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SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Father Abraham,*

HAVE PITY ON ME.

SEND LAZARUS

TO DIP THE TIP

OF HIS FINGER

IN WATER

AND COOL

MY TONGUE.

~ Luke 16:24

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Mon-Fri: 7:00 am & 8:30 am  
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Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am,  
11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish), 6:00 pm

Sign Language: 1st Sun 11:00 am  
Vietnamese: 4th Sun, 3:30 pm

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9:00 am & 3:45 pm  
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# Sunday Readings ...

## Seeing God in the Poor By Opening the Word

### First Reading

*Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).*

Amos lived in a period of religious reform. The deeds Amos condemns are those of injustice to the poor, abuse of power, and sexual license. Even in the midst of these violations of the covenant life to which it had been called, Israel evidenced a self-satisfaction, an assurance of its own merit. While some in Israel enjoyed the luxuries that wealth can supply, others were sold into slavery or abused in the field or marketplace. Amos suggested that Israel may well be worse off than it had been when worshiping other gods. There are solemn covenant obligations that come with the worship of the true God. Every gift we receive from God is meant for benefit of others as well as ourselves.

Just as the prophets warned Israel that its special status wouldn't protect but rather condemn it if it failed to act in accord with that grace, so too the tremendous blessings of grace that we receive in the sacraments won't assure our salvation if we're not receptive to and transformed by them. The graces we've been offered will stand in witness against us if we refuse these gifts of God.

### Second Reading

*Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).*

It is wealth that blinded Israel to the obligations of the covenant and its own complacency in the time of Amos, and Paul now warns Bishop Timothy that "some people in their desire for it have strayed from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains" (1 Timothy 6:10). Our first reading describes the dangers to our religious commitment that wealth can pose, and this reading describes what the man or woman of God should seek as an alternative.

Writing from Macedonia to the young Timothy, this exhortation comes near the end of Paul's letter. Paul shows no shyness about invoking his full authority in order to stiffen the commitment of Timothy in the face of false teachings that had appeared in Ephesus. All Christians, and not merely bishops, are called to the highest possible standard of integrity, piety, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness of spirit. Without the grace we receive from our profession of faith and the sacraments which flow from it, none of us could meet that standard.

### Gospel

*The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).*

This parable is about a rich man (sometimes called "Dives" in Latin,

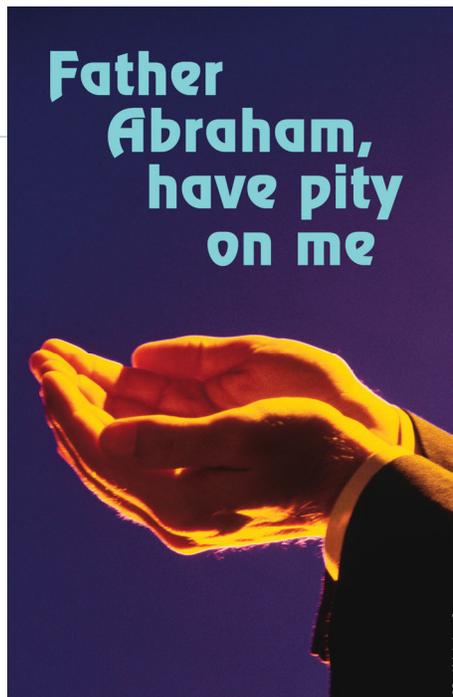
# Reflections

meaning “rich man”) and a poor beggar named Lazarus, who lives at the gate of the rich man. In the end, Dives finds “torment” in the afterlife and Lazarus finds “rest” in the bosom of Abraham. It’s this reference to Abraham’s bosom, traditionally understood as the place where the souls of the just awaited their redemption prior to Christ’s coming (CCC 633), which would have appealed to the Pharisees. Jesus may be issuing a warning to the Pharisees as well. Dives did nothing to offend Lazarus, he simply failed to notice him; his heart had grown hard to the point that he couldn’t see the needs of a man sitting at his own gate.

There’s a religious corollary to the hardness of the heart that material wealth can cause. We can easily become complacent toward those who are outside the Church because of the wealth that God has given us in all the graces of the new covenant. We must strive to be more attentive to the needs of those at our gates, even those outside our covenant family. In the case of both material help and sharing the Gospel, fidelity to God and his covenant demands it.

## Meditation & Discussion

In prayer, imagine for a moment that you are one of the rich man’s friends. He has invited you to dinner and you are excited about the meal you will eat because you know it will be delicious. As you approach the rich man’s house, you see Lazarus lying at the gate. What do you feel as you see him? What do you do? Do



you step over him, anxious to get inside to the banquet? Do you stop to talk to him? Now imagine that the rich man sees you and begins to gesture to you to hurry up and come in the house. What do you say to the rich man?

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you ways you might be selfish with the goods that you have been given. Do you use the goods entrusted to you to help serve the needy? Ask God to show you one way you might better serve the poor or a “Lazarus” in your life this week.

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*Opening the Word* offers prayers and insights for the Sunday Scriptural lessons. Featuring videos designed to facilitate thought and discussion for faith formation, *Personal Prayer Journals* and a *Group Leader’s Guide*, *Opening the Word* helps you to make the most of the Sunday readings. *Opening the Word* is one of many programs available at [Formed.org](http://Formed.org).

## Sunday Readings

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 25, 2016

**First Reading** -- Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

**Psalms** -- Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** -- Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

**Gospel** -- The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51  
**Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

## Saints and Special Observances

**Monday:** Ss. Cosmas and Damian

**Tuesday:** St. Vincent de Paul

**Wednesday:** St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus

**Thursday:** Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

**Friday:** St. Jerome

**Saturday:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Saturday

# Prayers

## That We May See God in Others

Lord God, I ask forgiveness for all the times in my life where I have failed to do the good that I should have done. I am sorry for the times that I have failed to see another person as one who is made in your image and likeness and deserving of my respect and love. I ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon me, the Spirit of mercy, to soften my hard heart. Help me to recognize your presence in my life and in the lives of others. This prayer I humbly make in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

## Special Intentions

For our newly formed Small Group Bible Study members, that they may experience a profound encounter with the Lord in Scripture that transforms their lives. And also for those who were unable to join a Small Group Bible Study this fall, that the Holy Spirit may prepare them to register for a group in January 2017.

For Alpha, the new evangelization ministry at St Michael's that is in the early stages of development.

For the Holy Family Missionaries of Mercy and Mother Chidiebere, that their new community may grow abundantly.

For our new parishioners who have joined our community, and for those who are being called to St Michael's.

For the success of our Parish Fall Festival next weekend, as we celebrate the feast of our patron, St Michael.

For the repose of the soul of Eleanor Sahlin. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



“If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed *just one.*”

**St Teresa of Kolkata**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 9/24

8:30am Maria Sandoval †  
5:00pm Roselino Estrada †  
7:00pm Maria de Jesus Dominguez †  
Leo Ledezma †

### Sunday 9/25

6:45am Anna Tran T. Trong †  
8:00am Donald G. Gardner †  
9:30am Gerald Dixon †  
11:00am Antony Pham Van Hoi †  
Teresa Pham Thi Chach  
12:30pm The Souls in Purgatory  
6:00pm Janice Alvarez †

### Monday 9/26

7:00am Ronald Moore & his father †  
8:30am Angie Morgan

### Tuesday 9/27

7:00am Ronald Moore & his father †  
8:30am Paul Nguyen †

### Wednesday 9/28

7:00am Janice Alvarez †  
8:30am Lee Groves †  
7:00pm Irene Rosales

### Thursday 9/29

7:00am Clement W. Butler, Jr. †  
8:30am Joe & Jo Goralka †

### Friday 9/30

7:00am Ronald Moore & his father †  
8:30am Arthur & Louise Owens †

### Saturday 10/1

8:30am Brett Gregory  
5:00pm Mitchell Withrow and  
Alexandria Gaynor  
7:00pm Ronald Moore & his father †

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

# Parish News

## Introducing Mother Chidiebere

The parish of St Michael's gladly welcomes the Holy Family Missionaries of Mercy (HFMM) who arrived on August 31, 2016. Mother Chidiebere is the foundress of this new community in the Church, and the Convent at St Michael's is their motherhouse.

The HFMM has the charism MERCY. They announce that the MERCY of God triumphs over justice, and that we resemble God most when we show mercy to our neighbor.

Their mission is to invite families to embrace the MERCY of God which He lavished upon the whole human race in the Incarnation of His Son Jesus Christ.

The HFMM embraces the spirituality of the Incarnation Mystery. God took on human flesh in order that he may offer us His divine nature!

The HFMM reaches out to families by ministering to those in prison and offering pastoral outreach to families whose loved ones are incarcerated. They meet families through sidewalk evangelization and neighborhood outreach.

The HFMM supports and encourages marriages, helps in strengthening marriages, and helps reunite broken marriages as God has intended it.

The HFMM gives talks and retreats about the renewal of the Gospel and family values in schools, prisons, parishes, family groups and ministries.

The HFMM prays with families and for families.  
If you see "Mother C" at Mass, please introduce yourself!

## Thank you for a Successful St Mary's Dinner

A ginormous thank you to the many folks who helped make this year's St Mary's Center Dinner a huge success. The seniors at Saint Mary's Center enjoyed Heartland goulash, Minnesota rice hot dish, Pennsylvania Dutch green beans, homemade bread, fresh green salad with homegrown tomatoes, fresh fruit salad and a plethora of homemade cookies. We had twenty-one volunteers and numerous generous contributors: without you, we could not have cooked this Sunday dinner.

Many of our volunteers come from the RCIA process. For those seeking to become Catholic, the baptized candidates and the unbaptized catechumens, this is an opportunity to serve out our mission as Catholics to those in need. In the company of sponsors and family, neophytes and newly received, we go to the periphery of our own community of the Diocese of Oakland to bring Christ to people.



## 118 Parishioners Registered to Study Scripture!

We had a tremendous response to Small Group Bible Study, with 118 parishioners registered! Everyone has been assigned to a group.

Groups decide for themselves when and where they meet, how frequently they meet and what area of study they will pursue. The groups this fall have chosen the following programs:

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

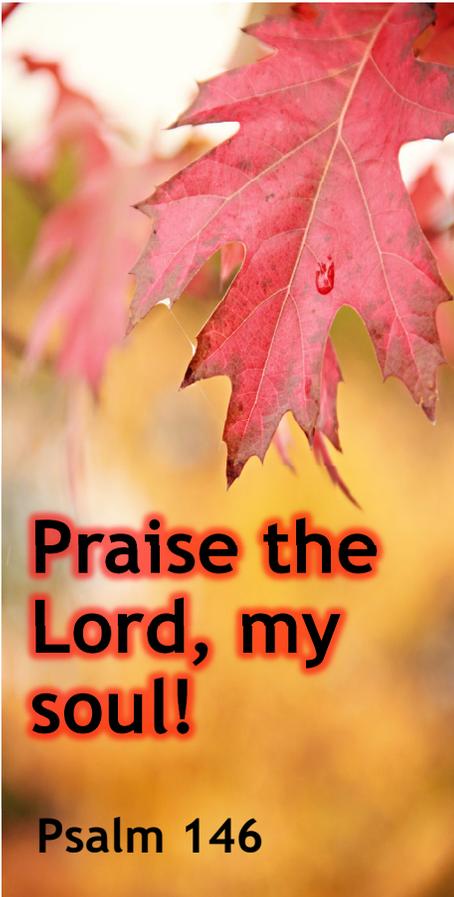
A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

The Bible Timeline: Story of Salvation

Psalms: The School of Prayer

Greek New Testament

If you have not joined a Bible Study group this fall, keep in mind that we will be registering new groups in January 2017.



# This Week

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## New Parishioner Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 pm  
Small Hall

The Welcoming Ministry will host a potluck dinner for all new parishioners on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 pm. All interested parishioners are invited to attend. To RSVP, please call Marie deVasconcelos at 925-447-2226. Thank you.

## Next Weekend

Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, October 1 after the 8:30 am Mass.

Mass with Sign Language Interpreter at 11:00 am Sunday, October 2.

Second Collection for the Catholic Voice at all Masses.

Birthday Blessings at all Masses for those celebrating an October birthday.

Parish Fall Festival in the St Michael School yard!

# Parish Fall Festival Oct 1 & 2

## Come and enjoy fun for the entire family!

It's all happening next week in the St Michael School yard: games, live entertainment, ethnic foods from our diverse parish cultures, a raffle drawing, a silent auction, a live auction and a dinner dance.

Bring your family and your friends! This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce people to our community at St Michael's.

All proceeds benefit St. Michael Parish.

## Dinner Dance

Tickets Available at Mass

**Adult Menu:** Peel and eat boiled shrimp, tri tip or surf & turf with jambalaya or baked beans, coleslaw and dessert, soda, juice or water. No host bar.

**Kids Menu:** Hamburger or hot dog with chips and one side dish of jambalaya, baked beans or coleslaw, with soda, juice or water and dessert.

Family Dinner seating from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. \$20 for adults, \$7 for kids  
Adult Dinner seating from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. \$25 per person.

## Can you help?

We need some helpers at the game booths and food booths. Please sign up after the mass.

We are still accepting items for the silent or live auction.

Pull an ornament off the prize booth tree located in the chapel foyer to donate a gift card.

Bake a cake for the Cake Walk!

Call Corry Painter at 925-577-9939 for details.

# Upcoming

## Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

**Saturday October 15**  
**6:30-8pm in the St. Michael's Courtyard**

All are invited to celebrate and remember babies whose lives on earth were brief yet unique and meaningful and to support parents who have suffered the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn.

Gather at 6:30pm for a blessing and prayers. A candlelight vigil will begin at 7pm as part of the Lights of Love International Wave of Light (a worldwide observance).

**New!**

## An Evening with the Chief Exorcist of the Archdiocese of Manila

**Sunday, October 9**

All are invited to hear Fr. Jose Syquia, Chief Exorcist Priest Archdiocese of Manila, talk about the spiritual battle that is taking place in the world. He will explain demonic infestations, oppressions, obsessions, possessions and how to protect yourself and your family.

Celebrate Mass with Fr. Jose at 6:00 pm. His talk will follow at 7:00 pm in the church.

## A Talk on Jesus in the Eucharist

**Friday, October 14 at 7:00 pm in the Church**

Fr John Tran, an eye-witness of the Risen Christ, will share his story of an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

**New!**

## Relics of St. Teresa of Kolkata Exhibit

**Oct 2 - 9**  
**Cathedral of Christ the Light**

**New!**

Come visit the exhibit of the life of St "Mother" Teresa and her holy relics at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. Sisters from the Missionaries of Charity will answer questions from 10 am to 5 pm. This special exhibit is free and open to the public. On Sunday, October 9th at 10:00 am, the Very Rev. James Matthews will preside at a Mass of Thanksgiving.

## The Holy Spirit ALIVE in Scripture

**Tuesday, October 18 in the Church**

6:30 pm: Songs of praise and worship  
7:00 pm: Talk on unleashing the Holy Spirit in your life.  
7:45 pm: Healing Service

# October is the Month of the Rosary

## Blessing of Rosaries

**Saturday, October 18 at the 8:30 am Mass**

Come bring your rosaries to be blessed at the 8:30 am Mass.

## Public Rosary

**Saturday, Oct 15**  
**Carnegie Park at 11:45 am**

Save the date and plan to join us to pray for peace in the world by praying the rosary in public at Carnegie Park.

## K of C

### October Rosary

1st and 3rd Thursdays in October at 7:00 pm at St Charles.  
2nd and 4th Thursdays in October at St Michael courtyard.

## Morning Rosary Group

**Every Monday-Saturday**

In the chapel after the 8:30 am Mass

## African Rosary Group

Thursdays at 6 pm in the Chapel

## Medjugorie Rosary Group

Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Chapel

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mondays at 6:00 pm in the Chapel

## Vietnamese Rosary Group

Mondays and Saturdays at 1:00 pm in the Chapel



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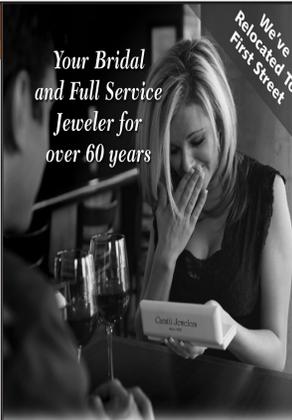


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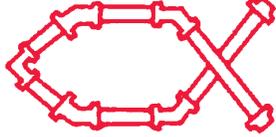

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# Noticias Parroquiales

## Introducción de la madre Chidiebere

La parroquia de San Miguel da la bienvenida a los Misioneros de la Sagrada Familia de la Misericordia ( HFMM ) que llegaron el 31 de agosto de 2016. Madre Chidiebere es la fundadora de esta nueva comunidad en la Iglesia y el Convento de San Miguel es su casa madre.

El HFMM llega a las familias. Ministran a los que están en la cárcel y ofrecen asistencia pastoral a las familias cuyos seres queridos están encarcelados . Se encuentran con familias en el vecindario y en la evangelización por las calles.

El HFMM apoya y anima a los matrimonios, fortaleciendo los vínculos matrimoniales y ayuda a reunir a los matrimonios rotos, como Dios lo quiere.

El HFMM da charlas y retiros sobre la renovación de los valores de la familia en las escuelas, cárceles , parroquias, grupos de familias y ministerios. También ora con y para las familias .

Si ve " Madre C " en la misa , por favor preséntese!

## Exposición de las reliquias de Santa Teresa de Calcuta

**2 al 9 de Octubre en la Catedral de Cristo Luz en Oakland**

Venga a visitar la exhibición de la vida de Santa "madre" Teresa y sus reliquias en la catedral de Cristo la Luz en Oakland. Durante esa semana, cuatro hermanas Misioneras de la Caridad que sirven en Richmond, CA circularán entre los visitantes para responder a las preguntas de 10am a 5pm. Esta exhibición especial es gratuita y abierta al público.

El domingo 9 de octubre a las 10:00 am, el Rev. James Matthews presidirá una misa de Acción de Gracias.

## Jovenes te esperamos Congreso Juvenil

Todos los jovenes mayores de 13 anos estan invitados a vivir el congreso CONEXION Revestidos de la Misericordia de dios, que se llevara acabo Octubre 8 y 9 , 2016.

**Lugar:** Iglesia San Luis Bertrand 1410 100th Ave. Oakland , California 94603

**Invitados:** Jesse Demara , Tavo Godoy , Lil Soldier y Jimmy Jimenez.

**Donacion:** \$5 dollars por dia

**Hora:** 8am-5pm

Para mas informacion call or text:  
925-207-5650



## Peregrinación del Año de la Misericordia a la Puerta Santa Sabado 22 de Octubre

1:30 pm Peregrinación desde la explanada de la Catedral. A las 2:00 pm entrada por la Puerta Santa, seguido por un tour en español para conocer mejor la catedral, con una explicación de su diseño y construcción . Terminaremos con una Misa Solemne a las 3:00 pm para recibir las Indulgencias ofrecidas en este año Santo de la Misericordia.

## Festival de San Miguel

El festival de otoño se celebrará los días 1 y 2 de octubre. Todos están invitados!

Boletos para las rifas y para la cena y baile estilo Bayou serán vendidos después de la misa.

Para obtener más información, contacte a Corry Painter, presidente del festival, al 925-577-9939.



# La Parroquia de San Miguel

En la Parroquia de San Miguel nosotros como misión celebramos los sacramentos, formamos discípulos, y llevamos a Cristo a la comunidad.

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## Misa en español

Sábado 7:00 pm  
Domingo 12:30 pm  
Miércoles 7:00 pm

## Confesión en español

Sábados 6:15-6:45 pm  
Primer y tercer miércoles a las  
2:30 pm en el convento

## Adoración Eucarística Perpetua

Para un directorio de sus socios de oración y para el capitán de horas, llame a Elsa al 925-339-6411

## RICA en español

Ana Fregoso: 925-344-7150

## Formación de Fe

Ruben Nunez: 925-453-6494

## Bautismos, Quinceañera, Matrimonios, Confirmación

925-447-1585 x10

25 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2016 | VIGÉSIMO SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



*Padre Abraham*

TEN PIEDAD DE MÍ.  
MANDA A LÁZARO  
QUE MOJE EN AGUA  
LA PUNTA  
DE SU DEDO  
Y ME REFRESQUE  
LA LENGUA.

~ Lucas 16:24



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Para obtener información en español sobre eventos y noticias de nuestra parroquia.

Si están interesados en agregar o presentar un artículo en el boletín en español, por favor contactar a Brenda Zavala 510-691-2864