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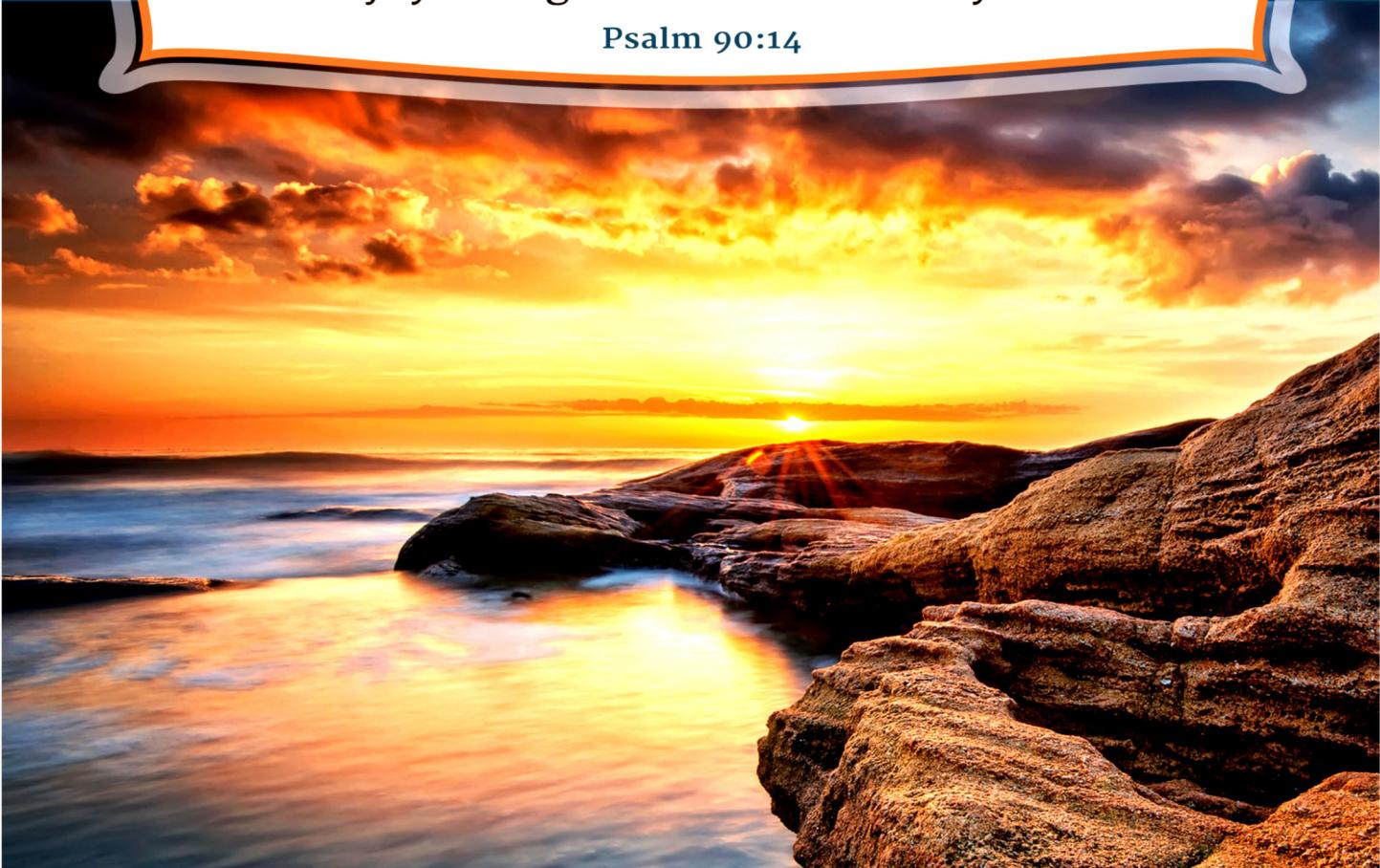
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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*September 4, 2016*

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for  
joy and gladness all our days.

Psalm 90:14



## **Mass Times**

Mon-Fri: 7:00 & 8:30 am  
Saturday: 8:30 am  
Wednesday: 7:00 pm in Spanish  
  
Saturday Vigil  
5:00 pm in English  
7:00 pm in Spanish  
  
Sunday  
6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am 11:00 am  
and 6:00 pm and 12:30 pm in Spanish

Sign Language 1st Sunday 11:00 am  
Vietnamese Mass 4th Sunday 3:30 pm

## **Confession**

Saturday in the Church  
9:00 am and 3:45 pm English  
6:15 pm Spanish  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
2:30 pm in the Convent Chapel

## **Anointing of the Sick**

Every 1st Saturday after the 8:30 am  
Mass or by appointment: 925-447-1585

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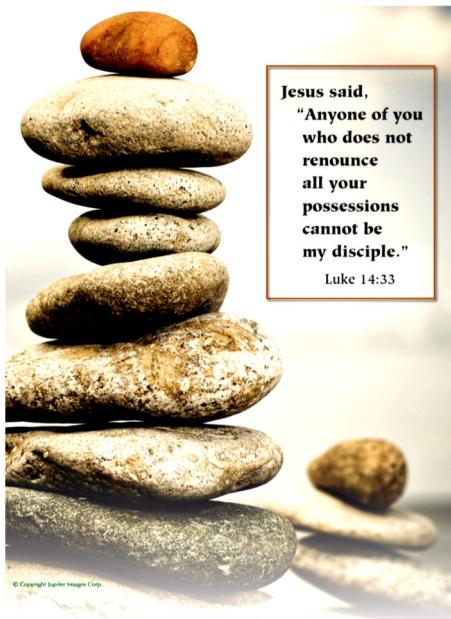
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# Reflect &



## **The Cost of True Discipleship**

**Reflection by Opening the Word**

### **First Reading**

Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

In this text from Wisdom we can see clearly the Church's teaching that we are subject to certain effects of original sin, the sin that we have inherited from our first parents, Adam and Eve. In the beginning, in our unfallen state, the human person would have been possessed of a sublime integrity, the right ordering of our passions or emotions under the direction of an intellect and will that had the gift of supernatural virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit, as well as a special gift of infused knowledge. In that original state, which would have followed upon our having been made by God in innocence and grace, we would have easily had concourse with him and been at peace with each other.

Because of the first sin, however, we find that our emotions are often at odds with reason. As St. Paul says; “For I take delight in the law of God, in my inner self, but I see in my members another principle at war with the law of my mind” (Romans 7:22-23). Our minds, although still capable of rational reflection, are subject to a darkening that came upon them when Adam and Eve revolted against God, and our wills are weakened too. And our own personal sins can leave us weakened still more. In this fallen state we need grace from God to be able to return, in some measure, to that original clarity of soul and mind and to be able to integrate our emotions and drives into an ordered human life, one marked by a self-mastery that is the foundation for all real love.

### **Second Reading**

Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

The letter of St. Paul to Philemon is one of what are called the Captivity Letters, written while Paul was a prisoner in Rome between 61 and 63 A.D. It is the shortest of Paul's letters (notice that it has no chapter numbers but only verse numbers, since it is only long enough to comprise one chapter). It is a very touching personal letter to a propertied man from the city of Colossae. Unfortunately, part of his “property” included human slaves, which would have been an acceptable part of the Greco-Roman culture of the time. Although Paul does not condemn slavery in this letter, he reminds Philemon that he and his slave, Onesimus by name, are united as brothers in the Christian faith they now share. And that common Christian dignity—which is based upon their common human dignity—should transform the master-slave relationship they have had into

# Discuss

## For Meditation & Discussion

something else, Paul suggests. Apparently Onesimus had run away from his master after having stolen some of his property and had then become a Christian in Rome.

### Gospel

To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

In this Gospel passage our Lord explains how we overcome the problem of that effect of original sin that our first reading describes, the loss of integrity in our powers. Jesus uses here what scholars call a Semiticism in this text, in this case a hyperbolic statement or a wild extreme to make a clear point. In saying that we should "hate" our family members and even our own lives, he does not mean that we should really hate them. That would overturn the fourth commandment to honor father and mother, which Jesus himself upholds in Mark 7:10-13 and his own command that we should love our neighbor as ourselves.

He means rather that we must put everything in its proper place to reorder our lives and our loves. Since our emotions, which are bodily in origin, tend to try to override our higher faculties as an effect of the fall, we tend to love lesser things above those higher things that should mean the most. We tend to prefer our own bodily comforts, even when it may hurt others. And even our laudable love for family members can get in the way of the highest goods of the human race at times. Think of the man who refuses to go to war because of his love for his family, when it is precisely to protect them that he ought to go. All lesser loves can get in the way of that love which is most important, our love for God. And, in fact, all lesser loves will be made stronger if we get that highest love right.

In today's Gospel reading, great crowds are going along with Jesus when he gives three conditions for true discipleship. Imagine yourself in this scene and Jesus speaking directly to you about these conditions. Jesus tells you that you must prefer him above anyone else.

Is there anyone in your life that you are placing before God—for your approval, your sense of fulfillment, your sense of self-worth? Next, Jesus tells you that you must take up your cross and follow him. What cross might he be asking you to bear now? Finally, Jesus tells you that you must renounce your possessions. What thing or things are you holding onto that is holding you back from true discipleship?

Share your responses with a trusted friend.

### Resolution

Dedicate some time this week for quiet prayer, perhaps before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. Contemplate the questions above, or write in your journal. Tell Jesus that you don't want to just be a traveler. You want to be a disciple. Ask him to show you what you can do this week to "follow" him more closely as a disciple, rather than to merely "travel with" him.

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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.

## Sunday Readings

**23th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 4, 2016**

**First Reading** -- Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

**Psalm** -- In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** -- Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

**Gospel** -- To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

## Saints and Special Observances

**Monday:** Labor Day

**Thursday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday:** St. Peter Claver

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

# Prayers

## Pray for Our Parish Hall Renovation

Due to a much needed renovation for the Hall, the Msgr. Adams Large Hall, the Logsdon Small Hall, and the Kitchen will not be available from October 3, 2016 through July, 2017. When the project is completed, the new or improved features should include new heating and air conditioning, new lighting, new flooring, new bathrooms, enlarged kitchen, enlarged small hall, new windows, and new curtains, as well as an updated stage.

Please offer prayers of gratitude for the anonymous donor who is funding this renovation. Also pray that the project moves along smoothly.

## Pray for Our Parish

For all of our ministries that are resuming this fall, that they may receive the constant help of the Holy Spirit as they forward our mission to celebrate the sacraments, grow disciples and bring Christ to people.

For those who are just beginning to seek God, that they may find Him through the welcoming people at St Michael's.

For those who are struggling in their faith, in their health and in their families, that they might find Christ's peace.

For those who have made the decision to be intentional disciples of Christ, that they may be given the courage to follow Him.

For those who are weighing the cost of discipleship, that they may be strengthened by Christ's truth and wisdom.

For all parents, catechists, clergy and teachers, that they may give faithful witness to the truth to those entrusted to their care.

For all those who seek healing of the body, mind and spirit.

### Psalm 90:12, 14

So teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain a heart of  
wisdom. Satisfy us in the morning  
with your loving kindness, that we  
may rejoice and be glad all our  
days.



## Pray for the Repose of Souls

Thomas Heise  
Marilyn (Rita) Estill  
Eduardo Jose Regacho

For all the souls in purgatory.

For all those who are grieving.

**Send prayer requests to:**  
**Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com**

# Mass Intentions

### Saturday 9/3

8:30am Richard Boerger †  
5:00pm Robert Maultsby †  
7:00pm Joaquin Rodriguez Aylon †

### Sunday 9/4

6:45am Anthony Sousa †  
8:00am Michael Battion †  
9:30am Quintina Echon †  
11:00am Antony Pham Van Hoi †  
Phero Cao Dang Thai †  
12:30pm Miguel Angel Nevado †  
6:00pm Abelardo B and  
Olive Gorospe, Jr

### Monday 9/5

8:30am William Riley †

### Tuesday 9/6

7:00am William Lawrence †  
8:30am Andy Logsdon †

### Wednesday 9/7

7:00am Thomas & Alice Sheehan †  
8:30am Nguyen Van Tuat †  
7:00pm Ronald Moore and father †

### Thursday 9/8

7:00am Nick & Alice Sanchez †  
8:30am Patricia Werner †

### Friday 9/9

7:00am William Riley †  
8:30am Stuart Withrow

### Saturday 9/10

8:30am Ramiro Resendiz †  
5:00pm Tri Nguyen †  
7:00pm Leonides Morales and  
Jose Avina

# Becoming Fully Initiated Catholics

Meet Joe, Ken, Andrew, BeLinda and Fermin, adults in our community who have felt God calling them to the Catholic Church. They have responded to this call by entering the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to prepare to become fully initiated Catholics through Confirmation and First Communion.

How does God call an adult to Him and His church? We asked our candidates this question, and their honest and heartfelt answers will touch you.

Find out more about the process of becoming Catholic by emailing [RCIA@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:RCIA@StMichaelLivermore.com) or calling Marjorie Melendez at 925-447-2925



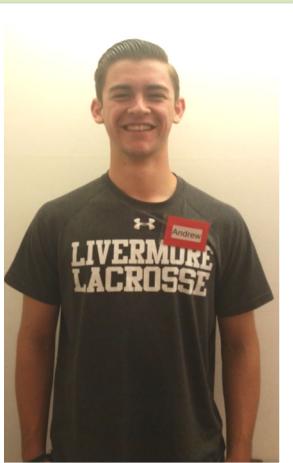
**Ken Tooker**

“While I started coming to St. Michael’s because I married a Catholic, I felt drawn to the faith and the community. The RCIA process has allowed me to see the depth of our faith that is not always apparent to non-Catholics.”



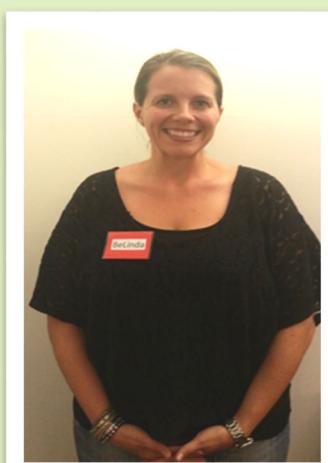
**Joe Lane**

“I lost my stepson in August of 2013. This experience showed me time is short for all of us. It was time for me to take action.”



**Andrew Romero**

“At this point in my life I have realized I can’t face all of my worldly problems and challenges on my own. I’m more drawn to the Catholic Church now more than ever to seek more help and given a new hope from a greater source above.”



**BeLinda Davies**

“I would like to grow in my faith through participating in RCIA, attending Mass weekly, and eventually receiving the sacraments. I know this will bring me closer to God and His church.”



**Fermin Ramirez**

“I have been sensing an incompleteness in my life. I know there is something more to fulfill me. I’ve been called to the Church to help me complete my journey. I’m enjoying the walk in faith!”

# This Week

## Parish Office Closed

**Monday, September 5**

In observance of Labor Day, the parish offices will be closed on Monday. There will be no Mass at 7:00 am, but Mass will be celebrated as usual at 8:30 am.

## Afternoon Reconciliation

**Wednesday, September 7**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 2:30 pm in the Convent.

Regular Saturday hours are in the church at 9:00am, 3:45pm and 6:15 pm

## Adult Confirmation

### Classes Begin

**Wednesday, September 7**

Did you receive the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion as a child, but never received Confirmation? It's never too late to complete your initiation Sacraments!

Classes for adults begin September 7, on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-9:00 pm. To register, contact Marjorie at 925-447-2925 or [RCIA@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:RCIA@StMichaelLivermore.com)

# Be a Teen Confirmation Catechist

Are you being called to help high school students grow in faith?

We are in great need of a Confirmation Catechist for the Tuesday evening class at 6-8 pm. The class meets every other week in September-December and January - May. We use a preformatted program with workbooks and videos during class time. Catechists need to be able to share their faith with high school students in creative and relational ways.

For more information, please contact Priscilla at 925-447-1585 x 11 or at [Youth@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto>Youth@StMichaelLivermore.com)

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tember 11**

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The Diocese of Oakland currently has 45 retired priests, the oldest of whom is 95. With 55 active priests age 60 or older, we anticipate our community of retired priests to grow to at least 75 to 100 over the next decade.

With the number of retiring priests growing each year and the cost of retirement benefits for clergy increasing significantly, the Priests' Retirement Benefits Trust cannot currently meet the need. Please give as generously as you can at the second collection at Mass next weekend.

## Register for Bible Study Deadline

**Sunday, September 11**

Learn about the Bible, the Faith and how it applies to your daily life by joining a small home-based group study. With your group of 4-8 people meeting in group members' homes, you will grow in your relationship with Christ like never before. Using programs by Ascension Press, you will be guided by top Catholic video presenters and follow a Scripture reading schedule.

**Online registration is open now at [StMichaelLivermore.com](http://StMichaelLivermore.com).**  
or submit the form contained in this bulletin at Mass next Sunday.

# Upcoming

## Watch for Your Small Group Assignment

Week of September 11

If you registered to be in a Small Group either online or at Mass, watch your email inbox this week to see the group you have been assigned to join. If you are a group host, you will receive an email with the members of your group.



## Grief Support Group

Saturday, September 17  
St Charles Borromeo

For those who have lost a loved one, it can be healing to meet with others on the same journey. The Grief Support Group meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month in the St Ignatius room of the Keeley center from 10 am to 11:30 am. This is a safe, confidential and understanding group where you can share your experiences.



Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 17. If you are new to the group, please contact Claire La Scola, the group facilitator, at 925-447-9800 or clairelascola@gmail.com.

## Getting Started Meeting for Small Groups

September 17 at 9 am or  
September 22 at 6 pm

For those who have registered to be a host for a small group, plan to attend one of the Getting Started meetings to get all the info you need, including how to choose a study, how to order workbooks and how to keep your group engaged. Other members of your group are welcome to attend. Contact Tina by calling or texting 925-961-7231

## Bayou Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 1

All are invited to have a night of fun, food and music with fellow parishioners and friends at the Knights of Columbus Fall Festival Bayou Ball and Dinner Dance. There is a family seating and an adult seating for dinner.

Tickets are on sale after Mass in the Courtyard.

All proceeds from the Parish Fall Festival benefit St Michael's.

## St Michael Parish Fall

### Festival

October 1 & 2

St Michael School Courtyard

Fun for the entire family! Come enjoy games, live entertainment and ethnic foods from our diverse parish cultures. There will be a raffle drawing, a silent and live auction and a dinner dance.

All proceeds benefit Michael Parish.

## The Holy Spirit ALIVE in Scripture

Tuesday, October 18  
6:30 pm in the Church

Come experience how to unleash the Holy Spirit in your life, making Scripture come alive! Deacon Steve Greco, our special guest speaker, will teach on the power of the Holy Spirit, and how the healing power of the Lord restores His people.

Deacon Steve has a radio talk show on Immaculate Heart Radio.

This event is a must for Small Groups studying the Bible.

6:30 pm: Songs of praise and worship

7:00 pm: Talk

7:45 pm: Healing Service

# Faith Formation Registration

The greatest gift you can give your children is the gift of faith!

Registration packets are available in the church office, Faith Formation office, or [www.StMichaelLivermore.com](http://www.StMichaelLivermore.com). Please return them to the Faith Formation office M-Th between 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Classes in English are on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:30 pm, starting October 5th.

Classes in Spanish are on Fridays 5:00 - 6:30 pm, starting October 7th.



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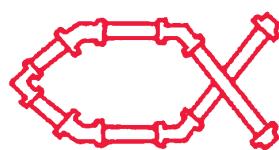
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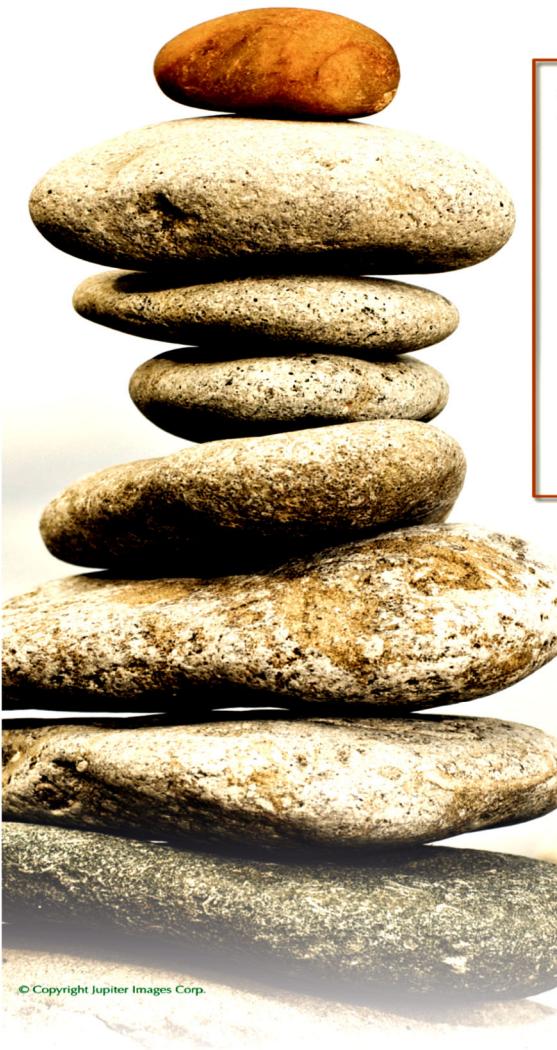
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# Noticias Parroquiales



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**Jesús dijo:**  
“**Así pues,  
cualquiera  
de ustedes  
que no renuncie  
a todos  
sus bienes,  
no puede  
ser mi discípulo”.**  
Lucas 14:33

## Formación de Fe

**¡ultimo dia de registro sera el 30 de Agosto!**

A los estudiantes comenzando primero a quinto año este otoño se les recomienda iniciar nuestro programa de Formacion de Fe. La iglesia ofrece, tambien, clases para niños con necesidades especiales.

**Porfavor registrarse antes del 30 de septiembre.**

Los formularios para registrarse estan disponibles en la oficina de la iglesia, en la oficina de Formacion de Fe, o en [www.StMichaelLivermore.com](http://www.StMichaelLivermore.com). devolverlos a la oficina de Formación de Fe. Ubicada en el Segundo piso del modulo de la escuela de San Miguel. Abierto Martes a Viernes de 3pm a 7pm.

**Informacion disponible  
en la pagina web  
[StMichaelLivermore.com](http://StMichaelLivermore.com)**

Podra descargar los paquetes de inscripción para el bautismo, la primera comunión, Quinceañera, Confirmación y bodas en nuestra nueva página web de la parroquia. Haga click en "culturas" y luego "Español".

Los que no tienen acceso a Internet lo podran obtener en la oficina de la iglesia.

### Los Años Dorados

Atención: Sé les invita a las personas de la tercera edad al grupo "Los Años Dorados" todos los viernes de 9:30 a 11:30 de la mañana, en el convento de san Miguel 375 Maple, Livermore, CA 94550. Para más información por favor comuníquese con Lupita Barattino al 925-273-4220! No sé quede en casa, venga, pasara buen tiempo y hará nuevas amistades!

### 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

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## Misa en español

Sábado 7:00 pm y 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

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Para un directorio de sus socios de  
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Ana Fregoso: 925-344-7150

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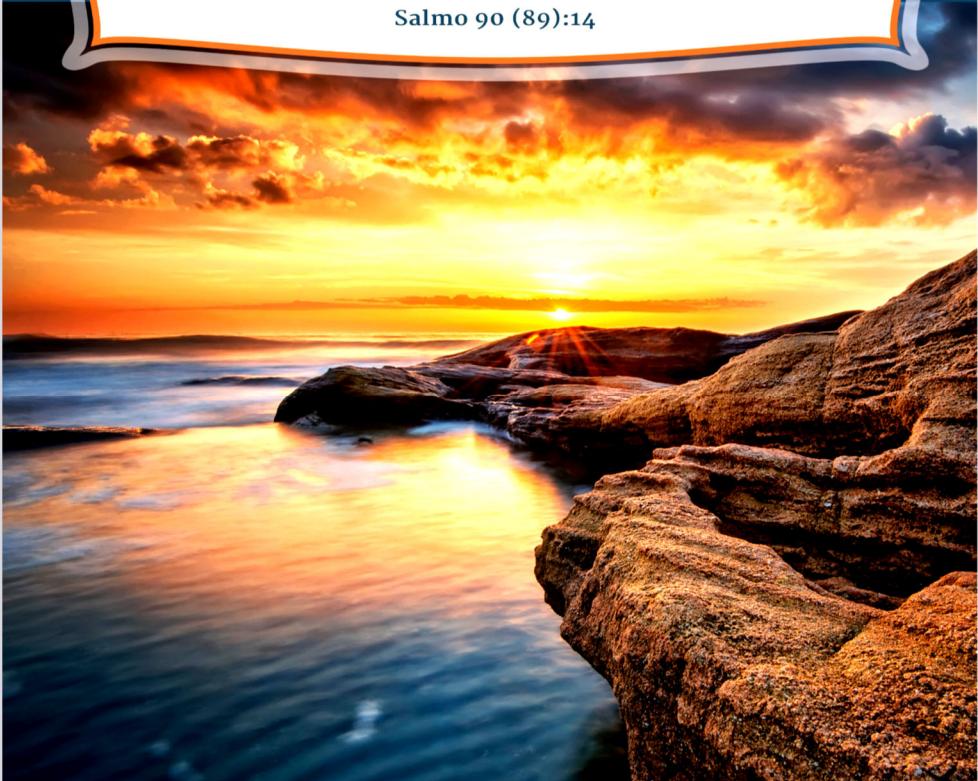
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