

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)

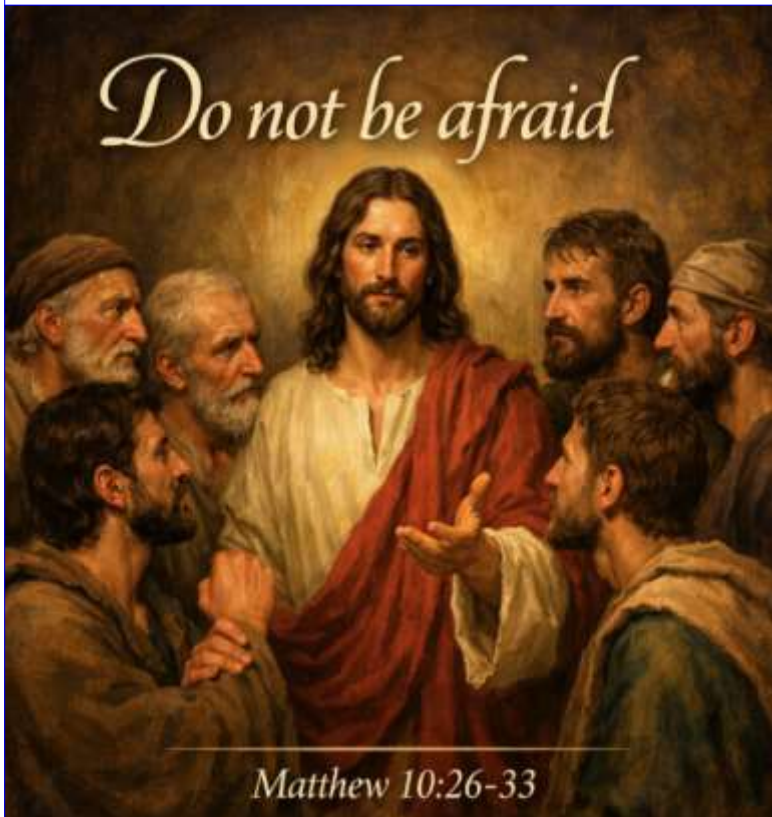
Parish Council Members

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

Financial Committee

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 21, 2026



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THANKS!

- For the week of 06/14 to 06/20:
 - Church cleaners were: **Juan y Juana Lopez**
 - Money counter was: **Kim**
 - Mower was: **Miguel Francisco Juan**
- For the week of 06/21 to 06/26:
 - Church cleaners are: **Eduardo & Maria Herrera**
 - Money counter is: **Alyssa**
 - Mower is: **Gerardo Delgado's children**



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 Edwards, Russell Edwards, Jennifer Ebelhar, Marty Eisten, David Ferriell, Anna Filbert, Peggy Gaddis, Sonny & Rose Ann Glenn, Jaime Harris, Dan Hawkins, Darrell Henderson, Katelyn Hensley, Peggy Howell, Dora Jimenez, 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, Roger 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, Sean Guzik

To make a prayer request, give an update, take someone off the list or sign up to receive urgent prayer requests visit: www.smsebree.org

WORDS OF THE POPES

In this Sunday's Gospel (cf. Mt 10:26-33) the invitation that Jesus addresses to His disciples resonates: to have no fear, to be strong and confident in the face of life's challenges, as he forewarns them of the adversities that await them. Today's passage is part of the missionary discourse, with which the Teacher prepares the Apostles for their first experience of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Jesus persistently exhorts them to "have no fear". Fear is one of the most terrible enemies of our Christian life. Jesus exhorts: "have no fear", "fear not". And Jesus describes three tangible situations that they will find themselves facing. (...)

They are like three temptations: to sugar-coat the Gospel, to water it down; second: persecution; and third: the feeling that God has left us alone. Even Jesus suffered this trial in the Garden of Olives and on the Cross: "Father, why have you forsaken me?", Jesus asks. At times one feels this spiritual barrenness; we must not fear it. The Father

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 06/20	<u>Sacristan:</u> YG
Sun 06/21	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
EM	Lea Ann Sugg
EM	Mary Jane Hawkins
Lector	Matthew Duncan
Altar Server	Volunteer

Next Weekend

Sat 06/27	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
Sun 06/28	<u>Sacristan:</u> KC
EM	KC
EM	KC
Lector	KC
Altar Server	KC

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

20 Sat Weekday green/white [BVM] 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34 (370)

21 SUN TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33 (94) Pss IV

22 Mon Weekday green/white/red [Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs] 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5 (371)

23 Tue Weekday green 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14 (372)

24 Wed THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST white Solemnity Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 (586) Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 (587) Pss Prop

25 Thu Weekday green 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29 (374)

26 Fri Weekday green 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4 (375)

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 06/14/2026	\$ 3,040.33
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 50 of 52 Sundays	\$ 112,060.41
Budget YTD	\$ 117,500.00
Over/Under Collection	\$ -5,439.59

takes care of us, because our value is great in His eyes. What matters is frankness, the courage of our witness, our witness of faith: "recognizing Jesus before men" and going forth doing good.

(Pope Francis, Angelus, 21 June 2020)



**XII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
THE WORD OF GOD
TRANSFORMS**

The Easter Proclamation says: “O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!” Saint Paul in the second reading summarizes the history of salvation. He who trusts in God has nothing to fear. The God who guided and accompanied his people in the cloud is the same God who nourishes and encourages Peter and his companions when they were being tossed around by the waves: “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” (Mt 14:27) It was in the midst of difficulties and the turmoil inherent in preaching the gospel that the apostles best experienced the friendly hand of the one who never left them alone or adrift.

The prophet Jeremiah is known as the prophet of justice because his prophecies were against injustice and about the destruction of the unjust. He proclaimed justice and love, he proclaimed courageously the times of God. The paragraph that we hear today forms part of the texts that are known as the “confessions of Jeremiah.” This text shows us the internal struggle of the man of God, of the one who has been seduced by Him, but who has to speak up and proclaim things that we don’t want to hear. The prophet feels that those who are against him are lying in wait and are always certain that he will fall.

In Spanish, there is a comedy film called “The Little Priest”. In that film there are two priests, one who is older and the other is just starting his ministry. The younger priest teaches the children in religious education about a just wage. The children communicate that to their parents and they go to ask for a raise. One of the town’s fat cats calls the pastor and tells him about the situation. He says it does not serve either of their best interests (economically) because if they keep teaching about justice then he would stop helping the parish. And so, the pastor goes to the younger priest to give him a warning.

“I hear the whisperings of many: ‘Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!’” (Jer 20:10a) The above story is similar to that of Jeremiah, where many people want a religion according to their own measure. Without any obligations, without having to go further than following a norm. And if the prophet or priest speaks about obligations or justice, we must put them in their place and avoid their teachings so they do not spread. But Jeremiah prefers God, prefers to put himself in His hands.

“But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.” (Rom 5:15) Saint Paul tries to compare the old humanity with the new humanity. The old proceeding from Adam, and

the new one freed and saved by Christ. He tried to show that death is explained by sin, but it shouldn’t be understood as death in the biological sense, but rather as the “mysterium mortis” that grabs our mind and heart. In the sacred text sin and death go very much hand in hand.

But after Adam comes Christ who has brought grace and salvation. We are constantly under the dominion of sin but with the salvation and grace of Christ we are freed from sin and from meaningless death. Only through the saving action of God, through Christ, can we come out of original sin and be new creatures.

“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” (Mt 10: 28) Jesus pronounced this paragraph of the gospel of Matthew in his mission discourse, knowing that the messenger would surely be rejected. That is why one should have the prophetic fortitude of allowing oneself to be seduced by God and not by fear of the powerful in this world. It is not about being combative, always ready for a fight, but rather to be certain of the truth of the gospel which does not kill but transforms.

May the Lord grant us the grace to know how to denounce the injustices of life, how to announce the Word of God and transform us into true prophets who help to transform society.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY’S READINGS

Reading I: [Jeremiah 20:10-13](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Jeremiah 20:10-13](#)

Reading II: [Romans 5:12-15](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 10:26-33](#)

THIS WEEK’S QUESTIONS/TASKS

Based on today’s readings

Questions:

- How have you heard God’s call to repentance and reconciliation in your life? What did you do in response to that call?
- Why was it necessary for God to give us the gift of free will? Why was it necessary for God to become fully human, suffer, and to die for our salvation?
- Do I truly believe that God who watches over each and every sparrow, who counts every hair on my head, intimately knows and loves me? How do I respond?

Task: Take time to quietly watch wild birds this week and reflect on how much God cares for them. Pray in gratitude for all the loving care that God has bestowed upon you.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Reading I: [2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19](#)

Reading II: [Romans 6:3-4, 8-11](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 10:37-42](#)

EVENTS

- **Every Thursday:** Adoration at 6:30
- **June 25th:** Knights of Columbus meeting at 6:30
- **June 29th to July 1st.:** VBS - Registration is open

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/20 Pascual Juan Andres,
 6/21 Jason A. Gomez,
 6/22 Brayán Jose Perez,
 6/24 Juana Vasquez,
 Jose Pascual Martin,
 6/25 Carmen Elina Andres Dias,
 Mileida Marina Andres Diaz,
 Andrea Hernandez



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 26 Kattia & Jose Vanegas



Liturgical Feast:

SOLEMNITY OF NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

On June 24th the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, and on 29 August, we will celebrate the memorial of his martyrdom. There is no other saint for whom the Church celebrates both of these moments. Generally, it celebrates **only their “birth into heaven”, with the exception**, of course, of Jesus, the Son of God (25 December – his birth; and Good Friday – his death) and the Virgin Mary (8 September – her birth; and 15 August – her Assumption into heaven).

Jesus himself said, *“Amen, I say to you, among those both of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist”* (Mt. 11:11). He was the last of the great prophets of Israel, the first to testify to Jesus, who initiated a baptism for the forgiveness of sins and, in this context, baptized Jesus; he was a martyr who died defending the Judaic law.

Amazement: The people were amazed because of this child, as well as by this sterile couple, who were advanced in age, who had a son. Their wonder was illuminated by faith. This is why they **“took to heart”** what they had heard and what they saw, and they praised God. Their amazement was accompanied by the awareness that they did not understand everything: *“What, then, will this child be?”* This is a legitimate question since if they had understood everything, God would not have been a part of it!

The name: Those who were present for his circumcision want to give the baby his father’s name, Zechariah. But something out of the ordinary happens – Elizabeth intervenes and says his name must be John. This was the name that God himself had indicated



Mass Intentions

Sat 06/20	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	+Fr. Gerry Baker
Sun. 06/21	English	10am	+ Nellie Daugherty
	Spanish	12pm	+Carmen Morales Ocampo
Mon 06/22	English	9am	No Daily Mass
Tues 06/23	English	9am	No Daily Mass
Wed 06/24	Spanish	12pm	No Daily Mass
Thu 06/25	Spanish	7pm	No Daily Mass
Sat 06/27	English	5pm	Sean Guzik
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun. 06/28	English	10am	+ Nellie Daugherty
	Spanish	12pm	+ Eulalia Martin Juan

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STUDENT	HAIRS	WORTHY	HEAD	ABOVE
GROUND	SPARROWS	SOUL	MASTER	SERVANT
FOLLOW	FALL	WORTH	CROSS	BODY
PENNY	TEACHER	LIFE	NUMBERED	AFRAID

through the angel: *“Do not be afraid, Zechariah, your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John”* (Lk. 2:13). Zechariah had at first demonstrated unbelief toward God which left him mute. Now, obeying God’s request – you shall name him John – a new story began.

“The birth of John the Baptist is surrounded by a joyous sense of wonder, surprise and gratitude.... The faithful people sense that something great has occurred, even though it is humble and hidden.... The people are able to live the faith with joy, with a sense of wonder, of surprise and of gratitude. Do I feel a sense of wonder when I see the Lord’s works, when I hear about evangelization or the life of a saint?... Am I able to feel the Spirit’s consolation or am I closed?”

(Pope Francis, Angelus, 24 June 2018)