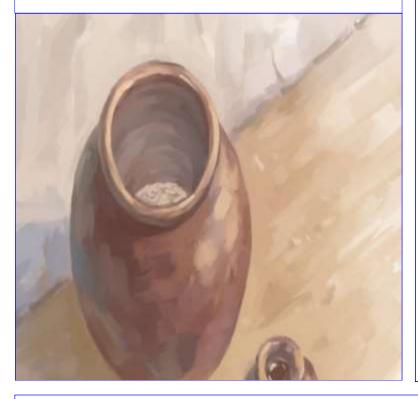
## Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church

#### Parish Mission Statement

St. Michael's Catholic Church, a people of diverse cultures and backgrounds, are brought together by God through the Gospel and the teachings of the Church. Our mission is to make disciples of Christ through:

- -Prayer and frequent celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.
- -Sharing our faith and educating others about the Church.
- -Living a life of continual conversion.
- -Providing our children a strong Catholic upbringing.
- -Giving comfort to those in need.
- -Stewardship of our time, talent and treasure.
- -Acting as the living presence of Christ in our world, building community and welcoming all.
- -Empowering one another to share the Gospel through our words and by our actions.

# NOVEMBER 10, 2024 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





## We're glad to have you!

If you're new, welcome to the St. Michael's Parish Family! If you haven't been here in awhile, welcome back!

St. Michael's is a small, close-knit parish family, always open to new & returning members.

There's no formal "registration" process; once

you come here we consider you part of the family!

#### Check us out!

Shoot us a text, email or give us a call! Or visit us online at: www.smsebree.org, www.facebook.com/smsebree

Mass Intentions Available
If you would like to have a mass said for a loved one (living or deceased) you can put an envelope with the intention and date requested. In the collection or in the mail (the suggested donation per mass is \$5)

Parish Council Members Connie Caldwell, Jim Hurtte, Devin Gibson, Jenny Glenn, Randy Thompson, Mila Mendoza, Kattia Angulo.

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## Thanks to Those Who Shared Their Time & Talent

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Thank you to everyone who have helped us keeping our buildings clean!. Thanks to Felipe y Maria Jose Family for cleaning the church last week, Church Cleaners week of 11/11 to 11/15. To Felipe Domingo Family.



#### MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Please pray for the sick members and friends of this parish, especially: Henry Adam, Matt Adams, Dcn Rene Amaya, Christa Bennett, Tyler Blandford, Tony Bess, Bobby Blanford, Cindy Bloodworth, Sabrina Blue, Charles Buchanan, William Buckman, Crystal Childress, Bonny Clark, Fany Cordon, Scott Coffman, Donna Dacy, Jim & Nelly Daughterly, Leo Dickens, Shane Dickens, Rosie Edwads, Russell Edwards, Jennifer Ebelhar, Sr., Marty Eisten, Jesus Manuel Francisco, David Ferriell, Anna Filbert, Keith Harpole, Jaime Harris, Dan Hawkins, Katelyn Hensley, Peggy Howell, Dora Jimenez, Donnie & Kathy Jones, Keith Kenney, Richard Kolodey, Roger & Debbie Lloyd, Pam McGraw, Brea Meadows, Jeff Meredith, Charlotte Moore, Zoev Nash, Carmen & Daryl Periard, Cenia J. Quintanilla, Pam Raleigh, Ruby Sparks, Annie Spillman, Veronica Spink, Burnetta Springfield, Lea Sugg, Vickie Tichenor, Gary & Nadine Trogden, Lynda Trogden, Dusty Utley, Richard Vowels, Doris Vowels, Johnny Wahl, Carter Wilkerson, Tony Whitledge, Tom Yancy

To make a prayer request, give an update, take someone off the list or sign up to receive urgent prayer requests visit

www.smsebree.org

God calls us to give all we have, putting our trust in him.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Elijah goes to Zarephath, where he asks a widow for water and bread. She brings him the water but tells him she does not have much left for bread. He tells her to not be afraid and that her supply will not go empty. In the second reading, the author writes that Christ appear[ed] before God on our behalf. In the Gospel, Jesus observes a widow contribute to the treasury and teaches his disciples that her gift is worth far more than the gifts of the rich.

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Nov 09** Sacristan: Jenny Glenn **Nov 10** Sacristan: Charles Buchanan

Boby Blanford EM Shawn Blanford Lector Volunteer Altar Server

Sacristan: David Glenn **Nov 16 Nov 17** Sacristan: Charles Buchanan

EM Mary Jane Hawkins

Lector Donna Dacy Volunteer Altar Server

#### TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 **Responsorial Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10** Reading II: Heb 9:24-28 Gospel: Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

9 Sat The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica white Feast Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 (671) Pss Prop

10 SUN THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDI-**NARY TIME** green 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 (155) Pss IV

11 Mon Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop white Memorial Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6 (491) Pss Prop

12 Tue Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr red Memorial Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10 (492)

13 Wed USA: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin white Memorial Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19 (493)

**14 Thu Weekday** green Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25 (494) 15 Fri Weekday green/white [Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37 (495)

#### WORD OF LIFE

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ... Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need respectlife.org/called-to-servereflection.

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 11/03/2024 \$ 2,566.23 Weekly Goal \$ 2,317.23 Year-to-date Total 18 of 52 Sundays \$ 38,800.40 Budget YTD \$ 41,710.14 Over/Under Collection \$ -2,909.74



# XXXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GENEROSITY

We are already in the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, which means there are only two Sundays after

this one until we finish Cycle B. That is why the readings emphasize the end, as the widow of **Zarephath affirms: I will prepare "something for** myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." (1 Kgs 17:12b)

But the reflection is not about death, which was the reflection last Sunday when we celebrated All Saints and All Souls. Today the readings bring us to reflect on the generosity of each person before God. I will start by affirming that our relationship with God is not measured nor accounted for according to how many good or bad things we have done, nor for how many things we have donated! God does not account for things in this way. For God what counts is our complete surrender, holding nothing back in love and charity. Generosity is only real when it is done without anyone noticing, without putting it on our Facebook page. It's real when it comes from the heart and stays as a secret between God and the person who gave.

We just experienced the presidential elections and now, as I said in 2016 & 2020, we have a president and we will pray for him. However, I want to return to a comment from a brother who defending the justice, but proclaims his concern for immigrants. He sees them as brothers & sisters in faith. With whom he has met in church, with whom he has eaten and with whom we have sung. I thank you my brother, for such beautiful feelings and for your spiritual growth. Bigger than justice is love and generosity.

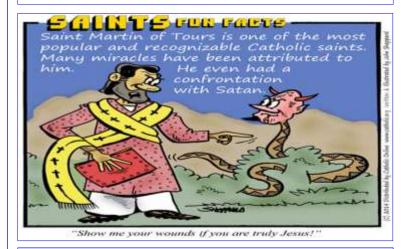
The text of the widow of Zarephath has two intentions: one is that it emphasizes the providential mercy of God manifested in a touching gesture; and the other is to guarantee the authenticity of the prophet. This is the focal point: God provides for the basic needs of a widow, her son and the prophet he sent and that means that God showers his goodness on everyone.

In the Gospel Jesus affirms: "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." (Mk 12:43) Inside of the enclosure of the temple, in what was called the

atrium of the women, there was a room – the chamber of the treasure – in which there were three money boxes in the form of a trumpet. These boxes were to collect the offerings for different purposes, including those with no concrete purpose. Those that visited the temple did not put the money in themselves, like we do, but rather they gave it to the priest in charge who it put it in the corresponding box, according to the desire of the donor. That explains how Jesus could see the offering of the widow. The woman surrenders herself to God "with all her strength", in other words, with all she possesses. A Christian cannot separate the unconditional surrender to God and the sincere surrender to their brothers and sisters.

Today, in a world so full of selfishness and vanities, the word of God makes us think of generously surrendering ourselves to God and in solidarity with the most needy. Pope Francis is constantly inviting us to charity, to being good stewards of this earth and to rely on a Provident God. May this Sunday inspire us to prepare ourselves for our end, accumulating treasure in heaven, because our good works are the only things that come with us on our judgment day. "And your Father who sees in secret will repay you." (Mt 6:4) Amen.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To report suspected abuse, contact the Cabinet for Health and Family Services by calling their Child/Adult Abuse Hotline at their toll-free number 877-KYSAFE1 (877-597-2331) or by visiting their website. You may also contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse, current or past, to the diocese, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, please call our pastoral assistance coordinator, Scott Ingram, at 270-852-8380 (English) and Miguel Quintanilla, 270-880-8360 (Spanish).

## Here's What's Happening:

### **SPANISH MATRIMONY**

Meeting Tuesday 11/26 at 7:30pm

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Meeting, every Fridays at 5:00pm.

## **RELIGIOUS CLASSES!**

Every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 7pm (1st Communion, Candidates to Confirmation) RCIA, candidates meet on Sat between masses.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Meeting **Tuesdays at 10:00am**, we started with the study of "*Matthew the King and His Kingdom*." If you are interested in joining please let Mary Jane or Gracia know so they can order the study guide.

#### **SINGING TO GOD**

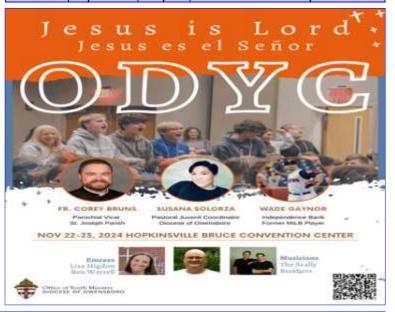
Every November Sunday, from 6pm to 7:30pm we will sing and praise to God in the church. All are welcome.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/09 Victor Barco, Steve Houston. 11/10 Permina Pascual 11/11 Zuleika G. Malave 11/12 Maria Hernandez 11/15 Donna Aguilar, Antonio Juan, Jorge Martinez, Lupita Martinez Barco

# Mass Intentions November 09 to 17

Sat.	English	5pm	† Amy Roberts
Sut.	Akateco	7:30pm	1 2
Sun.	English	10am	Mary Jane Blandford
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners
Mon.	English	9am	Lydea Dickens Howard
Tues.	English	9am	Abby Hagan Elder
Wed.	Spanish	12pm	† Carlos E. Angulo (Tito)
Thurs	Spanish	7pm	Odilia Eloina Campos
Sat.	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	Mary Jane Blandford
Sun.	English	10am	† Bern Tooley
	Spanish	12pm	Francisco Felipe Juan



## Pope's November prayer intention: For those who have lost a child

In his prayer intention for November, Pope Francis prays that all parents who mourn the loss of s son or daughter might find consolation in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

"There are no words" that can console a parent who has lost a child, Pope Francis says in the video-message for his November prayer intention. Although we have words for those who have lost spouses or parents, there's not word for those who have lost their children.

Even attempts at consolation, words of consolation, can seem banal or sentimental; even when uttered with the best intentions, "they can end up aggravating the wound."

Instead, the Pope says, "To offer comfort to these parents who have lost a child, we need to listen to them, to be close to them with love, to care responsibly for the pain they feel, imitating how Jesus Christ consoled those who were afflicted."

He notes, too, that parents who are sustained by faith can also find comfort in sharing their grief with oth-

For those who have lost a child

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ers who have experienced a similar loss, and who have been "reborn in hope."

Pope Francis' prayer intention for November is "that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-10/pope-s-november-prayer-intention-for-those-who-have-lost-a-chil.html