

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, Juana Matias.

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 24, 2026**

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May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

THANKS!

- For the week of 05/17 to 05/23:
 - Church cleaners were: **Felipe y Maria Jose** family
 - Money counter was: **Kim Bullock**
 - Mower was: **Miguel Francisco Juan**
- For the week of 05/24 to 05/30:
 - Church cleaners are: **Juan y Juana Lopez**
 - Money counter is: **Alyssa**
 - Mower is: **Gerardo Delgado & Filemon**



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

Today, the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Gospel takes us to the Upper Room, where the apostles had taken refuge after the death of Jesus (Jn 20:19-23). On the evening of Passover, the Risen One presents himself precisely into that situation of fear and anguish and, breathing on them, says: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (v. 22). In this way, with the gift of the Spirit, Jesus wishes to free the disciples from fear, from this fear that keeps them holed up at home, and he frees them so that they may be able to go out and become witnesses and proclaimers of the Gospel. Let us dwell a little on what the Spirit does: he frees from fear. The disciples had closed the doors, the Gospel says, "for fear" (v. 19). The death of Jesus had shocked them, their dreams had been shattered, their hopes had vanished. And they had closed themselves inside. Not only in that room, but within, in the heart. I would like to underline this: closed inside. How often do we too shut ourselves in? How often, because of some difficult situation, because of some personal or family problem, because of the suffering that marks us or the evil we breathe around us, do we risk slipping slowly into loss of hope and lack the courage to go on? (...) However, the Gospel offers us the

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

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

Next Weekend

Sat 05/30 Sacristan: Gracia
 Sun 05/31 Sacristan: Mary Jane
 EM Lea Ann Sugg
 EM Cathy Robertson
 Lector Matthew Duncan
 Altar Server Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

23 Sat Easter Weekday white Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)

24 SUN PENTECOST SUNDAY red Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 (63) Pss Prop

25 Mon The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church white (Eighth Week in Ordinary Time) Memorial Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34 (572A, see USCCB.org/motherofthechurch) Pss IV

26 Tue Saint Philip Neri, Priest white Memorial 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31 (348)

27 Wed Weekday green/white [Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop] 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45 (349)

28 Thu Weekday green 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52 (350)

29 Fri Weekday green/white [Saint Paul VI, Pope] 1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26 (351)

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).

remedy of the Risen One: the Holy Spirit. He frees us from the prisons of fear. (...) Because this is what the Spirit does: he makes us feel God's closeness, and thus, his love casts out fear, illuminates the way, consoles, sustains in adversity. Faced with fears and closure, then, let us invoke the Holy Spirit for us, for the Church and for the whole world: let a new Pentecost cast out the fears that assail us and revive the flame of God's love.

(Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, 28 May 2023)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 05/17/2026	\$	2,225.04
Weekly Goal	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 46 of 52 Sundays	\$	103,214.30
Budget YTD	\$	108,100.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	-4,885.70



PENTECOST'S SUNDAY

After 7 weeks of Easter celebrations, we have reached its culmination with the great

Solemnity of Pentecost, the feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostolic College. The greatness of this feast, we can see in today's liturgy as the extraordinary manifestation of a New Covenant, which is no longer based in a written law but in new life, which reaches the Church through the breath of the Spirit of the Risen One.

The sequence of Pentecost helps us to pray: **“Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine, giver of all gifts.”** The disciples of Jesus, after a time of fear and momentary joys when they met the risen Jesus, on the day of Pentecost, they were enveloped in an irresistible, marvelous strength. It filled them and inspired them to proclaim the message of salvation and to face all the difficulties that this implied within the Jewish world and the institutions that opposed his prophetic walk.

The sacred writer of Acts of the Apostles, with this account of Pentecost, wants to make us understand that nobody can be neutral or marginal **spectators to the experience of the Holy Spirit.** **“Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language?”** (Acts 2: 7-8) This action of God is not understood until one enters into the logic of the free and powerful action of God, that action transforms man from within and makes people capable of new relationships with others.

Pentecost begins with an evangelized community (the disciples) and they became evangelizers. They received from Jesus a **command: “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”** (John 20:21) What they received on the day of Pentecost is not a new law, but it was the gift of the Spirit of God or the Spirit of the Lord. That was a substantial and decisive change and an incomparable gift. It is only the Spirit that makes possible that all men, not just the Israelites, can join the new people. This text makes known to us the universality that characterizes the

time of the Spirit and the prophetic capacity of the new people of God. In a few words, the Holy Spirit makes known the catholicity of the Church. The Church born at Easter is baptized with fire at Pentecost and from that moment is open to evangelization.

“We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the **mighty acts of God.”** (Acts 2:9-11) The Church should be open to all men and women, to all races and cultures, because no one can be excluded from the salvation that comes from God. That is what this gift of tongues means, that all men and women understood this project of salvation of God in their own language and their own culture. This is what happened there, it is not about a language **phenomenon, but rather it's about what is** happening in the hearts of the men and women.

Pentecost for us should be a celebration of renewing our baptism with the fire of the Holy Spirit, which inspires us to be evangelizers in our time and place as well. Holy Spirit, strength of God: Transform us!

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'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](#)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Reading I: [Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56](#)

Reading II: [2 Corinthians 13:11-13](#)

Gospel: [John 3:16-18](#)

THIS WEEK'S TASK

As we celebrate Pentecost, we are reminded of the children, adults, and teenagers who have celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation within the Easter Season.

The Feast of Pentecost is a challenge to all of us who have the Spirit to develop a closer relationship with the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. Consider going on a Cursillo or other retreat this year.

EVENTS

- **Every Thursday:** Adoration at 6:30
- **Thursday 5/28:** KC meeting at 6:30
- **Sunday 5/31 at 1:15 :** VBS planning with volunteers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/23 Daddy Caballero, Rocky Juan
 5/24 Kenzi Joaquin, Catarina (Katy) Lopez Pedro
 5/25 Maria Grajales, Irvin Joaquin-Munoz,
 Alejandra Margarita Hughes
 5/26 Yoni Palacios
 5/28 Santiago Abel De Jesus
 5/29 Cheryl Crisp, Ferdinand Martinez



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5/24 Juan Francisco Domingo & Candelaria Juan



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.

Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

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FIRE	PENTECOST	SPEAK	FILLED
HEAR	LANGUAGE	HOLY	WIND
SPIRIT	WONDERS	SOUND	BLOWING
DECLARE	TONGUES	AMAZED	OTHER

Mass Intentions

Sat 05/23	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	Jeff Carpenter
Sun. 05/24	English	10am	+Sarah Hedge
	Spanish	12pm	Silvia Barco
Mon 05/25	English	9am	+Kathy Leonard
Tues 05/26	English	9am	+Jean Murphy
Wed 05/27	Spanish	12pm	Poor souls in Purgatory
Thu 05/28	Spanish	7pm	+Lucy Neal
Sat 05/30	English	5pm	+Chester Ervin Jr.
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun. 05/31	English	10am	+Dan Halbig
	Spanish	12pm	+Miguel Barco

Liturgical Feast: MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

The Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, reminds us how Jesus Himself, through an act of entrusting, willed that the divine maternity be extended to all men and women, that is, to the Church herself. In 2018, Pope Francis established the Monday after the Solemnity of Pentecost, the day on which the Church was born, as the date for this memorial.

Meaning of the Title

The title “Mother of the Church” was solemnly proclaimed by Pope Paul VI on November 21, 1964. This teaching affirms that Mary, by her consent at the Annunciation and her presence at the Cross (John 19:25–27), is truly the mother of all members of Christ

Theological Significance

The Church teaches that Mary’s role as Mother of the Church is deeply tied to the **Paschal mystery**:

- At the **Annunciation**, she consented to the Incarnation.
- At the **Cross**, she stood with the Lord and the Apostles.
- At **Pentecost**, she was with them in prayer awaiting the Holy Spirit

Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God’s word and to recognize his voice and call.

Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith.

Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

(Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter, Lumen Fidei)