

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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 17, 2026



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.smseebree.org, www.facebook.com/smseebree

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, Juana Matias.

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THANKS!

- For the week of 05/10 to 05/16:
 - Church cleaners were: **Miguel Juan** family
 - Money counter was: **Jeannie Davis**
 - Mower was: **Gerardo Delgado & Filemon**
- For the week of 05/17 to 05/23:
 - Church cleaners are: **Felipe y Maria Jose** family
 - Money counter is: **Kim Bullock**
 - Mower is: **Miguel Francisco Juan**



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, 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 Whitledge

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

With the Ascension, something new and beautiful happened: Jesus brought our humanity, our flesh, into heaven — this is the first time — that is, he brought it in God. That humanity that he had assumed on earth did not remain here. The risen Jesus was not a spirit, no. He had his human body, flesh and bones, everything. He will be there in God forever. We could say that from the day of the Ascension on, God himself “changed” — from then on, he is not only spirit, but such is his love for us that he bears our own flesh in himself, our humanity! The place awaiting us is thus indicated; that is our destiny. (...) What does Jesus do in heaven? He is there for us before the Father, continually showing our humanity to him — showing him his wounds. I like to think that Jesus, prays like this in front of the Father — showing him his wounds. “This is what I suffered for humanity: Do something!” He shows him the price of redemption and the Father is moved. This is something I like to think about. This is how Jesus prays. He did not leave us alone. In fact, before ascending, he told us, as the Gospel says today, “I am with you always, to the close of the age”

(Mt 28:20). (Pope Francis, Regina caeli, 21 May 2023)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

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| Sat 05/16 | <u>Sacristan</u> : Connie |
| Sun 05/17 | <u>Sacristan</u> : Gracia |
| EM | Cathy Robertson |
| EM | Janie Tanner |
| Lector | Shawn Blanford |
| Altar Server | Volunteer |

Next Weekend

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| Sat 05/23 | <u>Sacristan</u> : Connie |
| Sun 05/24 | <u>Sacristan</u> : KC's |
| EM | KC's |
| EM | KC's |
| Lector | KC's |
| Altar Server | KC's |

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

16 Sat Easter Weekday white Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
17 SUN THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD white Solemnity Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 (58) Pss Prop
18 Mon Easter Weekday white/red [Saint John I, Pope and Martyr] Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)
19 Tue Easter Weekday white Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
20 Wed Easter Weekday white/white [Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest] Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)
21 Thu Easter Weekday white/red [Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs] Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)
22 Fri Easter Weekday white/white [Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious] Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)

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).

THIS WEEK'S TASK

Take time to read something about our Church history.

True/False answers

1.True 2.False 3.False 4.True
5.True 6.False 7.True

Thank You For Your Generosity

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| Sunday Offering 05/10/2026 | \$ | 2,271.00 |
| Weekly Goal | \$ | 2,350.00 |
| Year-to-date Total 45 of 52 Sundays | \$ | 100,989.26 |
| Budget YTD | \$ | 103,400.00 |
| Over/Under Collection | \$ | -4,760.74 |



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Every Sunday we say in the creed: **“I believe in Jesus Christ ... on the third day he rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty.”** The Ascension of the Lord to the heavens is the feast of apostolic maturity where the Church is invited to stop looking at the sky and to set out because there is Good News to proclaim.

“I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles **whom he had chosen.”** (Acts 1: 1b-2) The Ascension of the Lord is that he elevated himself to heaven to sit at the right hand of God, that is, the total exaltation and glorification of Jesus. But that is what happens, no doubt, in the resurrection. The disciples of Jesus have been able to experience that the Master is alive, even if he has been crucified. He appeared to them at different times and places. **But then came the moment that Jesus’ message of the Kingdom can’t be forgotten, and it was when** the disciples must take action and continue the work of Jesus. Until that time, Jesus and God had done everything; but the time had come for a necessary rupture in which the Church has to come out of itself, from the glorious passivity of the Passover, to confront the task of evangelization.

The disciples must open themselves to the Holy Spirit, because a great task awaits them all **over the world: “But you will receive power when** the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1: 8) The Ascension of the Lord was not a break with the earth, with history, with all that He has committed to, with his own friends and with the whole world. No! It was not a break. Because it was not a break he prolonged his presence for forty days among his people, insisting on enlightening them about the Kingdom of God which was the subject of his message and the cause of his life even to death. After instructing his disciples he sends them, but stresses the waiting of the Holy Spirit, with Him they can fulfill his mandate.

“The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.” (Mt 28:16) The great desire of Jesus was and is, that all men are to be called to the salvation God offers. From the top of the mountain, with all the symbolism this has in the Bible, Jesus gives his people the power to communicate salvation and grace. As the name he received was Jesus, which means **“God saves,”** it means that the promise is fulfilled because the salvation that comes from God to mankind will have no limits.

“In accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to **come.”** (Eph 1: 20-21) Like St. Paul, we must keep in mind that this giving thanks to God, for what he has done in Jesus, is a call to Christians to have hope. Because we will one day live what happened to Jesus.

May this celebration of the Ascension of the Lord help us to take our responsibility in extending the Kingdom of God, bringing hope, joy and faith to the world. May your life and testimony of faith make the Kingdom of God known to those who **don’t know it and/or do not accept it. God sends us** forth to proclaim His Kingdom.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY’S READINGS

Reading I: [Acts 1:1-11](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9](#)

Reading II: [Ephesians 1:17-23](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Reading I: [Acts 2:1-11](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34](#)

Reading II: [1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13](#)

Gospel: [John 20:19-23](#)

PRAYER OF THE DAY FOR SUNDAY, MAY 17

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I will begin this day. I thank you, Lord, for having preserved me during the night. I will do my best to make all I do today pleasing to You and in accordance with Your will. My dear mother Mary, watch over me this day. My Guardian Angel, take care of me. St. Joseph and all you saints of God, pray for me... (followed by Daily Offering)

EVENTS

- **Tuesday May 19:** at 5:30 Youth Group
- **Wednesday May 20:** at 5:30 VBS planning meeting
- **Every Thursday:** Adoration at 6:30

Congratulations to our Graduates

High School: Rosa Quintanilla, Pascual Diego Alonso, Efrain Juan Andres, Manuel Salinas, Daddy Caballero, Juanita Juan Pascual & Valery Pocasangre

Middle School: Diego Vanegas Angulo, Antonio Felipe Juan, Diego Lopez & Francisco Juan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/16 Isabela Juan

5/17 Ismael Gaspar

5/17/ Juana F Francisco, Maily Alexandra
Aragon Paniagua

5/18 Felix Apolinar Sabino, Kristy Houston,
Lois McGraw

5/20 Jesus Lopez Rodriguez

5/20 Mercedes Rivera

5/21 Eber Alvarado, Roberto Tomas, Ever Lopez



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5/23 Gerome y Amy Thomas



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- Next meeting is on May 28th at 6:30
- Officers will be elected
- If you cannot attend the meeting, but can be an officer, please email Jim.

True or False about... The Ascension

*How well do you know the story of the Ascension?
See if you know which of these are true
and which are false:*

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead. True or false?
2. When Jesus was with His disciples after He rose from the dead, they could only see Him but they couldn't touch Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't tell His friends that He was going to leave them. True or false?
4. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit. True or false?
5. The disciples had gathered together and asked Jesus if He was going to restore the earthly kingdom. True or false?
6. Nobody saw Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. True or false?
7. Two men appeared to the disciples and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky?" True or false?



Mass Intentions

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| Sat 05/16 | English | 5pm | +Lucy Neal |
| | Akateco | 7:30pm | +Dan Halbig |
| Sun. 05/17 | English | 10am | +Bill Lanham |
| | Spanish | 12pm | Parishioners |
| Mon 05/18 | English | 9am | +Kathy Leonard |
| Tues 05/19 | English | 10am | Mary Louise Raleigh Special time/location |
| Wed 05/20 | Spanish | 12pm | +Dan Halbing |
| Thu 05/21 | Spanish | 7pm | Poor of souls |
| Sat 05/23 | English | 5pm | +Jean Murphy |
| | Akateco | 7:30pm | Jeff Carpenter |
| Sun. 05/24 | English | 10am | +Sarah Hedge |
| | Spanish | 12pm | Silvia Barco |

What is Ascensiontide

It has been 40 days since the Church reveled in the joyful celebration of Christ's triumphant Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Now, the Church prepares to celebrate His glorious Ascension into heaven.

The observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus Christ dates back to the fourth century and, at the time, was generally celebrated on Thursday of the sixth week of Easter as a holy day of obligation (May 14 in 2026). It was later shifted to the seventh Sunday of Easter (May 17 in 2026) in most countries, including the U.S., by 1999. With the permission of the Vatican, this was done as part of a growing trend to move important feasts to Sundays in hopes of encouraging more Catholics to observe the special day.

The remembrance of the feast also marks the start of Ascensiontide, which is the 10-day period between the Feast of the Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost when the Apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For centuries, writings of the saints throughout the early Church have emphasized the importance of this special feast day.

"[Our] Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him," said St. Augustine. "Listen to the words of the Apostle [Paul in his letter to the Colossians]: 'If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.'"

By doing that, the commissioning words that Jesus said to the Apostles in the Gospel of Matthew become our commission as well.

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

(Matthew 28:18-20)

