



# Saint Michael Catholic Church

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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 09 / 10, 2021



### MASS

**SUNDAY:**

|                   |         |   |
|-------------------|---------|---|
| 7:00 AM           | 1:00 PM | (Children's Choir)                        |
| 8:30 AM (Español) | 4:30 PM | (Youth and Young Adult Mass)              |
| 10:00 AM          | 6:00 PM | (Filipino Mass on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday) |
| 11:30 AM          | 7:30 PM |   |

**Saturday:**

5:00 PM (anticipated Mass for Sunday obligation)

**Monday to Saturday:** 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM (on **Tuesday & Friday**)

**Holy Days:** 8:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

### CONFESIONS

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Saturday); Fridays at 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

### DEVOTIONS

Tuesday, 6:20pm —Rosary for the Culture of Life / 6:45pm—**Mother of Perpetual Help** Novena

First Thursday & Third Thursday, 6:00 PM - **Divine Mercy** Chaplet and Novena

Friday, 6:45 PM—**Santo Niño** Novena

First Friday Devotion to the **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**—Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (refer to Page 10)

First Saturday - Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (refer to Page 10)

Third Saturday - Our Lady of Peñafrancia Perpetual Novena (after the 8:00 am Mass)

In case of an emergency, or if you need to speak to a priest after office hours, please call (619) 472-2655 and leave a message.  
A priest will contact you as soon as possible.

Pastor

**Rev. Fr. Manuel Ediza**

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Please make arrangements at least three months in advance with the Ministry Staff.  
Pre-baptismal Seminar is required for parents and sponsors.

## Today's Gospel Reflection

1st Reading: Wis 7:7-11 \* Psalm: Ps 90:12-17 \*  
 2nd Reading: Heb 4:12-13 \* Gospel: Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

### GIFTS

In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most.

Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall, but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.

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The word of God is living and effective,  
 sharper than any two-edged sword.  
 — Hebrews 4:12a

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Monday:    | Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32                                      |
| Tuesday:   | Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41                                    |
| Wednesday: | Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46                             |
| Thursday:  | Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54                                |
| Friday:    | Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7                                |
| Saturday:  | Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12                         |
| Sunday:    | Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;<br>Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45] |

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Sunday:   | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  |
| Monday:   | St. John XXIII; Columbus Day   |
| Thursday: | St. Callistus I  |
| Friday:   | St. Teresa of Jesus;<br>National Boss's Day                                  |
| Saturday: | St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;<br>Blessed Virgin Mary; Sweetest Day |

### THE PATH

People find their way to paradise more by a path of footprints than by a pack of road maps.

—Anonymous

### SOBRIETY

Be sober, as God's athlete. The prize is incorruption and life eternal.

—St. Ignatius of Antioch

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." - Mark 10:21

### GOD BLESSES AND HEALS US.

Most of us sincerely desire to grow in wisdom and in faith. Today's readings explore the challenges we face when we allow God to lead the way. We first hear the author of the book of Wisdom extolling the value of wisdom in our lives. Then in Hebrews we are told that sometimes God exposes difficult truths about ourselves. These readings set up Mark's story of the wealthy man. In his encounter with Jesus, the man faced a very harsh truth, that his possessions actually possessed him and blocked his path to God. We may have similar "moments of truth" when we have an overwhelming desire to minimize or to run away from truth that God reveals to us. In these moments, may we remember that God always seeks to bless and heal us. In these moments, may God open our hearts to receive truth with faith and courage.

### BIBLICAL GENEROSITY.

Today's Gospel describes a tense and tragic encounter between Jesus and a wealthy man. It appears that the man sincerely desired to know the way to inherit eternal life. He had followed much of the Law of Moses. Apparently, he had also followed society's rules in gaining and sustaining his wealth, avoiding stealing and defrauding.

Jesus indicates that the man missed a crucial part of the Biblical tradition, which calls upon those who have much to share generously with those who have little. The Old Testament regularly refers to this obligation (for example, see Deuteronomy 15). Historians note that in the society in Jesus' day, the wealthy enjoyed privileges in an economic system that also prevented the poor and vulnerable from meeting their basic needs. The wealthy man's entrapment in his possessions damaged both himself and the whole community. In our own time and place, those of us who enjoy privileges of various kinds are invited into social and economic practices that embrace this biblical generosity.

### HEART SURGERY.

Much of our inner life is hidden from others. This protects us from being harmed by others who would seek advantage over us. But our hidden inner life can also keep wounds from healing, and may help sustain deeply damaging illusions about ourselves and about the outer world.

In today's passage from Hebrews, the author offers vivid imagery of the word of God and its effect upon us. Here, God's word is described as the active power of God that penetrates our hearts. God is described as a surgeon who can expose our hidden places and maneuver around our hardness of heart. Exposure of our inner self can be terrifying. During surgery, we are deeply vulnerable and utterly dependent on the surgeon's care and skill so that we can be healed. When events in life allow God to reveal hidden truths about ourselves, it is crucial that we know we are in the hands of a trustworthy and skilled surgeon.

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## Dear Parishioners and friends,

If you missed Mass last Sunday here at St. Michael, below is a recapitulation of what Msgr. Jun and I shared at the homily:

### MASS HAS TWO IMPORTANT PARTS:

- **LITURGY OF THE WORD** which comprises the
  - \* Greeting, Kyrie, Gloria, and Prayer
  - \* First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, Alleluia, the Gospel, Homily, and the Creed
- **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST** which comprises the:
  - \* Offertory (bread, water & wine), Basket Offering, Consecration
  - \* Communion, Last Prayer, Blessing, Send Off (take home)

The **HOLY MASS BEGINS** with the **Sign of the Cross** and **ENDS** with the **Sign of the Cross**. If you do not complete the two parts of the Mass, from the beginning to the end, your participation at Mass is either Null or Void.

The **BLESSING** is our “**Take Home**”. Do not leave before the Blessing, otherwise you miss the “**Take Home: God’s Blessing**” to your family.

**There are 168 hours in a week**, God is asking only **an hour** from us to be with Him at Mass, at least on Sunday. God is a generous giver. We receive a lot of blessings from Him. How much are we giving Him in return? “**Could you not keep watch with Me for one hour?**” (Matthew 26:40)

St. John wrote the Gospel between 90 AD—100 AD in Ephesus, Asia Minor (Turkey), or in Antioch, Syria. In the Gospel of St. John, Jesus said: “*I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this Bread will live forever; and the Bread that I will give is My Flesh for the life of the world.*” (John 6:51). And, “*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks My Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.*” (John 6:54)

The **Torah** (five Books in the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) identifies the **Jewish** people. The **Ramadan** identifies the **Muslims**. The **Mass identifies us, Catholics (Universal)**. Wherever we are in the universe (anywhere in the world), we find our home in the Holy Mass.

In the Mass you will **encounter Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread**. You do not come to Mass because you are obliged, but you come because it is a **privilege**; because you are **invited by a friend (Jesus)**; because of **Love**; because it is the **highest good**.

The **HOLY MASS / EUCHARIST (Thanksgiving)** is the **Source**, the **Center**, and the **Summit of every Christian life**.

**“Without the Eucharist or Holy Mass, we cannot live.”** - Pope Benedict XVI

Rev. Fr. Manny Ediza, Pastor



Greetings St. Michael Community,  
Our preschool program provides a unique early childhood program which offers a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) based curriculum to young children. Coupled with building a faith-based community, children will develop social, emotional, physical, and cognitive abilities which allow them to connect with the societal advances with our ever-changing world.

During this pandemic our preschool has taken the proper protocols to ensure the health and safety of our students and teachers. We are currently accepting applications for our multi-age classroom 2-3.5 years old.

To inquire about enrollment please reach out to:  
[director@stmichaelsandiego.org](mailto:director@stmichaelsandiego.org) or call 619.472.5437.

At this time, we are unable to give tours due to the pandemic, however, you can visit our website at  
[www.smapreschool.org](http://www.smapreschool.org).

In Christ and Education,

**Ms. Veronica Dayag**

Director of Preschool

## CAMELS AND NEEDLES

Boston College professors recently studied “super-rich” Americans (worth \$25 million or more). Surprisingly, wealth affects every aspect of their lives, and often negatively. Marriage and friendship can be difficult (“Do they love me or love my money?”). Rich parents worry that their children will fritter away their lives. Jesus challenged the rich young man in today’s Gospel to free himself of the burden of wealth that was keeping him from the fullest possible life with God. Wealth is not evil as long as we do not let it own us. Wealth, in the form of skills, time, or money, is not an end but a means: a means to create a home; raise children; provide hospitality; to give time, attention, love, charity, and money; and to share with church and community for the well-being of all. Jesus promises that the one who gives up any possessions for his sake will be saved.

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## Living Stewardship Now

What portion of your spare time, your abilities, and your money are you giving to Christ through his church? Only you can give what you have—no one else can give it for you.

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**BE AN ALTAR SERVER!**  
Parents of children ages 10 to 17 years are encouraged to volunteer them to serve in the altar of the Lord. Call the parish office for more information, or see the Sacristan on duty after Mass. You may also find Application Form in the church vestibule.

*“Being altar server is a call to prayer and mission.... In the Eucharist and in the other sacraments, you experience the intimate closeness of Jesus, the sweetness and power of His presence.”*

- Pope Francis

## OCTOBER - Month of the Holy Rosary



During the month of October, we will pray the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary before the Daily Mass (except on Sundays). The following ministries/prayer groups are assigned to lead the Rosary:

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| October 1 (Fri.)  | 7:30am—Morning (Liturgy of the Hours) Prayer Group             |
|                   | 6:00pm—Latino Community (Spanish)                              |
| October 2 (Sat)   | 7:30am—Legion of Mary  |
|                   | 4:30pm—Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion               |
| October 4 (Mon)   | 7:30am—Mother Butler Guild                                     |
| October 5 (Tues)  | 7:30am—Knights of Columbus                                     |
|                   | 6:20pm—Ministers of the Word ( <b>Culture of Life</b> )        |
| October 6 (Wed)   | 7:30am—Music Ministers   |
| October 7 (Thurs) | 7:30am—Hospitality Ministers / Ushers                          |
| October 8 (Fri.)  | 7:30am—Filipino Community of St. Michael (Tagalog)             |
|                   | 6:00pm—Sto. Niño & San Pedro Calungsod Prayer Groups (Cebuano) |
| October 9 (Sat)   | 7:30am—Indian Family (Hindu)                                   |
|                   | 4:30pm—Missionary Families of Christ                           |
| October 11 (Mon)  | 7:30am—Morning (Liturgy of the Hours) Prayer Group             |
| October 12 (Tues) | 7:30am—Latino Eucharistic Ministers (Spanish)                  |
|                   | 6:20pm—Ministers of the Word ( <b>Culture of Life</b> )        |
| October 13 (Wed)  | 7:30am—Filipino Cursillo Movement                              |
| October 14 (Thur) | 7:30am—Our Lady of Peñafrancia Group (Bicolano)                |
| October 15 (Fri)  | 7:30am—Apostles of Divine Mercy                                |
|                   | 6:00pm—Youth and Young Adults                                  |
| October 16 (Sat)  | 7:30am—Sacristans (Adults)                                     |
|                   | 4:30pm—Altar Servers (Children)                                |
| October 18 (Mon)  | 7:30am—Mother Butler Guild                                     |
| October 19 (Tue)  | 7:30am—Legion of Mary  |
|                   | 6:20pm—Ministers of the Word ( <b>Culture of Life</b> )        |
| October 20 (Wed)  | 7:30am—Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion               |
| October 21 (Thur) | 7:30am—Latino Ministers of the Word (Spanish)                  |
| October 22 (Fri)  | 7:30am—San Lorenzo Ruiz Prayer Group (Tagalog)                 |
|                   | 6:00pm—Jesus, The Divine Light Prayer Group.                   |
| October 23 (Sat)  | 7:30am—Latino Cursillo Movement (Spanish)                      |
|                   | 4:30pm—El Shaddai Prayer Group                                 |
| October 25 (Mon)  | 7:30am—Capital Campaign Fund Raising Committee                 |

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## Reflexiones del Evangelio

### DONES

En las lecturas de hoy, se descubre que la riqueza material por sí sola no nos impide ser discípulos. Veremos que hay otros dones más importantes que la riqueza material, pero aún así, es cómo usamos nuestros dones lo que más importa.

Las Escrituras de hoy señalan el valor de los dones de la sabiduría, la confianza en Dios y dejando que nuestras acciones reflejen el amor de Dios desde nuestro interior. No es el oro lo que nos hace caer, sino más bien el deseo del oro por encima de todas las demás cosas. De las lecturas de la Sabiduría y de la Carta a los Hebreos, encontramos la fuente de los dones de Dios en nuestras vidas. La sabiduría es más valiosa que las posesiones mundanas. En Hebreos se nos reta a examinar nuestros valores y admitir honestamente lo que controla nuestras vidas.

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*La palabra de Dios es viva, eficaz y más penetrante que una espada de dos filos.  
—Hebreos 4:12a*



### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — El don más preciado que podemos pedir y poseer es la sabiduría (Sabiduría 7:7-11).

**Salmo** — Sáclanos, Señor, de tu misericordia (Salmo 90 [89]).

**Segunda lectura** — La palabra viva de Dios penetra hasta las profundidades más recónditas de nuestro ser (Hebreos 4:12-13).

**Evangelio** — Aquellos que han dejado sus posesiones a causa de Cristo y su Evangelio recibirán en herencia la vida eterna (Marcos 10:17-30 [17-27]).

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### LA GUÍA

Así como por la estrella del mar se dirigen los navegantes al puerto, así también los cristianos se dirigen a la gloria por María. —Santo Tomás de Aquino

### LA LEY INTERIOR

Más que ninguna exterior constitución, la interior ley de la caridad y amor que el Espíritu Santo escribe e imprime en los corazones ha de ayudar. —San Ignacio de Loyola

### Month of the Holy Rosary Leaders (cont'd.):

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| October 26 (Tue) | 7:30am—Missionary Families of Christ<br>6:20pm—Ministers of the Word ( <b>Culture of Life</b> ) |
| October 27 (Wed) | 7:30am—Mother of Perpetual Help Devotees  |
| October 28 (Thu) | 7:30am—Knights of Columbus  |
| October 29 (Fri) | 7:30am—El Shaddai Prayer Group<br>6:00pm—Latino Hospitality Ministers (Spanish)                 |
| October 30 (Sat) | 7:30am—Holy Rosary Prayer Group<br>4:30pm—Holy Rosary Prayer Group                              |

## Comunidad Latina

El grupo de Oración los invita a su reunión los **Jueves de 6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m.** en el Salón de los Jóvenes frente a la capilla. Lucy Moncado 619-871-2924.



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### FIESTA DE LA FE COMUNIÓN EN LA MANO

El recibir el Cuerpo de Cristo en la mano no siempre nos es fácil, de hecho a veces nos causa problemas. Quizá porque consideramos que no somos dignos de recibir la divinidad de Cristo, de tener en ella a Dios mismo hecho pan. Si siguiéramos este argumento al pie de la letra habría que cuestionarse respecto a qué parte de nuestro cuerpo está limpia de pecado para con ella recibir al Señor. La respuesta es lógica. No implica ninguna falta de respeto a la divinidad de Cristo, a su cuerpo, el recibirla en la mano. Es más bien la gratitud ante un Dios que, a pesar de que no nos queremos lo suficiente como para considerarnos dignos de tenerlo en nuestra mano, no sólo se nos da en la mano, sino que lo comulgamos. Eso habla de cómo es Dios, de lo que es él. Además, esta tradición de comunión en la mano, data desde el año 386 y san Cirilo, obispo de Jerusalén hablaba ya de ella en sus catequesis mistagógicas. El recibir la comunión en la mano, no es cuestión de indignidad o falta de respeto, es también una forma de tomar la responsabilidad propia de vivir conforme a lo que recibimos.

—Miguel Arias, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### CAMELLOS Y AGUJAS

Unos profesores de Boston College recién condujeron un estudio de estadounidenses “súper ricos” (con un patrimonio de 25 millones de dólares o más). Sorprendentemente su riqueza afecta todos los aspectos de su vida, a menudo negativamente. El matrimonio y la amistad pueden ser difíciles (“¿Me aman a mí o a mi dinero?”). Los padres ricos tienen la preocupación de que sus hijos desperdicien su vida. Jesús desafió al hombre rico del Evangelio de hoy para que se liberara de la carga que la riqueza representaba y le prohibía una vida lo más cerca posible de Dios. La riqueza no es un mal hasta que dejamos que nos consuma. La riqueza en forma de habilidades, tiempo o dinero no es un fin, sino un medio: un medio para establecer un hogar, criar niños, brindar hospitalidad; para dar tiempo, atención, amor, paz y dinero, y también para compartirla con la Iglesia y la comunidad a beneficio de todos. Jesús promete que toda persona que por él renuncie a cualquiera de sus posesiones se salvará.

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### La responsabilidad vivida ahora

¿Qué parte de tu tiempo libre, de tus habilidades y de tu dinero le das a Cristo por medio de su Iglesia? Sólo tú puedes dar de lo que tienes, nadie más puede hacerlo por ti.

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# STEWARDSHIP

## FAIR TRADE MONTH Exercising Good Stewardship of Our Pocketbooks

His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, reminded us that as Christian disciples and as consumers, we have a specific social responsibility:

"It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral—and not simply—an economic act. Hence the consumer has a specific social responsibility, which goes hand-in hand with the social responsibility of the enterprise" (*Caritas in Veritate*, ("Charity in Truth"), no. 66).

October is Fair Trade Month, a month that gives the Christian steward an opportunity to prayerfully reflect more deeply into that social responsibility as a consumer and for ongoing formation about what it means to love one's neighbor and how **Church teaching encourages us to show more care about living beings, about our food and about the planet.**

Fair Trade Month is a time to educate ourselves about who and where our consumer products come from. It is a time to put the spotlight on companies that do not treat workers with dignity and a time to celebrate the farms, factories, brands and retailers that do care about the earth, its resources and their workers.

Pope Benedict's call was urgent and getting a better grasp of what Fair Trade is all about creates opportunities for us to respond to Pope Benedict's call in a small but significant way every day through the choices we make as consumers. When we make the conscious choice to purchase Fair Trade items, we are putting the values of Catholic social teaching into action, and working to realize our vision of economic justice. This month helps us explore the connections between Fair Trade and the core principles of Catholic social teaching.

There is a great deal of information online about Fair Trade and Catholic social teaching. Fair Trade invites us to ask questions about our products, and to think about who and where they come from. It encourages us to be more conscious about how we steward our dollars every time we shop. In many ways, Fair Trade can help us deepen our relationship with Christ Jesus by ensuring that we are following the Gospel imperative to love our neighbor.

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## Living God's Word

Some believers tithe. Others try to keep a balanced perspective by living simply. There are some who choose to place a self-imposed limit on their savings. And then there are those radical few who choose to live without any possessions or belongings beyond what is absolutely essential. Regardless of the path we choose, we must seek to remove every obstacle to embracing our loving God.

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## A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER *for OCTOBER*

My Lord Jesus,  
As the rains hide the stars,  
as the autumn mist hides the hills,  
as the clouds veil the blue of the skies,  
so the dark happenings of the world hide  
the shining of your face from me.  
Yet, if I may hold your hand in the darkness,  
it is enough, since I know that, as the steward of your grace,  
though I may stumble on this journey of mine,  
you will not let me fall. Amen.

*Inspired by a Celtic prayer*

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of October 9/10, 2021

Jesus offers a hard lesson regarding wealth and possessions in today's Gospel. The rich man whom he encountered could not part with his possessions as a condition to becoming a disciple of Jesus. Would our response be the same as the rich man? Do we place our trust in our money and possessions instead of trusting in God's generosity? Do we seek security in our possessions? Good stewards realize that their possessions must not possess them, lest those possessions block their relationship with the Lord.

### STEWARDSHIP: A Way of Life *With All Your Heart*

## FEAST OF FAITH AGNUS DEI

After the sign of peace, the priest breaks the host into pieces, and prepares the patens or plates of hosts for the assembly. In the early church, "the breaking of the bread" was the name given to the entire Eucharistic liturgy, so central was this action to the meaning of the Christian life. For just as the one bread is broken and given to many people, the many are made one in receiving it.

During this ritual action, we sing an ancient litany, calling on Jesus as the "Lamb of God"—the words used by John the Baptist when he pointed to Jesus walking beside the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). In calling Jesus "the Lamb of God," John was already pointing to the death that Jesus would die: in giving his life, Jesus would become the Paschal Lamb of the new covenant. During the Mass, when we call on the Lamb of God, we call to mind his self-sacrificing love, his blood poured out for us, and we ask this compassionate Lord for mercy and peace.

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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THE PUNCH LINE

The first reading is supposed to remind us of Solomon, who, when God promised to give him whatever he asked, chose wisdom over wealth or power. Now our modern view of wisdom is usually pictured as the knowledge and experience of an older person. In the scriptures it is God's Wisdom that is desired. More than just the wise sayings of a Benjamin Franklin or Yoda, scriptural wisdom means doing God's will in all things. As Jesus tried to tell the man in the gospel, knowing and doing God's will is more precious than wealth, or even family!

So if wisdom is that good, why do so few seek it? Most of us have no problem doing God's will, as long as it is the same as ours. Or we do God's will if it is painless and convenient. I once donated money to a charity by sending a text message. I don't know if I would have done it if I had to write a check and mail it. Sometimes we are like that man in the gospel, desiring wisdom but not willing to pay for it.

Maybe our problem is that we don't trust God enough. The first reading, after praising wisdom more than health, wealth, and beauty, ends with a promise of "countless riches" while Jesus promises that the one who gives up everything will receive "a hundred times more." Because the rich man left in sorrow, he missed the punch line.

I can think of two ways to interpret that promise. One is that the more we give up for love of the Lord, the more we get back. When someone gives up selfishness and begins to love, he then becomes capable of receiving love. Which leads to the second meaning of the promise: When we let God change us by giving up our worldly attachments, we find that we are happier because we experience God's love for us more deeply. So Wisdom is the way to happiness: We outgrow our desire for things that make us feel good and appreciate the joy of accepting God's love and sharing it with others.

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Forty-nine years ago Pope John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council with these challenging words: "Our duty is not just to guard this treasure, as though it were some museum piece and we the curators, but . . . what is needed at the present time is a new enthusiasm, a new joy and serenity of mind." As the participants in Vatican II proceeded with their deliberations, the first document they produced was the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, for they knew that it is from the liturgical life of the Church that everything else we do proceeds.

This seminal document, arrived at after much debate and approved virtually unanimously, set the tone for the entire Council to follow. It also set in motion the liturgical reforms that we are still implementing today. Perhaps no single phrase of the entire Vatican Council has had more influence on the life of the Church over the last half-century as the Constitution on the Liturgy's ringing declaration that "full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else."

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St. Michael Parish  
Youth Group  
Arla Sigarlaki: (619) 470-2298  
asigarlaki@stmichaelsandiego.org

Join a group of high school students who come together to celebrate faith, fun, and friendship in a safe Christian atmosphere. A few times a month they come together to give praise, worship, learn, play, pray, and discover Christ through and with each other. How to join? No sign-up necessary. Just come on by and make a friend! All high schoolers are welcome to the Youth Group. Get to know other youth within our parish and bring a friend! For more information and to keep up-to date on our current events, find our calendar on the parish website and join our Youth Group Facebook page: St. Michael Parish Youth Group. You can also follow us on Twitter @SMPYOUTHGROUP and Instagram @SMPYG.

**Youth Group had resumed in-person meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday** from 5-7pm in the Youth Room, located above the kindergarten. Come and celebrate our faith together with other teens just like you. Contact Ms. Arla in the Parish Office for more details.



Young Adults

(18 to 30's)  
Arla Sigarlaki: (619) 470-2298  
asigarlaki@stmichaelsandiego.org

SMP Youth Adult Ministry (YAM) serves all young adults by fostering a faithful community who strive to live the Gospel through spirituality, service, and social gatherings. For more information, email [smpyam.sd@gmail.com](mailto:smpyam.sd@gmail.com). Follow us on Instagram @smpyam.sd

YAM has resumed in person meetings every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from 6-7:30pm in the Youth Room, located above the kindergarten. We also have an evening of adoration every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in the church after the evening Mass from 8-10pm. All are welcome!

SMP YAM has just started a College Ministry for all those new young adults getting into adulthood. Meet with other young adults who are learning how to live their faith in this new stage in life. We are currently holding hybrid meetings - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month on Zoom and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month in the Youth Room, both at 2pm. Message us on [@smpyam.sd](https://www.instagram.com/@smpyam.sd) on Instagram for specific details and to get the Zoom link.

*"Before everything else,  
fidelity to the Church:  
One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.  
Jesus did not found several churches,  
but one single Church."  
- Pope John XXIII*

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**



**OCTOBER**

|          |         |  |
|----------|---------|--|
| 09 Sat   | 5:00pm  | † Loreto & † Bazalisa & † Macario Arquillo   |
| 10 Sun   | 7:00am  | Portia Velez—thanksgiving  |
|          | 8:30am  | † Mauro Cisneros—death anniversary   |
|          | 10:00am | Alexis Crawford-Quilon   |
|          | 11:30am | † Cielo Delgado  |
|          | 1:00pm  | † Fidel De Guia—38th death anniversary   |
|          | 4:30pm  | † Joanne Williams  |
|          | 6:00pm  | † Enrique Hernandez  |
|          | 7:30pm  | <b>PARISHIONERS OF ST. MICHAEL<br/>(living &amp; deceased) / CANDLE INTENTIONS</b> |
| 11 Mon   | 8:00am  | Ligaya Sy  |
| 12 Tues  | 8:00am  | † Joanne Williams  |
|          | 7:00pm  | † Allen Johnson—death anniversary  |
| 13 Wed   | 8:00am  | Esperanza Sim  |
| 14 Thurs | 8:00am  | † Rosa King  |
| 15 Fri   | 8:00am  | † Conrado T. Besana II & Cecilia Besana  |
|          | 7:00pm  | † Armando Josafat  |
| 16 Sat   | 8:00am  | Mayla Wasko & Krista Uvero   |

If you are unable to get Mass intentions on the day you desire, have a CANDLE lit at the shrines of the "Divine Mercy" or "Our Lady of Guadalupe" inside the church. You may have a candle lit for 7 days, or 42 days. Your candle intentions, posted on the wall, will be included in the Mass. You may also write your intentions in the "Book of Intentions".

Call the parish office for details.



**CANDLE INTENTIONS** (also offered at Mass)

(October 6th to October 12th)

**DIVINE MERCY SHRINE:**

**For the Protection of:** Fr. Manny Ediza, Msgr. Jun Cinco, and all Clergies

**For Healing & Comfort of:** Ryan Martinez; Rudy Sigarlaki

**For the Souls of:** †Eric Ochosa Abutin; †Antonio Nacino; †Felicitad R. Mapaye; †Angelina Alvela; †Nicolas Lastrella; †Vicente Marteja Jr. & †Cornelio Espejo, Jr.

**For Nursing Review & Exam of:** Sheila Marie V. Nadal

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE:**

**For the Protection of:** Fr. Manny Ediza & Msgr. Jun Cinco, and all Clergies

**For Speedy Recovery & Healing of:** Resfi Torrevillas

**Birthday & Family Thanksgiving of:** Pat Espejo

**For Nursing Review & Exam of:** Sheila Marie V. Nadal

*To light a candle for someone indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person, and the candle symbolizes that "prayer."*

*"Hear me and understand well...that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection?"*

- Message of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego on the 4th Apparition

**Pray for the Sick**

Let us keep in our prayers our parishioners, relatives and friends who are ill or home-bound:

Fr. Julian Hernando, SJ \* Charles Moore \* Cecilia Paligutan \* John Avery \* Severo Santos Sr.\* Cesar Cortez \* Martha Mexia \* Josefina Camarena \* Amor Castro \* Maria Castro \* Edmundo Gobaton \* Vic BIANES, Sr. \* Bea BIANES \* David Richter \* Brandon Davis \* Linda Ramirez \* Rosemarie Corbet \* Jose Macoy \* Sydney Polish \* Cel Besana \* Malaya Baniel \* Harold Pasiderio \* Mila Marcial \* Melinda Grepo \* Nora Paligutan \* Msgr. Rudy Villanueva \* Estrella Macoy \* Jane Calloway \* Modesta Bayongan \* Ryan Martinez \* Lena Alpuerto \* Ariana Gobaton-Caramat \* Maria Corbett \* Robert Aiken \* Avila Gachalian \* Liz Faye \* Teresita Castillo \* Frank Thompson \* Michael Thompson \* Ma. Sharmaine Clare Reyes \* Richard Razo \* Frances Brown \* Christina Prado \* Abraham Castillo \* Dcn. Jim Aquino \* Laurie Martell \* Raymundo Catalan Jr. \* Rosalinda Gaffud \* Anthony Tomera \* Erlinda Sandel \* Apolinia Briz \* Rizalina Cruz \* Eufrocina Marquez \* Kristine De Leon \* Harvey Lewis \* Jazmine Tolentino \* Zoe Sanclimenti \* Cora Tayco \* Lourdes Libed \* Mila Corpuz \* Fe Endaya \* Maverick Muñoz \* Divina Cabahug \* Annie Cabagnot \* Conrado Bautista \* Jennifer Pineda \* Jesus Pacleb \* Jeng Realiza \* Addison Su \* Lydia Demesa \* Amy McCormick \* Gigi Abelardo \* Dave White \* Maria Mercado \* Mary Ann Acuario \* Arnulfo Castillo \* Reynaldo Castillo \* Teofilo Niño Sr. \* Hermelinda Morante \* Jonathan Nagtalon \* Louie Costa \* Edith Tuscano \* Linda Lamb \* Roann Cruz-Louie \* Sam Piha \* Anne Campbell \* Roxanne Martinez \* Abraham Kirkland \* Benjamin Gaddi, Sr. \* Eduardo Ducut Jr. \* Luvie Pangilinan \* Julia De Leon \* Joe Abueg \* Betty Escobar \* Vi Daen \* Jess Balan \* Lilia Misa \* Manuel Sunga Jr. \* Eugene Cordero \* Julita Niño \* Cecil Niño \* Brenda Niño \* Belinda Niño \* Teresita Castillo \* Maria Elena Morante \* Leon Arciaga \* Bienvenido del Rosario \* Ismael Cruz \* Anthony Cruz \* Charles Tessman \* Felicidad Cabral \* Andres Cabral \* Jane Martinez \* Alejandro Sungahid \* Adrian Max Ruiz \* Wilfredo Oliveria \* Lois Gaskin \* Rey Tugade \* Ernesto Villena \* Mila Oania \* Ramon Mendoza \* Mark McCoy \* Lex Troy Chhuon \* Reylita Bambilla \* Virginia Abadia \* Rudy Sigarlaki \* Joe Gabat \* Raul Aquino \* Connie Aquino \* Ricardo Quezada Jr. \* Miguel Ricanor Jr. \* Adelia Martino \* Dorina Sebastian \* Victor Sebastian \* Julie Vega \* Nene Brual \* Sonia Reboton \* Carolyn Bargeman \* Lucino Aleman \* Josefina Barrientos Sunga \* Dian Rose Fortuno \* Reynaldo Tugade \* Sarah Rañola \* Melinda Grepo \* Resfina Torrevillas \* Joselyn Verango \* John Rabe \* Felicia Rabe \* Edith Macoy \* Milagros Alcala \* Amon De Dios \* Zenaida De Leon \* Meinard Belarmino \* Leandro Abadia \* Rosalina Idos \* Joe Daep \* All who are sick of coronavirus

*"Heal me, Lord, that I may be healed; save me that I may be saved, for You are my praise."* - Jeremiah 17:14

**Funeral and Bereavement**

**Resfina Torrevillas (Coordinator)**  
Ministry Team: Anita Almuina, Evelyn Buangan, Luis Morales, Anita OngVaño, & Erlinda Soriano Phone: 619-470-1977 or 619-261-2544 (after office hours)

**Pray for the Deceased**

We pray for and remember:

**Those who recently passed away:**

† James Cupit; †Eric Abutin; †Dennis Lee Boone

**On the 40th Day of Death:**

October 15 — † Oscar Gavieres

**On the 1st Year of Death:**

October 05 — † Josie Alaysa

October 10 — † Delia Carrasco; † Nenita Cuevas; † Edgardo Botardo Sr

October 15 — † Erlinda Dimaano



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**2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA) CAMPAIGN**

Your participation in our Annual Catholic Appeal accomplishes something very simple yet very powerful: it touches people's hearts with God's love through your gift and deepens our collective faith together. By contributing to our "Renewing Hope" campaign you are helping our brothers and sisters to truly know and love Jesus Christ, His grace and His mercy.

**ACA Update as of 10-03-21**

| Week | \$ Pledged | Paid      | \$ Goal   | # Pledges |
|------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 30   | \$ 33,595  | \$ 39,512 | \$ 70,000 | 318       |
| %    | 47.99 %    | 56.45 %   | 100 %     | 12.34 %   |

**Registered parishioners: 2,578****Pledges received on the weekend of 10-03-2021:**

Anonymous (3) \* Alfredo Gacias \* Luviminda / Eligio Pangilinan

**THANK YOU! GRACIAS! MARAMING SALAMAT PO!**

Nenita (Neth) Timbol &amp; Regina (Nena) Rin, ACA Co-Coordinators

**"Don't forget that God gave you everything you have!"**

—Deuteronomy 6:10-13

**COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENT****AFTER-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC**

**WOMEN** (or Catholic-friendly) given by Rachel's Hope on Oct. 29-31, 2021. Professionally led. Held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego. Confidentiality maintained. Closing Mass included. Group Size limited. Cost \$60; partial scholarships available. Limited housing available. "Not judged, not lectured, just healed". For information/registration call Rosemary Benefield (858) 581-3022; text (858) 752-9378 or email [rachels.hope@juno.com](mailto:rachels.hope@juno.com).

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- \$75 monthly for 40 months for a total pledge of \$3,000
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***Be a Part of the Dream—  
Together We Build*****IT'S NEVER LATE TO RESPOND AND  
BE PART OF THE DREAM!**

Please pray and consider being a part of the dream: a new multi-purpose parish center.

We need everyone's participation to make this dream a reality! Call the Parish Office for more information at 619-470-1977.

For those who have already pledged to participate, please fulfill your commitment. **Different ways of fulfilling your commitment** are as follow:

- Use the white envelopes with the logo which may be found in the pews or in the vestibule. Feel free to take envelopes you need. **Drop your contributions in the offertory basket during Mass, or mail it, or take it to the parish office.** Call the parish office if you want envelopes be mailed to you. Make check payable to **St. Michael Church Capital Campaign**.
- Set up **AUTO PAYMENT** with your **Bank or Credit Card**, or **ONLINE** at [www.stmichaelsandiego.org](http://www.stmichaelsandiego.org). Follow the prompt or call the Parish Office if you need further instructions.

**YOUR CHANGE MAKES A DIFFERENCE.**

Bring those coins in and drop them in the coin box or jars that you may find inside the church.

***Small amounts that we put together will help build our new Parish Center!***

**Honor yourself or give Tribute to a loved one (living or deceased).**  
In appreciation, St. Michael Church will remember you and your loved ones in Holy Mass every First Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
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## Culture of Life

Jim Bundalian (619) 917-1699

The weekly prayer of the Rosary for the Culture of Life which is held every Tuesday will begin at 6:20 p.m., led by the **MINISTERS OF THE WORD or Lectors (month of October)**. This will be followed with the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at 6:45 pm, and Mass at 7:00 p.m.

***The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion which is war against the child.*** - Mother Teresa

***"It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother's womb."***

- Pope Francis



**TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE** especially during these **FOURTY DAYS FOR LIFE** which started on September 22 through October 31, 2021. St. Michael Parish has been assigned to keep watch and pray on Fridays.

**Location:** The sidewalk near the corner of Broadway and Palomar in Chula Vista (mostly near the bus stop on Broadway). We are praying there because it is a public right of way near Planned Parenthood, 1295 Broadway, Chula Vista.

Our Vigil Site will be covered from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily so we will cover 16 hours each day for the 40 days of the campaign.

### 40 Days For Life - Chula Vista is a Peaceful Prayer Vigil.

Let us take part in 40 Days for Life. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city—and beyond.

**Can you spare an hour to pray for the end of abortion?**

### PARISH REGISTRATION REQUEST.

#### Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church San Diego!

If you enjoy worshipping at St. Michael Catholic Church, become a member of the St. Michael Parish Family. It is easy to register: complete the form below and drop it in the offertory basket, or take it to the Parish Office.. Membership is FREE and has its privileges.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

New Registration

Change of Address

## Marriage & Family Life

**Planning a wedding?** Whether you are planning a big wedding or a small intimate one, we can accommodate your wishes. Please contact the Wedding Coordinator at [smnuptials@gmail.com](mailto:smnuptials@gmail.com) or call the parish office at ( 619) 470-1977

**Married in a civil ceremony?** This type of marriage is a legal marriage according to state laws, however Catholic couples are missing out on the graces that are received from the sacrament of matrimony. So if you are living in a civil marriage and would like to receive all of the blessings of a sacramental marriage, please contact the Wedding Coordinator.

**What is Retrouvaille?** A program designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together.

For upcoming weekend schedules:

Go to [helppourmariage-sandiego.org](http://helppourmariage-sandiego.org)

English weekend Jan. 14-16, 2022 Call (951) 259-9474

**"Keep the fire lit in your marriage, and your life will be filled with warmth".**



### FIRST FRIDAY

(Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

and

### FIRST SATURDAY

(Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

#### **FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE:**

- 6:45 p.m.— Novena to the Santo Niño
- 7:00 p.m.— Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
- 7:40 p.m. — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
(after Mass) PRIVATE PRAYER and ADORATION
- 9:00 p.m. — The NINE OFFICES of the SACRED HEART  
Benediction and  
Repose of the Blessed Sacrament

#### **FIRST SATURDAY SCHEDULE:**

- 8:45 a.m.— Scriptural Rosary  
(after Mass) Saturday Office of Readings
- ACT OF CONSECRATION to the  
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

*"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love.*

*Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."*

- Saint Pope John Paul II



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## Upcoming Events / Schedule of Services

OCT. 10 — NOVENA to ST. JOHN PAUL II and ST. JOHN XXIII at 7:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 11 — FEAST OF ST. JOHN PAUL II and ST. JOHN XXIII (8:00 a.m. Mass)

OCTOBER 21 — FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: “JOHN XXIII: THE POPE OF PEACE”

(The Life Story of the Good Pope who opened the Second Vatican Council)

*“Human Life is sacred—all men must recognize that fact. From its very inception it reveals the creating hand of God.”* - St. Pope John XXIII

### OBERAMMERGAU: THE PASSION PLAY 2022.

A Pilgrimage to Germany, Austria and Hungary

September 1 to 14, 2022

Tickets to the Passion Play is limited.

Available Seats: 3

Call 619-261-2544 for details

Chaplain: Fr. Manny Ediza



*Be a Part of the Dream – Together We Build Campaign Projects*

### **“Be a Part of the Dream — Together We Build” CAMPAIGN PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we ask for Your divine guidance as we prayerfully move toward the realization of our new parish center. Show us the way to meet the needs of our growing parish community. Lead us to committing ourselves with a spirit of true sacrifice. For it is always by sacrifice that we show our love of You and our neighbor.

Lead us to wisely use our time, talents and treasures as we move forward with Your holy vision. Inspire us all out of Your generous love, to be equally generous for strengthening Your Church and our parish.

Spirit of God, we praise You and adore You. We pray that Your Spirit will empower us to work strongly for the realization of our dream so that future generations will harvest the fruits of our commitments and sacrifice.

This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary Mother of God, pray for us.

St. Joseph the Builder, pray for us.

St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us.



The following priests concelebrated at the Feast Mass in honor of our patron, St. Michael on 29 September 2021. (From left to right): Fr. Roland Gabutera, Fr. Richard Genetiano, Fr. Nemesio Sungcad, Fr. Reynaldo Roque, Fr. Enrique Fuentes, Fr. Manny Ediza (main celebrant), Msgr. Jun Cinco, Fr. Albino Vecina, Fr. Agustin Opalalic (who gave an inspiring homily), and Fr. Roger Pingol. Thank you, Padres!!!

### **VISIT THE LAND OF JESUS CHRIST (A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land)**

April 25, 2022 to May 3, 2022

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Rogelio Pingol, Jr.

Cost: \$2,699. Call 619-261-2544 or 619-470-1977



*Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle. Be our  
protection against the wickedness and  
the snares of the devil. May God  
rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do  
Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host -  
by the Divine Power of God - cast into  
hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who  
roam throughout the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*



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