

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.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)

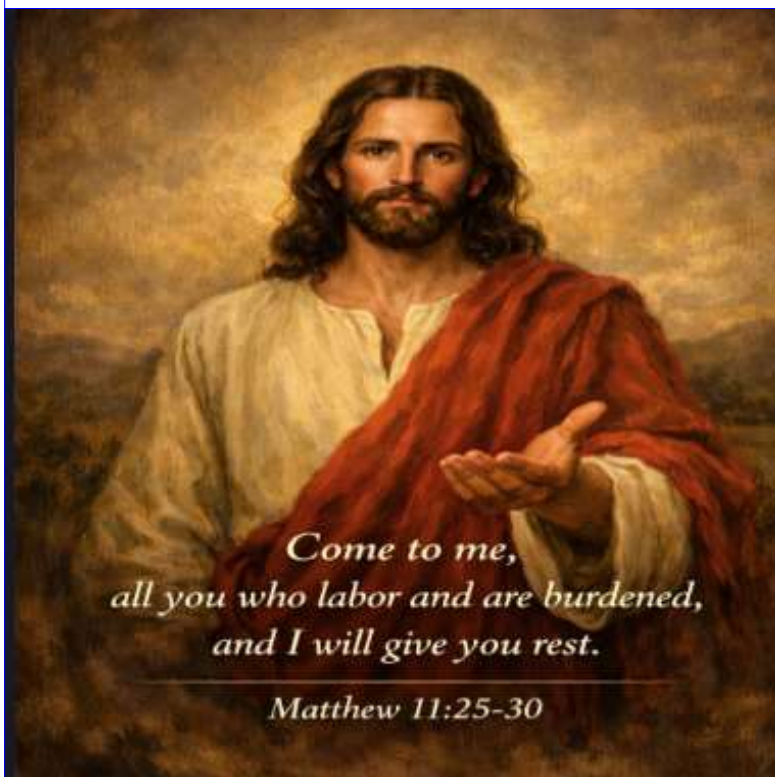
Parish Council Members

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

Financial Committee

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 5, 2026



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THANKS!

- To everyone donated their time and various items that helped make this years VBS a success.
- For the week of 06/28 to 07/04:
 - Church cleaners was: **Isidro & Aurelia**
 - Money counter was: **Gracia**
 - Mower was: **Miguel Francisco Juan**
- For the week of 07/05 to 07/11:
 - Church cleaners are: **Zoila & Filemon**
 - Money counter is: **Jeanie**
 - Mower is: **Gerardo Delgado & Family**



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, 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 Whitledge, 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

Jesus (...) invites us to take his yoke upon us and to learn from him who is "gentle and lowly in heart" (Mt 11: 29). Taking the Lord's yoke upon us means first of all: learning from him. It means always being ready to go to his school. From him we must learn gentleness and meekness: the humility of God who shows himself in his being a man. St Gregory of Nazianzus once asked himself why God wanted to become a man. The most important and for me the most moving part of his answer is: "God wanted to realize what obedience means to us and he wanted to measure everything on the basis of his own suffering, on the invention of his love for us. In this way, he himself can directly know what it is that we feel - what is asked of us,

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 07/04 Sacristan: Connie
Sun 07/05 Sacristan: Gracia
 EM Shawn Blanford
 EM Cathy Robertson
 Lector Greg Sugg
 Altar Server Volunteer

Next Weekend

Sat 07/11 Sacristan: Gracia
Sun 07/12 Sacristan: Mary Jane
 EM Lea Ann Sugg
 EM Mary Jane Hawkins
 Lector David Magnuson
 Altar Server Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 4 Sat** Weekday green/white/white [USA: Independence Day; BVM] Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17 (382) or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City" (882-886) or the Mass "For Peace and Justice" (887-891)
- 5 SUN** FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30 (100) Pss II
- 6 Mon** Weekday green/red [Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr] Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26 (383)
- 7 Tue** Weekday green Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38 (384)
- 8 Wed** Weekday green Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7 (385)
- 9 Thu** Weekday green/red [Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs] Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15 (386)
- 10 Fri** Weekday green Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 06/28/2026	\$	2079.31
Weekly Goal	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 52 of 52 Sundays	\$	115,730.78
Budget YTD	\$	122,200.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	6,469.22

what indulgence we deserve - calculating our weakness on the basis of his suffering" (Orationes 30; Theological Talk IV, 6).

At times we would like to say to Jesus: Lord, your yoke is far from light. Indeed, it is tremendously heavy in this world. But then looking at the One who bore everything - who tried out on himself obedience, weakness, suffering, all the darkness -, then these complaints of ours fade. His yoke is that of loving with him. And the more we love him and with him become loving people, the lighter becomes his seemingly burdensome yoke.

(Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, 5 April 2007)



**XIV SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
GOD IS A FATHER**

In many news media and on social media, we've seen what's happening in Venezuela. That which has distracted from the various wars around the world that our president has gotten himself into. Venezuela is suffering destruction. Many things have been said about the countries at war, and they've tried to overshadow each other. Many of them claim to be peacemakers when they actually seek war to destroy other countries. They present themselves as peacemakers, but they humiliate, oppress, and take advantage of others.: **"He -the humble King- shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations." (Zech. 9: 10a) Is time for us to ask God for peace, time that we turn to look at Jesus, King of the Universe, King of justice and peace. Let us pray to God for the peace of the whole world, and humility which is the strength with which this king will destroy the instruments of war.**

In regard to the Gospel of this Sunday, we could begin with a question: who is the God of Jesus? Much has been written and spoken about the God of Jesus, and every generation has questioned and doubtless will continue to have questions about that, because that God must be discovered in the gospel. **And the first answer is, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth." (Mt 11: 25b) Jesus introduces God as his Father, so we come closer to the determining experience that Jesus had of his God. We are talking about the human experience of Jesus, the prophet, we should not understand and nor interpret that yet, through a Trinitarian lens. With that expression, Jesus broke all kinds of preconceptions about God, about religion, about the closeness of divine love and grace, but challenges his listeners to definitely entrust themselves into the hands of God.**

"For although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will." (Mt 11, 25c) Jesus helps us to understand that God is different from how He was conceived and with Him, as Father, different relationships are created. Is not the wise, neither the powerful, neither the more knowledgeable, who can understand the God of Jesus more easily. I must

clarify that it is not a condemnation of theology, theologians or mystics. But it is true that Jesus wants to open the mystery of God to all people and especially to those farthest away from God. Let us appreciate Jesus' way of discovering God, because He offers us all the possibility to know a wonderful, human and dear God.

I do not want pass by the last paragraph of the **gospel that we hear this Sunday unnoticed: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11: 28) It is true that is time for vacations and most of us are looking for a few days of rest to repair our strength after the physical wear and monotony of work, how good is that! But let us not stay only in the physical and material, but may we also seek the prayer and inner silence that are important to renew and achieve the peace of the spirit, but above all to reach that encounter that Jesus offers us in the gospel.**

The readings of this Sunday teach us to look for God with an open and simple heart. If Jesus Himself calls God Father, therefore He is a Son, the Son of God. In Jesus Christ, we are also children of God, and we can call Father-Dad to God. May we, day by day, know more about our God, the Father.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: [Zechariah 9:9-10](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14](#)

Reading II: [Romans 8:9, 11-13](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 11:25-30](#)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASKS

Based on today's readings

Questions:

- I.** The prophet Zechariah foretold the coming of the King of Peace about 500 years before Christ. How do we maintain our hope as we await the second coming of Christ?
- II.** As a baptized child of God, do you believe that the Spirit is your Advocate? Does the Spirit advocate for you even in sin?
- G.** Silently reflect upon your spiritual journey. How were you able to find rest when you found Christ?

Task: Give thanks to God in prayer for the gift of peace in your life. Pray for those who do not yet know Christ so that they may find Him and find rest.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Reading I: [Isaiah 55:10-11](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14](#)

Reading II: [Romans 8:18-23](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 13:1-23](#)

EVENTS

- M-F in July: Summer feed program
 - Children 18 and under eat free
 - Served 12 to 1 pm or while supplies last
 - Breakfast for the following day will be sent home with lunch
- Every Thursday: Adoration at 6:30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

7/10 Sherril & Janie Tanner



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 7/5 Tomas Miguel Francisco
 7/6 Elfren Malave Jr.
 7/8 Emily Anavisca Gomez
 Diego Lopez,
 7/9 Maria Diego
 Manuel de Jesus De Santiago
 7/10 Maria Elvira Miguel Juan



Psalm 145 Word-Find

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Find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS. Use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks:

What is one of the things this Psalm tells us about God?

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I will EXTOL you, O my GOD and King,
 and I will bless your NAME forever and ever.
 Every day will I bless YOU,
 and I will PRAISE your name FOREVER and ever.

The Lord is GRACIOUS and MERCIFUL,
 SLOW to ANGER and of great KINDNESS.
 The Lord is GOOD to all
 and compassionate toward all his works.

Let all your works give you THANKS, O Lord,
 and let your faithful ones BLESS you.
 Let them discourse of the GLORY of your KINGDOM
 and SPEAK of your MIGHT.

The Lord is FAITHFUL in all his WORDS
 and holy in all his WORKS.
 The LORD lifts up all who are FALLING
 and RAISES up the bowed down.

Mass Intentions

Sat 07/04	English	5pm	+ Chester Ervin Jr.
	Akateco	7:30pm	+Kathy Leonard
Sun. 07/05	English	10am	Parishioners
	Spanish	12pm	Jesus Jimenez
Mon 07/06	English	9am	+Leobardo Velazquez G.
Tues 07/07	English	9am	+ Chester Ervin Jr.
Wed 07/08	Spanish	12pm	+Leobardo Velazquez G.
Thu 07/09	Spanish	7pm	+Dan Halbig
Sat 07/11	English	5pm	Poor Soul in the Purgatory
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun. 07/12	English	10am	Nellie Daugherty
	Spanish	12pm	+Leobardo Velazquez G.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

For respect for human life.

Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him this July in praying for respect for human life.

In his prayer, the Pope recognized that the Lord has created each of us in love and called us to live in fullness.

"Each person is a sacred gift that reflects your face," he said, "from the first instant of existence to the final breath of their journey on earth."

"Today," he continued, "we ask for the grace to recognize and protect the unique and unrepeatable value of every human being."

Welcoming life unconditionally

He expressed his wish that we learn to "welcome life unconditionally," to "tenderly care for fragility," to "accompany each stage with respect," and "to bravely defend those who have no voice." Pope Leo asked the Lord to forgive us when we fall into indifference or the culture of discard, and when we fail to see in others a being worthy of love.

"Give us a new heart, always ready to choose life," he said, "and generous hands that protect it through concrete actions."

The Pope prayed that the Lord help His Church become a living witness of the Gospel of life, "an open home where every life is celebrated, where no one feels unwanted, and where dignity is always honored and protected."

Finally, Pope Leo concluded by imploring the Lord Jesus to help us love life as He does, "with tenderness, fidelity, and self-giving."

"May we proclaim, in words and actions," he said, "that every human life is worth the total gift of ourselves."

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

Founded in 1844 as the Apostleship of Prayer, the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#) is a Pontifical Work entrusted to the Society of Jesus.