

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

Devin Gibson (Chairperson), Kattia Angulo,
Connie Caldwell,
Jenny Glenn, Jim Hurtte, Mila Mendoza,
Randy Thompson, Dcn. Baltazar Rafael

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 26, 2026



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April 26, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

THANKS!

- **Zoila & Filemon** for cleaning the sanctuary last week
- Church Cleaners for the week of 04/26 to 05/02 is: **Deacon Baltazar family**
- **Kimberly** for counting last week. Money counter for this week is: **Alyssa**
- **KC's** for mowing
- **Alyssa** for painting the Mary statue



Ministry of Prayer

Please pray for the sick members and friends of this parish, especially: Henry Adam, Dcn. Rene Amaya, Christal Bennett, Tyler Blandford, Tony Bess, Bobby & Susie Blandford, Kimberly

Blandford, Cindy Bloodworth, Sabrina Blue, Charles Buchanan, William Buckman, Crystal Childress, Fany Cordon, Scott Coffman, Donna Dacy, Jim Daugherty, Leo Dickens, Shane Dickens, Rosie Edwads, Russell Edwards, Jennifer Ebelhar, Marty Eisten, David Ferriell, Anna Filbert, Peggy Gaddis, Sonny & Rose Ann Glenn, Jaime Harris, Dan Hawkins, Katelyn Hensley, Peggy Howell, Dora Jimenez, Donnie & Kathy Jones, Keith Kenney, Kevin King, Roger & Debbie Lloyd, Tom McCarty, Pam McGraw, Brea Meadows, Jeff Meredith, Charlotte Moore, Zoey Nash, Darryl Periard, Cenia J. Quintanilla, Beth Raleigh, Dori Raleigh, Pam Raleigh, Cathy Robertson, Mackenzie Skinner, Ruby Sparks, Jack Spillman, Veronica Spink, Burnetta Springfield, Vickie Tichenor, Gary & Nadine Trogden, Lynda Trogden, Dusty Utley, Richard Vowels, Doris Vowels, Carter Wilkerson, Tony Whittlege

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

WORDS OF THE POPES

After bringing us back into God's embrace and into the fold of the Church, Jesus is the door that leads us back into the world. He urges us to go forth to encounter our brothers and sisters. Let us never forget that all of us, without exception, are called to this; we are called to step out of our comfort zones and find the courage to reach out to all those peripheries that need the light of the Gospel (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 20). Brothers and sisters, "going forth" means that we, like Jesus, must become open doors. How sad and painful it is to see closed doors. The closed doors of our selfishness with regard to others; the closed doors of our individualism amid a society of growing isolation; the closed doors of our indifference towards the underprivileged and those who suffer; the doors we close towards those who are foreign or unlike us, towards migrants or the poor. Closed doors also within our ecclesial communities: doors closed to other people, closed to the world, closed to those who are "irregular", closed to those who long for God's forgiveness. Please, brothers and sisters, let us open those doors! Let us try to be – in our words, deeds and daily activities – like Jesus, an open door: a door that is never shut in anyone's face, a door that enables everyone to enter and experience the beauty of the Lord's love and forgiveness.

(Pope Francis, Homily, Kossuth Lajos' Square, Budapest, 30 April 2023)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 04/25	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia Alvey
Sun 04/26	<u>Sacristan:</u> KofC's
EM	KofC's
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Lector	KofC's
Altar Server	KofC's

Next Weekend

Sat 05/02	<u>Sacristan:</u> Connie
Sun 05/03	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
EM	Mary Jane Hawkins
EM	Shawn Blanford
Lector	Greg Sugg
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

25 Sat Saint Mark, Evangelist red Feast 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20 (555) Pss Prop

26 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER white Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10 (49) Pss IV

27 Mon Easter Weekday white Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice) (279)

28 Tue Easter Weekday white/red/white [Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest] Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 (280)

29 Wed Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50 (281)

30 Thu Easter Weekday white/white [Saint Pius V, Pope] Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20 (282)

1 Fri Easter Weekday white/white [Saint Joseph the Worker] Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 (283) or, for the Optional Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58 (559)

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).

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 04/19/2026	\$	2304.71
Weekly Goal	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 42 of 52 Sundays	\$	94,049.30
Budget YTD	\$	101,050.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	-7,000.70



IV SUNDAY OF EASTER JESUS, GOOD SHEPHERD

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

The responsorial psalm and the gospel refer to the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep.

The first reading for this Sunday tells us: **“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off.” (Acts 2: 38-39)** This baptismal text describes a process: A) conversion, a change of mentality; B) baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus; C) the forgiveness of sins is the effect of conversion and baptism; D) the gift of the Spirit means that it is present in the life of the believer.

A few days ago, I met a person, who although he has very good ideas, has one that is not good for his salvation. He refuses to change. Even if he says he has a lot of faith, but his attitudes are not those of a Christian, he is not too bad, but he refuses to change. The reading is very clear when saying: **“repent”**. That is an urgency for us all. We are all in a process of metanoia, a process of change, a process of being better every day.

“But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they **recognize his voice.” (Jn 10: 3-4)** Many years ago, we had a meeting of the Tzotzil Deanery the home of some religious sisters. Those nuns have many sheep and they themselves take them to the fields to graze. After that meeting, I had to stay there a little longer for some other matter. One of the sisters went to change and took the sheep to graze. They had to cross the street in front of their house and the street was very busy. None of the sheep were tied up, the sister only talked to them and that was the way she guided them. When they reached the edge of the street, the sister gave a shout and all the sheep stopped. After a while, when they could cross, the sister again gave them another shout and they crossed. She went ahead and the sheep followed her

and none went astray. In the psalm, we repeat: **“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Beside restful waters he leads me.” (Psalm 23: 1. 2b)**

Jesus knows us and calls us by our name. He knows when we speak to him. He knows the moments that we have failed God our good Father, and despite that He keeps calling us. Because, in this gospel, Jesus proposes himself as the person in whom we can trust; through Him we can go to find God and find life. Whoever is outside that door, whoever tries to build a world apart from Jesus can do it, but there is no other way to meet the God of life and to find the truth of our existence.

Christ is the door, through which He invites us to enter to find Salvation and an abundant pasture, because for those who follow Him it opens to love, justice and charity. In prayer and meditation is where we can hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. The celebration of the sacraments nourishes us and strengthens our faith. And in the perseverance of our faith, it is where we prove to want to follow our God.

May we open our hearts and ears to hear the voice of our Good Shepherd. May Christ the good shepherd put us on his shoulders, heal our wounds and return us to the fold. May we love Him and serve Him alone, and thus way we can get in to eternal happiness. Amen.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: [Acts 2:14a, 36-41](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6](#)

Reading II: [1 Peter 2:20b-25](#)

Gospel: [John 10:1-10](#)

THIS WEEK'S TASK

Which shepherd are we listening to?

Spend five minutes each day this week and listen to the Good Shepherd.

This is also Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a time for us to remember in prayer the priests of our parish who—in the person of Christ—shepherd us.

Take some time to write a note of thanks to the priest of your parish. Let him know your gratitude for giving his life to God and the Church in this unique vocation.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Reading I: [Acts 6:1-7](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19](#)

Reading II: [1 Peter 2:4-9](#)

Gospel: [John 14:1-12](#)

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **Tuesday:** Bible Study at 10:00, Youth Group at 5:30
- **Wednesday:** Faith Formation at 5:30
- **Thursday:** Adoration at 6:30
- **Saturday:** First Communion mass at 11am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 4/25 David Juan
- 4/26 Sandra Juan Mendez
- 4/28 Fr. Lustein Blanco, Paola Estefani Rivera
- 4/30 James Daugherty, Joslyn Farmer



AROUND THE DIOCESE

- Gasper River camp signup. Dates based on age.
- April 30—Made for Mission for Catholic leader
- June 8-17 Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy with Bishop Medley
- June 27—St Mary Magdalene picnic. Online meat presale has started.

Details for all events available in the vestibule

Mass Intention

Sat. 04/25	English	5pm	Violet Cassidy
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun. 04/26	English	10am	Violet Cassidy
	Spanish	12pm	Tom Shawler
Mon. 04/27	English	9am	Living & Deceased of the Daughters of Isabella
Tues 04/28	English	9am	William Lewis Wese
Wed. 04/29	Spanish	12pm	Joyce Ann Clark
Thu. 04/30	Spanish	7pm	Bud Newton
Sat. 05/02	Bilingual	11am	Jose Carmen Lopez
	English	5pm	Sis & AJ Bickett
	Akateco	7:30pm	Rita Stiff
Sun. 05/03	English	10am	Mary Catherine Reed
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4-25 Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, priesthood



"God, come to my assistance! The first step of faith is to tell God that we need him, that we need him to be close to us." (Pope Francis)

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.

GATEKEEPER HIS THIEF
 REALIZE WILL DRIVEN
 SPEECH YOU CLIMBS
 ENTERS AMEN VOICE



Jesus said: "Amen, ¹²□, I say to ⁹□, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but ¹¹□ over elsewhere is a ⁵□ and a robber. But whoever ²□ through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The ¹□ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls ¹⁰□ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has ⁸□ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his ³□. But they will not follow a stranger; they ⁴□ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of ⁷□, the Pharisees did not ⁶□ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Saint Catherine of Siena April 29

CATHERINE WAS THE SECOND YOUNGEST OF A VERY LARGE FAMILY IN SIENA, ITALY. AT A VERY YOUNG AGE SHE HAD CONSECRATED HER LIFE TO GOD.

WHEN SHE WAS 16 SHE BECAME A DOMINICAN TERTIARY, WHICH IS LIKE A KIND OF NUN WHO DOESN'T LIVE IN A CONVENT.

May I have this room to myself?

SHE RECEIVED MANY VISIONS OF JESUS AND THE SAINTS.

I want you to be my bride.

GOD IS NOT PLEASED WITH THIS CONSTANT WAR.

CATHERINE BEGAN TO ADVISE PEOPLE SO THAT THERE WOULD BE PEACE IN ITALY.

SHE EVEN ADVISED THE CHURCH LEADERS.

They should be busy with God's work, not man's.

THE POPE AT THAT TIME WAS NOT LIVING IN ROME, SO CATHERINE CONVINCED HIM TO MOVE BACK.

Your Holiness. As the pope is the bishop of Rome, I entreat you to return to that city.

HERE! YOU SHOULDN'T BE SLEEPING IN THE COLD!

THE POPE CALLED HER TO HELP HIM IN ROME, SO SHE WENT. THERE SHE ALSO CARED FOR THE SICK AND THE POOR. SHE DIED THERE AT AGE 33.

CATHERINE ALSO HAD GREAT PHYSICAL SUFFERING. OFTEN SHE LIVED ON ALMOST NO FOOD OTHER THAN HOLY COMMUNION. SHE RECEIVED THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST AND ASKED GOD TO LET HER CARRY THE SINS OF THE WORLD. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER AND DEFEND HIM.