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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IF YOU WISH TO COME AFTER ME
YOU MUST DENY YOURSELF,
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS,

and follow me.

MARK 8:34

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Getting Behind the Messiah

Winter can be depressing. Depending on where you live in the country, you may not see the sun for two or three months. The temperature can be bone-chillingly cold, and there is little sign of life except for the brave neighbors shoveling their driveways. The days are short and dark, the trees are lifeless, and we don't hear children playing outside or birds chirping. It can seem very desolate. Carrying our cross is often a "winter" for our soul. It can be challenging, lonely, and may seem never-ending. The hope that we have in Christ is like hoping for the springtime. We carry our cross and die to ourselves so that we can experience the Resurrection with him. Just as flowers bud and blossom again, the trees grow leaves, and the sun grows warmer in the springtime, so too do our souls become nourished and refreshed when we give ourselves entirely to Christ. But, in order to experience this beautiful springtime, we must first go through the trial of winter.

First Reading Reflection Isaiah 50:5–9a

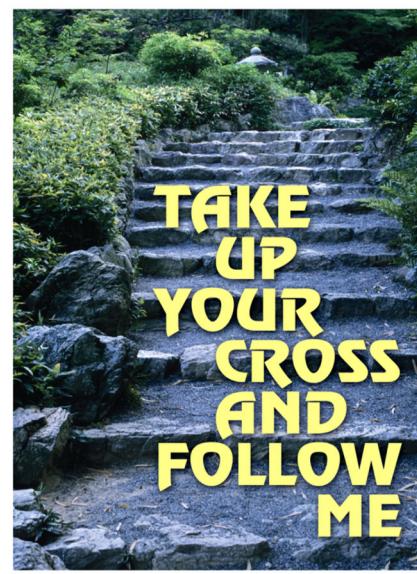
This passage from the second half of Isaiah is the third of the four Servant Songs. The servant of the Lord depicted in these songs points forward to Christ, who will suffer for the sins of the people. In this third song, we find the servant engaging in three specific heroic actions, which lead to one concrete result. First, he speaks the Lord's word to encourage others who are "weary" (Isaiah 50:4), which corresponds to Jesus's proclama-

tion of the Kingdom of God. Second, he listens to the Lord and submits to his will in humble obedience, as we see Jesus do in the Garden of Gethsemane (see Luke 22:42). Third, the Servant endures undeserved suffering—beating, beard plucking, insults, and spitting—which point forward to Jesus's suffering during his trial, scourging, and crucifixion. In all of these difficulties, however, the servant does not

be willing to undergo suffering for the sake of the Gospel, while we imitate Jesus's preaching by sharing the Good News with other people. If we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, then we too will share in his victory and hopefully experience the Resurrection of the dead.

Second Reading Reflection James 2:14–18

Religion can easily become a mere abstraction. We see this phenomenon in contemporary notions of those who are "spiritual but not religious" or in self-soothing meditation. It is tempting to think of Christianity as a form of therapy, in which our personal needs are met by "feel good" theology. In these ways and many others, faith remains merely at the emotive level, without actually influencing my life or my actions. St. James is warning us against this type of belief in his letter. He is likely trying to correct bad interpretations of Saint Paul's teachings on faith and works. Paul focuses on salvation by faith rather than by observing the ritual prescriptions of the Law of Moses, which many Jews regarded as necessary for salvation. Paul shows that God wanted the Gentiles, who do not observe circumcision, kosher eating, and other rituals to be part of his new covenant family in Christ. Yet some people misunderstood Paul and thought that he wasn't concerned about works as much as faith. James teaches us that we must act on our faith, not just intellectually assent to our faith. Believ-



lose heart. He looks to God as his "help" (Isaiah 50:9) and believes that the Lord will vindicate his honor after the time of suffering is ended. The vindication of the servant corresponds to Jesus's Resurrection from the dead, which demonstrates that eternal life is stronger than death. In fact, through death, Christ has conquered death. In order for us to be truly Christian, we must imitate the life of the Suffering Servant. Like him, we must listen to the Lord, submitting ourselves to him in complete obedience. As part of our obedience, we must

ing in Jesus is a life-transforming event, which is meant to impact every area of our lives. Nevertheless, we don't simply "earn" a ticket to Heaven through good behavior. Jesus is the one who saves us, but we must cooperate with his grace, repent of our sins, and live with the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

Gospel Reading

Reflection

Mark 8:27–35

Many people acknowledge Jesus as a great religious teacher but do not actually follow his teachings. Today's Gospel drives home the fact that mere intellectual recognition of Jesus is not enough. He asks his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" (Mark 8:27). After they give him a report, he then asks them personally, "But who do you say that I am?" (v. 29). The point is that we cannot acknowledge Jesus's existence but then not make any changes to our lives. Rather, we must be baptized in the name of the Lord and then

surrender our entire lives to him, rejecting our bad habits. And, if we were baptized as infants, we must ask for an increase in the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity as we journey toward the heavenly fatherland. Saint Peter sets the example for us by publicly proclaiming that Jesus is the Messiah, but he fails to accept the whole mission. When Jesus predicts his own Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Peter denies that it will happen, showing his own lack of faith in Christ's redemptive mission. In turn, Jesus rebukes Peter as "Satan" for failing to think like God thinks. Jesus's words recall the words of Isaiah: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" (Isaiah 56:8). Our thinking can be very limited, yet we must have faith in Christ's Paschal Mystery. In fact, suffering and death are at the heart of Christ's mission as the Messiah, and the same will be true for us as we follow him. In order to be real disciples of Christ, we must follow Jesus on the road to Mt. Calvary: deny one-

self, take up the cross, and follow him. The only way to save your life is to lose it (see v. 35) and the only path to resurrection is through suffering and death.

Join the Discussion

Watch the *Opening the Word* video and respond to these questions at StMichael.FORMED.org

How do you put your faith into practice?

Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Take some time to answer this question as Jesus asks you - who do YOU say that he is?

How do you understand Jesus, and how would you describe this understanding to others?

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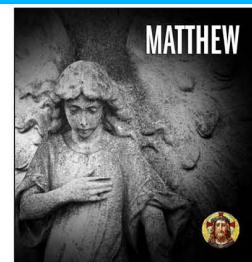
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Intentions

Saturday 9/15

- 8:30am Fredrick G. Zamora
5:00pm Andreas Mandelenis
7:00pm Lupita Murillo

Sunday 9/16

- 6:45am Michael Z
8:00am Hiedi Pimentel †
9:30am Richard † and Peggy Boerger
11:00am Kenneth Dixon †
12:30pm The Nosadini, Osorno, Garcia and Caranza Families
6:00pm Peggy O'Neill †

Monday 9/17

- 8:30am Valentin & Germinia Buendia †

Tuesday 9/18

- 8:30am Fr Gus Koilparampil †

Wednesday 9/19

- 8:30am George Dumanon †
Mary Ann G. Zamora
7:00pm Laverna Kirkendall †

Thursday 9/18

- 8:30am John Ramos †

Friday 9/19

- 8:30am Thomas † and Jackie Heise

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.



PRAYER

Jesus speaks plainly to his disciples today. He frankly shares with them the Father's plan, which he will bring to fruition at his Crucifixion. His plan is difficult to understand for the people who love him and now depend on him. Imagine hearing that your dear friend and teacher would have to suffer greatly and be killed. Like Peter, our reaction would probably be one of denial.

But Jesus's words should shock us. He tells Peter, "Get behind me, Satan." How can Jesus call Peter "Satan," when he will become the Rock on which the Catholic Church is built? How can the first Pope be called "Satan?" Jesus's harsh rebuke of St. Peter indicates the gravity of his doubt: Peter doubts the Paschal Mystery. Namely, he doubts that Christ will redeem the world through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Peter doubts the very means of his own salvation! Today, let us pray that we place all our faith in Christ's death and resurrection, recognizing the salvation that he won for us on the Cross.

RESOLUTION

Today's Gospel is not a "feel good" teaching. Take some time to answer Jesus's question to his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" Write down your answer. If Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, then to whom else can we turn? Next, take some time to recognize the cross or crosses you are facing. How can you "take up your cross" this week? What will change in your attitude towards these trials? Write down your commitment. If you need to post it on your bathroom mirror as a reminder, do so!

Use your Prayer Journal to write down your thoughts, your reflections, and your resolutions.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the repose of the soul of Robert Godfrey

Please send prayer requests to Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

Student Essay Contest

Deadline is October 12

The Livermore Knights of Columbus Student Essay Contest is open to students in 8th-10th grades. This year's prompt is "How does your family keep its Catholic Faith in action?" Last year, Kayla Nuti at St Michael School won second prize for 8th graders in California! Who is next?

Contest is open to all parishioners at St Michaels and St Charles Submit your essay Sept 10—Oct 12 to Dan Leary dclmtz@gmail.com

Rite of Reception

Next Sunday at 9:30 am Mass

We will celebrate the Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church for William Greene and Chris Lampson. This rite consists of Profession of Faith, Sacrament of Confirmation, Sacrament of first Holy Communion. William and Chris are baptized in other Christian denominations.

New Church Office Hours

Starting Monday, Sept 10

9:00 am -12 :00 pm then
2:00 pm -5 pm

Including an additional hour of closure will allow our office staff a period of uninterrupted time to return phone calls and emails and catch up on tasks our busy parish office demands.

Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



Watch *Padre Pio: Miracle Man* free at StMichael.FORMED.org under "watch" then "modern day saints". Padre Pio's feast day is Sept 23.

Family Rosary Nights

Thursdays in October at 6:30 pm in the Courtyard

You have all heard it... "The Family that Prays Together Stays Together...". It is true, faith is a powerful glue.

The Knights are committed to strengthening the faith of our Livermore families and what better way than turning to Mary in unison as a family. As a new twist on their traditional rosaries, our Knights will coordinate rosaries that are led by families in our parishes. Please contact Mike Taranowski at taranowski1@gmail.com if you are interested in leading one of the rosaries as a family.

New Mass Intention Policy

The 2019 Mass Intention book will open on Wednesday, October 3.

To allow more members of our parish to request Mass intentions, please be aware of the following policy changes, effective October 3:

- Each month, from October through December, parishioners can request up to two Mass intentions only.
- Mass intentions will not be accepted through the mail and will only be taken in the Church Office.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping serve our very large, faithful community.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, SEPT 17

St. Robert Bellarmine

Readings: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Sign Up to Volunteer at the Fall Festival! You and your family can help make our Centennial Festival a huge success. Please visit Bit.ly/GameBooth to choose a shift.

TUESDAY, SEPT 18

Readings: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Return Festival Raffle Tickets: If you haven't already done so, please return your raffle ticket stubs and payment to the church office. Best of luck to all players!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 19

St. Januarius

Readings: 1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Discover the Catholic Faith: If you are an adult who is lacking the sacraments of Baptism or First Communion or Confirmation, come to the Convent at 7 pm to learn more.
RCIA@StMichaelLivermore.com

THURSDAY, SEPT 20

Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Boy Scout Religious Emblem Meeting: at 7 pm in the Small Hall for Scouts interested in working on either the Ad Altare Dei or Pius the XII religious emblems. Maurice Aufderheide at mbaufderheideiii@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, SEPT 21

St. Matthew

Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday Abstaining: Did you know that the Church never abolished the call to abstain from eating meat on Fridays? Rather, other forms of sacrifice, penance, acts of piety or charity were allowed if the faithful chose to eat meat. An action of choice is still required.

SATURDAY, SEPT 22

Readings: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

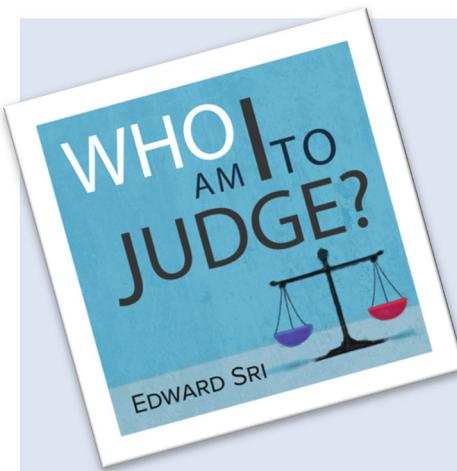
Confession: Every Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass, at 3:45 pm and at 6:15 pm (Spanish). For an examination of conscience for adults, teens or children and for a Confession how-to guide, please visit our parish website at StMichaelLivermore.com/Confession

SUNDAY, SEPT 23

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 -- 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Families Behind the Windows: at 7:30 pm Dr. Barbara Mitchell, retired art historian, who has given many presentations on religious art at St. Michael over the years, will present this slide lecture. Come learn about the early pioneer families in the parish!



Listen to this audio talk on FORMED.org Click the "Listen" tab, then "Current Topics"

Discussing Moral Issues...

with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Speaking from a wealth of personal experience, renowned author and theologian Dr. Edward Sri provides 5 "keys" to enable Christians to oppose with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the "dictatorship of relativism."



Share Your Musical Talents

We are accepting new members for our choirs to lead and support

congregational music at Mass. Each choir welcomes both vocalists and instrumentalists to enhance and support the choirs.

Children's Choir—9:30 am Mass
Chamber Choir—11:00 am Mass
LifeTeen Choir — 6:00 pm Mass
Handbell Choir—Special events
NEW! Latin Mass Choir—8:00 am Mass, on second Sundays

Contact: JaNet Hancock
 925-292-5071 or
music@stmichaellivermore.com

Homebound Ministers Needed

Are you being called to bring Christ, present in the Eucharist, to fellow parishioners who cannot come to mass? Homebound ministers bring Communion to the elderly, sick and injured in their homes or in hospitals.

We especially need Spanish speaking homebound ministers. Training and support is provided.
 Contact: Lien Celi at 925-325-9117

You are Needed to Pray in the Chapel

Jesus, present in the Eucharist, is exposed in our chapel 24/7. There must be someone in the chapel at all times. Below are the hours that are in need:

Monday: midnight, 1am, 3am, 7am, 8am, 10pm.

Tuesday: midnight, 1am, 2am, 3am, noon, 9 pm, 11 pm.

Wednesday: 3am, 10 am, 11am

Thursday: midnight, 1am, 2am, 3am, noon, 1pm, 5pm

Friday: 1am

Saturday: midnight, 1am, 2am, 3am, 8am, 2pm, 8pm

If you would like to sign up for a few weeks at any of these times, please email Michael at miceval@pacbell.net

Installation Mass for Fr Carl

Friday, Oct 19 at 7 pm in the Church, with reception to follow in the Hall.

Gather to give thanks to God for sending us our new pastor, Fr Carl, at his installation Mass. Father Lawrence D'Anjou will preside.

All are welcome to officially welcome Fr. Carl to St Michael's.

The Last Things: 5-Session Online Study

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church focuses on the “last things”. Join us in a 5-week online study with Bishop Robert Barron to discuss topics such as death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell. When you register, you will receive via email one short video with reflection questions each week. Please plan to share your comments and questions with the group.

October 31: What will happen when we die?

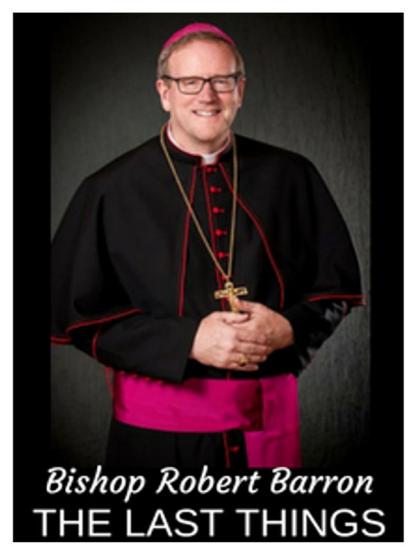
November 7: Does God really send people to Hell?

November 14: Why Purgatory is actually a good thing.

November 21: What can we know about angels?

November 28: What is the goal of Christianity?

Register free at Flocknote.com/StMichaelLivermore/TheLastThings



Bishop Robert Barron
THE LAST THINGS



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Get Your Centennial Collectibles

Get your official commemorative St Michael Centennial collectable keepsakes after Mass **next week** while supplies last. Look for the sales table in the courtyard. All proceeds benefit St Michael's.

Parish Wide Pinewood Derby

Sunday, September 30 in the Large Hall

Cub Scout Pack 903 is proud to host the first annual Parish-wide Pinewood Derby! Build a car with your friends or family, or on your own, and bring it to the big race on Sunday, September 30th in Msgr. Adams Hall at the Saint Michael Parish Festival. Awards will be given for speed and design. For full rules, please visit the St. Michael Parish Festival website. Please note that cars entered for the race must pass inspection per the official rules.

ceeds go to the parish)
Check-in: 11:00 –12:30 AM
Race Time: 1:00 PM
Awards: 3:00 PM

Note: Times are subject to change. Unofficial pinewood derby racing will be available to kids of all ages as a carnival game throughout the festival. Drop by for some racing fun!

Contact: Andre Miron at 925-321-2542

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per car (all pro-

Volunteer for a Shift

at one of the Fall Festival game booths online at [Bit.ly/
GameBooth](https://Bit.ly/GameBooth)

Donate Auction Items

Please call Sharon Dec at 925-699-4402 or Edna McCombe at 925-980-8435

Sell & Return Raffle Tickets

Kindly return raffle ticket stubs with payment to the church office.

Nuevo horario para la Oficina Parroquial

A partir del lunes 10 de septiembre

9:00 a.m. -12: 00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. -5 p.m.

Incluye una hora adicional de cierre que le permitirá a nuestro personal de oficina un período de tiempo ininterrumpido para devolver las llamadas telefónicas y correos electrónicos, y ponerse al día con las tareas que exige nuestra concurrida oficina parroquial.

Nueva política para las intenciones de la Misa

El libro de Intenciones para el año 2019 se abrirá el miércoles 3 de octubre, para permitir que más miembros de nuestra parroquia puedan solicitar intenciones. Tenga en cuenta los siguientes cambios que entrarán en vigencia a partir del 3 de octubre:

- Cada mes, de octubre a diciembre, los feligreses pueden solicitar hasta dos intenciones de misa solamente.

- Las intenciones para Misas no se aceptarán por correo postal y solo se tomarán en la Oficina de la Iglesia. Gracias por su comprensión y cooperación al ayudar a servir a nuestra gran comunidad fiel.

EL QUE QUIERA VENIR CONMIGO,
**QUE RENUNCIE A SÍ MISMO, QUE CARGUE
CON SU CRUZ**
Y QUE ME SIGA.

~ Marcos 8:34

Noches de Rosario Familiar Los jueves de octubre a las 6:30 pm en el patio

Todos lo han escuchado ... "La Familia que Ora Junta Permanece Unida ...". Es cierto, la fe es un poderoso pegamento.

Los Caballeros están comprometidos a fortalecer la fe de nuestras familias en Livermore y qué mejor manera que recurrir a María al unísono como familia. Como un nuevo giro en sus rosarios tradicionales, nuestros Caballeros coordinarán rosarios dirigidos por familias en nuestras parroquias. Póngase en contacto con Mike Taranowski en taranowski1@gmail.com si está interesado en guiar uno de los rosarios de familia.

Veradera Adoración

Padre Mike Schmitz, director del Ministerio de la Juventud y Jóvenes Adultos en la Diócesis de Duluth, nos inspira y educa con estas pláticas sobre la forma de adoración más elevada: la Misa. A través de estas tres homilías él nos da una profunda reflexión con historias vibrantes de las Escrituras. El Padre Mike asegura de que nunca vas a experimentar la Misa de la misma manera otra vez.

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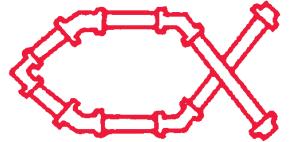
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Mass | Misa

Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

Wed | Mi 7:00 pm (español)

First Friday | Primer viernes

12:00 pm in the chapel

en la capilla

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

Monday & Friday in the church | Lunes y viernes en la iglesia

7:30 am in English & español

1st & 3rd Wednesdays in the Convent Chapel

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. Carl Arcosa, Pastor
Rev. Alfonso Borgen, Parochial Vicar
Rev. David Staal, Associate
Rev. Stanislaus Poon, Retired
Rev. Deacon Bill Archer
Rev. Deacon Rob Federle
Rev. Deacon Dave Rezendes

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