made to Israel, as is the case with the Gentiles, there's the same kind of joy before the angels of God over one repentant sinner (see Luke 15:10).

## Reflect & Discuss

Our readings today talk about things that have been lost, and then found. Have you ever lost something that was really valuable to you? Could someone share a "lost and found" story from their own life? How did you feel when the item was rediscovered? Please watch the short Opening the Word video on FORMED.org, then reflect and discuss these questions with a friend:

Most of us can relate to the image Jesus is trying to paint in the Gospel reading. He pursues us when we are lost. And like the widow searching for that lost coin, sometimes that involves diligent searching and searching, turning the whole house upside down in the process. For some of us, God has searched us and pursued us with great diligence. In what ways has God pursued you while you were away from him? How has God been like a good shepherd who found you and returned you to the fold?

Seeing God's incredible mercy in our own lives is what motivates us with love and compassion to see others. For a disciple, we are not only meant to experience God's search for us until we are found, we are meant to share his heart for others. How is God inviting you to share his heart in your own life? Have you seen people in your life that God has given you a desire to see "found"?

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## Our Lady of Sorrows—September 15

PICK OF THE WEEK

### Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows

by Kimberly Hahn



#### Walk with Mary

Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

*"Speechless ... I have cried so many tears hearing this."*

—Charity L., Anderson, SC

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# Pray Throughout the Week

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 9/14

8:30am Mr & Mrs Anabude Ike  
Pius Enechukwu

5:00pm Sheila DeSilva †

7:00pm Cheryl Ruth †

### Sunday 9/15

6:45am Margaret Bunschus †

8:00am George Cardinal Pell

9:30am Eufemio Ebarido †

11:00am James Kane †

12:30pm Mass for Our Parish

6:00pm John Inocencio  
Anthoiny Trujillo  
Christopher Cortez

### Monday 9/16

8:30am Ann Smith

### Tuesday 9/17

8:30am Richard Boerger †

### Wednesday 9/18

8:30am James Kane †

7:00pm Cuc Nguyen

### Thursday 9/19

8:30am Mary Ann Gorospe †

### Friday 9/20

8:30am John Ramos †

7:00pm David & Kathleen Joy

*To request a Mass Intention, please visit the church office. It is customary to offer a \$10 donation for the priest celebrating the Mass.*



## Prayer

Imagine being a part of the story Jesus uses in today's Gospel reading. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your prayerful reflection on these two scenes: Imagine that you are going with the good shepherd as he leaves the ninety-nine and goes after the one lost sheep. Reflect on his devotion to just that one sheep that went astray. Similarly, imagine that you are with the woman as she sweeps and sweeps her house in an intense search for the one lost coin. Consider her immense desire to find that one small penny. Now imagine that each of those lost items is a metaphor for someone in your life whom God loves and is searching for. Who do you know that is lost and is in need of being found? What do these parables tell you about God's love for that person?

## Resolution

As you reflect on one person in your life who is in need of experiencing the love of God, prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to show you some practical ways can you be a source of God's love to that person, or to those people, this week.

## Weekly Prayer for Alpha

For our Alpha guests who have made the decision to explore more meaning in their lives, that they may have a powerful encounter with the Lord.

## Prayer Team

Our prayer team of over 70 members receives prayer requests weekly. Send your requests or join the team by emailing [Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com)

# Fr Carl's Message of the Week



## Wheelchair Sunday

***"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full."*** - Proverbs 19:15

Dear St Michael Family,

This Sunday, our Livermore Knights of Columbus Council is partnering with The Global Wheelchair Mission to raise funds to deliver brand new, free wheelchairs and mobility aids to physically disabled children, teens and adults throughout the world.

The delivery of a wheelchair to a person without mobility improves the quality of life for the entire family. Children can go to school; adults can go to work to provide for their families and the elderly can get out of a bed they may have stayed in for years at a time. We estimate that each wheelchair we

deliver impacts an average of 10 lives in a positive way.

It is estimated that more than 100 million people throughout the world need a wheelchair but cannot afford one. These people cannot be helped by canes, crutches, walkers or prosthetics. A wheelchair is their only hope for mobility.

On average, developing countries around the world have about three percent (3%) of their population physically disabled and unable to afford a wheelchair. In the 60 or so countries with civil unrest, landmine and unexploded ordnance problems, the percentage of physically disabled can rise as high as Angola's twenty percent (20%). Afghanistan, Iraq, Cambodia and Sierra Leone are not far behind. Colombia is the only country in the

western hemisphere with landmines actively being planted by anti-government rebels and the problem is growing. The reasons for physical disabilities include war, disease, accidents, lack of health care, aging and more.

It is our goal to support this awesome charity work to help people who are disabled. As a parish, I thank you in advance for your generosity toward this Second Collection cause. If God is inspiring you to help more or in other ways, please talk to one of our Knights after Mass.

May God reward you with His bountiful blessings!

Fr Carl  
Pastor



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# Special Reminders

## It's Not Too Late to Come to Alpha

If you missed dinner last week, you can still catch up. Join us for dinner in the Hall on Monday, September 16 at 6:30 pm. Enjoy a great (free!) meal, watch an engaging video and have a conversation about REAL topics. Register at [StMichaelLivermore.com/AlphaRegistration](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/AlphaRegistration)

## Mass Intentions

Our Mass Intentions book for 2020 will open on October 7. In order to accommodate all of our parishioners, we will gladly accept two Mass Intentions per person.

## Buy More Raffle Tickets!

We still have raffle tickets available at the church for \$10 each. Don't miss out on a chance to win some great prizes!

## Dinner Auction Tickets

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the fabulous under-the-sky Hawaiian Dinner Auction for the Feast of St Michael the Archangel on September 28. See page 8 for more details. All proceeds go to the beautification and repair of our parking areas.

Feast of St Michael information: [StMichaelLivermore.com/Feast](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/Feast)



## NOVENA TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

### September 20-28

Pick up your prayer booklet in the church office or view or download at online at [StMichaelLivermore.com/Novena](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/Novena). Pray at home with your family each day, or pray at Mass. We offer this novena for those who have fallen away from the faith and those who do not know Jesus.

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## Collection Report

Due to holiday and vacation schedules, our collection report is delayed. Thank you for your offerings and for your patience!

9/1/19 Collection	\$18,013.47
Month-to-Date	\$18,013.47
Month Goal	\$108,823.53
% Reached	17%
Maintenance (for September)	\$5,464.21

# Save These Dates!



## **Golden Friends Luncheon Friday, Sept 27 at 10:30 am Large Hall**

Mass begins at 10:30 am in the Hall followed by lunch and entertainment. If you would like to attend, please call Mary at 925-784-1812.

## **Feast of St Michael the Archangel Sept 20-29**

Novena of Masses.  
Parish Raffle.  
Dinner Auction.  
Ministry Fair.  
(See next page for details)

## **Parish Offices Closed Monday, Sept 30**

... after the festival!

## **Bishop Oscar Cantu on International Social Justice Thurs, Oct 3 at 9:00 am St Charles**

Bishop Oscar Cantu of the Diocese of San Jose will preside at Mass at 9:00 am at St Charles and speak from 9:45—10:30 am.

## **Blessing of the Animals Saturday, Oct 5 at 10 am Courtyard**

In honor of St Francis of Assisi, we will bless our beloved pets! Bring your animal buddy for a special blessing. In order to keep the peace, please keep dogs on leashes and small pets inside carriers.

## **500th Anniversary of Catholic Christian Evangelization in the Philippines Saturday, Oct 5, 8 am - 4 pm Church & Large Hall**

Bring your family and friends to this free Diocesan event at St Michael's, celebrating 500 years of Filipino Catholic culture, from the islands to the mainland. Celebrate Mass with Bishop Alejandro Aclan, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles. Hear an inspiring talk by Bishop Mylo Hubert Vergara, Ordinary of the Diocese of Pasig, Philippines. Lunch will be served. Please register in advance at [bit.ly/500thAnniversary](http://bit.ly/500thAnniversary)

## **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary Monday, Oct 7 at 7:00 pm**

Rosary in 10 languages in the Parish Courtyard.



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# **2ND ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE PINWOOD DERBY**

Sunday, September 29  
Entry fee: \$5 Check in: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Race time: 1:00 pm



# **OCTOBER IS ROSARY MONTH**



**Pray with us every evening in October at 7:00 pm in the Courtyard.**



# FEAST OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

# Hawaiian Dinner & Auction



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FEAST OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



## Novena of Masses

September 20 at 8:30 am	September 24 at 7:00 pm
September 21 at all Masses	September 25 at 7:00 pm (Spanish)
September 22 at all Masses	September 26 at 7:00 pm
September 23 at 7:00 pm	September 27 at 7:00 pm
	September 28 at all Masses

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FEAST OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## Parish Ministry Fair

**Sunday, September 29**  
**9:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
**Church Parking Lot**



FREE Game Booths for Kids | Food Trucks | Entertainment  
Ministry Information | Fellowship & Fun

FEAST OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

# Raffle!

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## Domingo para silla de ruedas



**"Quien sea amable con los pobres se lo presta al Señor, y se lo pagará en su totalidad".**

Proverbios 19:15

Querida familia de San Miguel,

Este domingo, nuestro Consejo de Caballeros de Colón de Livermore se ha asociado con The Global Wheelchair Mission para recaudar fondos para entregar sillas de ruedas nuevas y gratuitas y ayudas para la movilidad a niños, adolescentes y adultos con discapacidad física en todo el mundo.

La entrega de una silla de ruedas a una persona sin movilidad mejora la calidad de vida de toda la familia.

ia. Los niños pueden ir a la escuela, los adultos pueden ir a trabajar para mantener a sus familias y los ancianos pueden levantarse de una cama en la que pueden haberse quedado durante años. Estimamos que cada silla de ruedas que entregamos tiene un impacto positivo en un promedio de 10 vidas.

Se estima que más de 100 millones de personas en todo el mundo necesitan una silla de ruedas pero no pueden pagarla. Estas personas no pueden ser ayudadas por bastones, muletas, andadores o prótesis. Una silla de ruedas es su única esperanza de movilidad.

En promedio, los países en desarrollo de todo el mundo tienen alrededor del tres por ciento (3%) de su población con discapacidad física y no pueden pagar una silla de ruedas. En los aproximadamente 60 países con problemas de disturbios civiles, minas terrestres y municiones sin explotar, el porcentaje de discapacitados físicos puede aumentar hasta el veinte por ciento en Angola (20%). Af-

ganistán, Iraq, Camboya y Sierra Leona no se quedan atrás. Colombia es el único país en el hemisferio occidental con minas terrestres activamente plantadas por rebeldes antigubernamentales y tiene un problema creciente. Las razones de la discapacidad física incluyen guerra, enfermedades, accidentes, falta de atención médica, envejecimiento y otros.

Nuestro objetivo es apoyar este increíble trabajo de caridad para ayudar a las personas con discapacidad. Como parroquia, les agradezco de antemano su generosidad hacia esta causa en la Segunda Colecta. Si Dios le está inspirando para que ayude más o de otra manera, hable con uno de nuestros Caballeros después de la Misa.

¡Que Dios le recompense con abundantes bendiciones!

P. Carl  
Pastor

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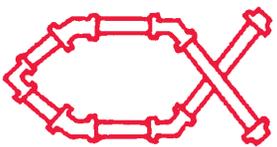
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### Mass | Misa

**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)

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Rev. Carl Arcosa, Pastor  
Rev. Alfonso Borgen, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. David Staal, Associate  
Rev. Stanislaus Poon, Retired  
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