

# 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](http://www.smsebree.org),  
[www.facebook.com/smsebree](http://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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 3, 2026



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May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

## THANKS!

- **Deacon Baltazar family** for cleaning the sanctuary last week
- Church Cleaners for the week of 05/03 to 05/09 is: **Felipe Domingo**
- **Alyssa** for counting last week. Money counter for this week is: **Gracia**
- **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 Blanford, Tony Bess, Bobby & Susie Blanford, Kimberly Blanford, 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, Michael 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, Buddy Wilson, Tony Whitlegde

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](http://www.smseebree.org)

### WORDS OF THE POPES

When he was approaching the Passion, Jesus reassured his disciples, asking them not to be afraid and to have faith; he then begins a conversation with them in which he talks about God the Father (cf. Jn 14:2-9). At a certain point the Apostle Philip asked Jesus: “Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied” (Jn 14:8). Philip was very practical and prosaic, he even said what we ourselves would like to say: “we want to see him, show us the Father”, he asks to “see” the Father, to see his face. Jesus’ answer is a reply not only to Philip but also to us and it ushers us into the heart of Christological faith; the Lord affirmed: “he who has seen me has seen the Father” (Jn 14:9). These words sum up the newness of the New Testament, that newness which appeared in the Bethlehem Grotto: God can be seen, God has shown his face, he is visible in Jesus Christ. (...) In Jesus too the mediation between God and man attains fulfillment. In the Old Testament there is an array of figures who carried out this role, in particular Moses, the deliverer, the guide, the “mediator” of the Covenant, as he is defined in the New Testament (cf. Gal 3:19; Acts 7:35; Jn 1:17). Jesus, true God and true man, is not simply one of the mediators between God and man but rather “the mediator” of the new and eternal Covenant (cf. Heb 8:6; 9:15; 12:24); “for there is one God”, Paul says, “and there is one mediator between God and men, the man

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### This weekend

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

### Next Weekend

<b>Sat 05/09</b>	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
<b>Sun 05/10</b>	<u>Sacristan:</u> Mary Jane Hawkins
EM	Alyssa Magnuson
EM	Lea Ann Sugg
Lector	Matthew Duncan
Altar Server	Volunteer

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 2 Sat** Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
- 3 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** white Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 (52) Pss I
- 4 Mon** Easter Weekday white Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26 (285)
- 5 Tue** Easter Weekday white Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a (286)
- 6 Wed** Easter Weekday white Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 (287)
- 7 Thu** Easter Weekday white Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 (288)
- 8 Fri** Easter Weekday white Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17 (289)

### 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 04/26/2026	\$	2,449.00
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 43 of 52 Sundays	\$	96,498.30
Budget YTD	\$	101,050.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	<b>-4,551.70</b>

Christ Jesus” (1 Tim 2:5 cf. Gal 3:19-20). In him we see and encounter the Father; in him we can call upon God with the name of “Abba, Father”; in him we are given salvation.  
*(Pope Benedict XVI, General audience, 16 January 2013)*



## V SUNDAY OF EASTER "I AM" - SAYS JESUS

This Sunday we hear in the Gospel, **"Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life."** (Jn 14:6a) Jesus

reveals himself as the most concrete part of what we live, of what we do and what we experience.

The first reading reveals to us the problems of **the first Christian community.** **"As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution."** (Acts 6: 1-2)

Throughout the history of the church there have been problems from within and many people criticize the church, there are many anti-Catholic people, and many who would like to see her destroyed. But it is also true that throughout the history of the church she has known how to overcome these difficult moments. From each of the errors the church has learned and been blessed. From this first problem the vocation of the diaconate was born.

The service of the deacons is born out of the necessity to attend to the poor, the orphaned and the widows. But they did not only serve them, because their ministry was about representing the apostles and they were the ones directly responsible for the community. They were serving through the gift of faith and the Spirit, not only in the social aspects, but also spiritual service and preaching. This diaconal service was an example of sharing in the primitive church. We are grateful to God for this beautiful vocation of service and we pray for our deacons and the candidates to the diaconate so they may persevere in their service.

**"Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me."** (Jn 14: 1-2) This is a farewell discourse. That night Jesus Christ communicated to his disciples the most profound truths of his life, of his existence and his pro-existence. Jesus presents himself as the way that leads to the Father, the truth that frees and the life that extends past death. We know that the way is a path to walk on to arrive at a goal, life is to live, to enjoy; the truth is to experience it as goodness when faced with a lie, which provokes anxiety and unhappiness. The way, the truth and the life are concrete things that we live, that are done, that are experienced. These are things that we all look for in our history and our existence.

**"No one comes to the Father except through me."** (Jn 14:6b) Men and women look for God, we need God, but not just any God, but rather a Father. Jesus has revealed him in this way and has insisted on his word

and his life: that is his truth, for which he died, for having God as his Father. The gospel writer Saint John is affirming for us in this text that it is not possible to experience God except through Jesus. We can say that the theology of Saint John about who Jesus is, for the Christian community, is a faith proposal; a proposal of the realities that we look for always and everywhere. He is the way that brings us to God the Father, because otherwise he would have continued to be an unknown God for us. Now the Father is closer and we know him, thanks to Jesus Christ.

Every baptized person has received as their inheritance the hope to enter into eternal glory. They have been consecrated by God as a chosen race. Jesus has won that for us, he is the living rock and the foundation of this religion of the people of the one true God.

In Spanish we have a popular phrase that translates **"there is a solution for everything, except for death."** Well I would affirm the opposite: **there is a solution for everything, including death; because to know and follow Jesus is to find the way, the truth and through that eternal life.** May we follow, love and worship God the Father who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ. Let us remember that Saint Peter tells us that we are living stones, and each one of us are an **important part of the construction of the "spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."** (1 Peter 2:5) .  
Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

### TODAY'S READINGS

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

*Question:* How are you called to the service of others? What do you do for the service of others? What do you do for the good of the Church?

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

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

*Question:* How do you see yourself as a living stone for the building up of Christ's Church? Have there been times when your faith in Christ has been a stumbling block or viewed as foolishness to others?

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

*Question:* Jesus is expecting great things of us. What are the challenges and opportunities of today's disciple?

### THIS WEEK'S TASK

Talk to a friend or family member about your personal experience of following the Way of Christ.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**Reading I:** [Acts 8:5-8, 14-17](#)

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20](#)

**Reading II:** [1 Peter 3:15-18](#)

**Gospel:** [John 14:15-21](#)

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- **Tuesday:** Youth Group at 5:30
- **Wednesday:** Faith Formation at 5:30, last class party
- **Thursday:** Adoration at 6:30

### LOOKING AHEAD

- **Wednesday, May 13** at 5:30 Catechists appreciation dinner
- **Sunday May 17** at 1:00 (following the noon mass) church cleanup/workday
- **Wednesday May 20** at 5:30 VBS planning meeting

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 5/2 Shawn Blanford
- 5/3 Maria Jose Pascual,
- 5/4 Lenin Arciniega, Diego Vanegas,  
Kimberli Knight
- 5/8 Domingo Diego



## HAPPY PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARY

5-08 Fr. Lustein Blanco Grajales



May, The  
Month of  
MARY



### Why is May called Mary's month?

May is the month of new birth. Mary brought forth new life for all as the Mother of God, and she

brings forth new life in our souls through her mediation.

In the Church's long history, the tradition is relatively young. It first came about in the 13th century, beginning with members of the Jesuit Order. The month of May might have been chosen because there were several popular Marian devotions centered in May.

In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22, but May remained the month of Mary.

### How can we honor Mary this month at home?

1. **Make a Marian Shrine:** Set up a special place in your home, dorm, office, etc., in honor of our Blessed Mother! All you need is a statue or image of the Virgin Mary. Consider gifting her with a vase of fresh flowers, and take the time to visit this special place during your prayer routine.
2. **Pray the rosary Daily:** Our Lady instructed us to pray the Rosary every day. If you don't do so already, make this a habit during the month of Mary specifically. You will be amazed by the graces that come forth from doing so!
3. **Learn about Maria Apparitions:** What is your favorite Marian apparition? Is there an apparition of Our Lady you've been wanting to learn more about? Consider this the perfect time to do so!
4. **Host a Mini May Crowning:** If you have a statue of Mary, crown it with fresh flowers at home, symbolizing her queenship and our devotion.

## Mass Intentions

Sat 05/02	English	5pm	Sis & AJ Bickett
	Akateco	7:30pm	Rita Stiff
Sun 05/03	English	10am	Mary Catherine Reed
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners
Mon 05/04	English	9am	No Daily Mass
Tues 05/05	English	9am	No Daily Mass
Wed 05/06	Spanish	12pm	No Daily Mass
Thu 05/07	Spanish	7pm	Kathy Leonard
Sat 05/09	English	5pm	Communion Service
	Akateco	7:30pm	Communion Service
Sun. 05/10	English	10am	Parishioners
	Spanish	12pm	+ For Mothers' Soul

### Pope's Monthly Intentions for May: That everyone might have food

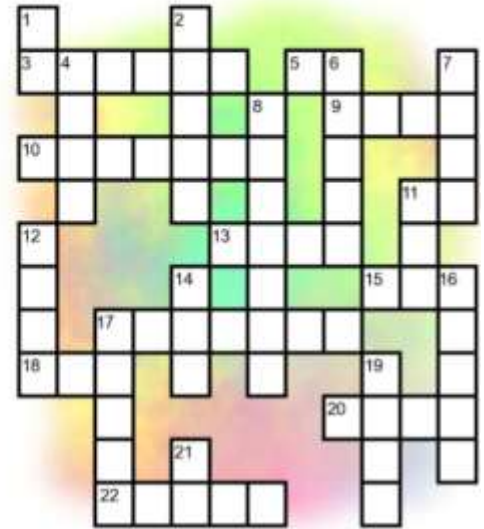


Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

## "Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.

IS WHOEVER  
OF BECAUSE  
ON BELIEVE  
ME FATHER  
YOU WORKS  
AND DOING  
WHO SPEAK  
WILL AMEN  
OWN JESUS  
TIME THAN  
SHOW STILL  
KNOW SEEN



\_\_\_\_\_ (2d) said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a \_\_\_\_\_ (9a) and you \_\_\_\_\_ (6d) do not \_\_\_\_\_ (12d) me, Philip? \_\_\_\_\_ (17a) has seen me has \_\_\_\_\_ (7d) the Father. How can you say, ' \_\_\_\_\_ (19d) us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in \_\_\_\_\_ (21d) The words that I \_\_\_\_\_ (22a) to you I do not speak \_\_\_\_\_ (11a) my \_\_\_\_\_ (11d). The Father \_\_\_\_\_ (18a) dwells in me is \_\_\_\_\_ (16d) his works. \_\_\_\_\_ (8d) me that I am in the \_\_\_\_\_ (3a) and the Father \_\_\_\_\_ (5a) in me, or else, believe \_\_\_\_\_ (10a) \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) the works themselves. \_\_\_\_\_ (4d) amen, I say to \_\_\_\_\_ (14d), whoever believes in me \_\_\_\_\_ (13a) do the \_\_\_\_\_ (17d) that I do, \_\_\_\_\_ (15a) will do greater ones \_\_\_\_\_ (20a) these, because I am going to the Father."