

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.



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.

January 19, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Thanks to Those Who Shared Their Time & Talent

Thank you to everyone who have helped us keeping our buildings clean!. Thanks to **Juan & Juana Lopez Family** for cleaning the church last week, Church Cleaners week of **01/20 to 01/24** To **Maria Quintanilla 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, Zoey Nash, Carmen & Daryl Periard, Cenja J. Quintanilla, Pam Raleigh, Ruby Sparks, Annie Spillman, Veronica Spink, Burnetta Springfield, 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.smseebree.org



The Lord's love and care for us knows no bounds.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of God's care for Zion, and his promise of restoration and rejoicing. Zion will be like a cherished bride. In the second reading, Paul writes of the same Spirit producing different individual gifts. In the Gospel, Jesus attends a wedding feast at Cana and the *wine [runs] short*. He instructs the servers to fill jars with water, and when the water is drawn out to be tasted, it had become wine.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan 18 Sacristan: David Glenn
Jan 19 Sacristan: Charles Buchanan
EM Janie Tanner
Lector Bobby Blanford
Altar Server Voluntary

Jan 25 Sacristan: Connie Caldwell
Jan 26 Sacristan: KoC
EM KoC
Lector KoC
Altar Server KoC

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: [Isaiah 62:1-5](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10](#)
Reading II: [1 Corinthians 12:4-11](#)
Gospel: [John 2:1-11](#)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

18 Sat Weekday green/white [BVM] Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17 (310)
19 SUN SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 (66) Pss II
20 Mon Weekday green/red/red [Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr] Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
21 Tue Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr red Memorial Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28 (312) Pss Prop
22 Wed USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of white or violet Unborn Children Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6 (313) or, for the Day of Prayer, any readings from the Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 947A-947E), or the Mass "For Peace and Justice" (887-891)
23 Thu Weekday green/red/white [USA: Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; USA: Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin] Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12 (314)
24 Fri Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19 (315)

WORD OF LIFE

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

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Sunday Offering 01/12/2025	\$ 1,641.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,317.23
Year-to-date Total 28 of 52 Sundays	\$ 59,404.72
Budget YTD	\$ 64,882.44
Over/Under Collection	\$ -5,447.72



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A TIME OF HOPE

We are beginning Ordinary Time and the question comes to mind: What is Ordinary Time? It does not mean that **it's a less important or less solemn time. It is the longest** time of the liturgical cycle: 34 Sundays of the 52 Sundays of the year.

Ordinary Time brings the grace to help us grow and mature in our faith, our hope and our love, and above all, to joyfully fulfill the Holy Will of God. This is the grace that we should be looking for and asking God for during these 34 weeks of Ordinary Time. The official color of Ordinary Time is green which signifies hope. **That is why the Preface for Sunday #VI says, "For in you we live and move and have our being, and while in this body we not only experience the daily effects of your care, but even now possess the pledge of life eternal. For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit, through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead, we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery."**

"For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch." (Is 62: 1-2) The prophet Isaiah presents his people, who are tired from a difficult situation, the unbreakable fidelity of God. The prophet Isaiah is known as the Prophet of Hope. With these words he wants to infuse in his people hope, because God keeps his word with faithfulness and they are his first and passionate love. Israel only has to correspond to this free and generous offer. The future is possible because the provident God who has directed the past keeps his promise. God never, ever breaks his covenant with his people.

"Jesus told them [the servers], 'Fill the jars with water.' So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, 'Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.'" (Jn 2:7-8) The Gospel of Saint John chooses the framework of a wedding to reveal that Jesus has **begun to make things new. Jesus' miracle of turning the water into an excellent, quality wine symbolizes the ancient Jewish practices: the law and the ancient rituals, for eternal life. Jesus comes to substitute it with something totally new, symbolized by the excellent wine. This wine represents the new and definitive covenant of God with man. Man is invited to live the experience of the love of a God who is faithful in his promises and in his word.**

"His mother said to the servers, 'Do whatever he tells you.'" (Jn 2:5) The Virgen Mary has a broad mission

which begins as the mother of Jesus, but which is extended to encompass all of humanity, especially the **disciples of Jesus. Mary's task is to bring man to Jesus: "Do whatever he tells you."** Jesus has the true word of life.

"Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope." (Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of Jubilee of "Spes Non Confundit" #1b)

May this Sunday be in anticipation of the Spirit of renewal, which is the source of multiple graces for the building up of the Church. May we also know that we are under the protection of Mary, Most Holy with her intercession on behalf of us, her sons and daughters, with the firm hope that God always fulfills his promises. As we begin our ordinary time, let us ask: Lord, help me grow in my faith! Help me grow as a person! Help us grow as a community! 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

Saved the day
Feb 2, 2025 at
11:00am
More info coming soon

SPANISH MATRIMONY

Meeting Tuesday 01/28/25 at 7:30pm

YOUTH GROUP

Every Friday at 5pm.



RELIGIOUS CLASSES!

(1st Communion, Candidates to Confirmation)
RCIA, candidates meet
every Wednesday at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Starts Tuesday, January 21st on Lesson 9

Mass Intentions January 18-26

Sat.	English	5pm	+Monsignor Bernard Powers
	Akateco	7:30pm	+Bernie Mattingly
Sun.	English	10am	+Fr. Ed Bradley
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners
Mon.	English	9am	+Monsignor Bernard Powers
Tues.	English	9am	+Fr. Ed Bradley
Wed.	Spanish	12pm	+Bernie Mattingly
Thurs	Spanish	7pm	Bill Tucker
Sat.	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	+Fr. Ed Bradley
Sun.	English	10am	Cecilia & Sage Williams
	Spanish	12pm	+Monsignor Bernard Powers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 1/18 Nelly Daughterly
- 1/20 Jaime Ceron,
Magdalena Juan Domingo,
Michael Domingo Juan,
- Karla Francisco Juan, Daniel Edwards
- 1/21 Alex Francisco,
Martha Houston, James Lefler.
- 1/23 Alonzo Juan Andres
- 1/24 María de la Paz López Apolinar,
Eyler Ramirez

TO HOPE IS TO BEGIN AGAIN

Hope, the underpinning theme of the 2025 Holy Year, will be the focus of this new cycle of bi-weekly audiences, which will integrate the traditional Wednesday catechetical sessions throughout the year, representing an ideal embrace for pilgrims visiting Rome in search of "a new beginning."

Addressing nearly 8,000 people in the Paul VI Hall, Pope Francis centred his reflection on John the Baptist, whom he described as a "great prophet of hope."

John the Baptist a great prophet of hope. Highlighting John's pivotal role in the history of salvation. the Pope referred to Jesus' praise of him as the "greatest among those born of women" (Lk 7:24,26-28).

John's mission, marked by his call for repentance and renewal symbolized by crossing the River Jordan, mirrors the pilgrimage of Christians crossing the Holy Door during the Jubilee. This act, Pope Francis explained, represents a new beginning, a deep spiritual reset.

Hope as a gift of God

Hope, as the Pope Francis elaborated, is not merely "a habit or a character trait", but a "strength ("virtus" in Latin) to be asked for", a gift of God that spurs Christians "to start again on the journey of life."

As the Gospel of Luke tells us, it requires a recognition of our human smallness in the face of God's greatness. "It does not depend on us, but on the Kingdom of God," where even the "least" become great, the Pope said.



"Welcoming the Kingdom of God leads us to a new order of greatness. Our world, all of us need this!"

Pope Francis also addressed the struggles of faith, drawing on John the Baptist's own moments of doubt during his imprisonment. These doubts, the Pope noted, resonate with the challenges faced by Christians today navigating a world where "many Herods" still "oppose the Kingdom of God."