

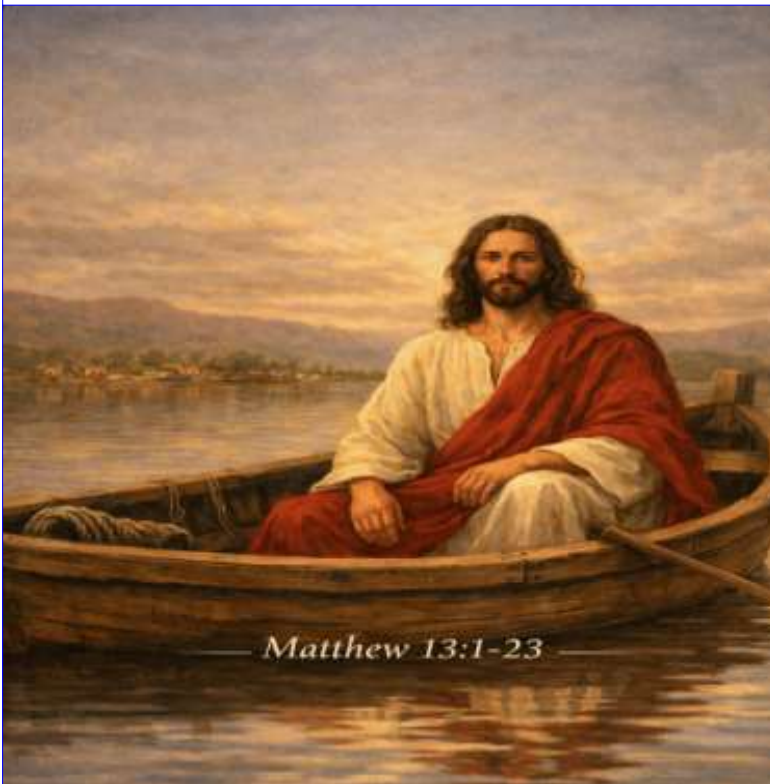
Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church

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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12, 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

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THANKS!

- For the week of 07/05 to 07/11:
 - Church cleaners were: **Zoila & Filemon**
 - Money counter was: **Jeanie**
 - Mower was: **Gerardo Delgado & Family**
 - To **Felipe, Wilson**, and others brothers who painted the church.
- For the week of 07/12 to 07/18:
 - Church cleaners are: **Dcn. Baltazar**
 - Money counter is: **Kim**
 - 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, Ray Fambrough, 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.smseebree.org

WORDS OF THE POPES

A rather unusual sower goes out to sow, but does not care where the seed falls. He throws the seeds even where it is unlikely they will bear fruit: on the path, on the rocks, among the thorns. This attitude surprises the listener and induces him to ask: how come?

We are used to calculating things – and at times it is necessary – but this does not apply in love! The way in which this “wasteful” sower throws the seed is an image of the way God loves us. Indeed, it is true that the destiny of the seed depends also on the way in which the earth welcomes it and the situation in which it finds itself, but first and foremost in this parable Jesus tells us that God throws the seed of his Word on all kinds of soil, that is, in any situa-

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This 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

Next Weekend

Sat 07/18	Sacristan: Connie
Sun 07/19	Sacristan: Gracia
EM	Alyssa Magnuson
EM	Janie Tanner
Lector	Matthew Duncan
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 11 Sat** Saint Benedict, Abbot white Memorial Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33 (388)
- 12 SUN FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** green Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9 (103) Pss III
- 13 Mon** Weekday green/white [Saint Henry] Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1 (389)
- 14 Tue** USA: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin white Memorial Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24 (390)
- 15 Wed** Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27 (391)
- 16 Thu** Weekday green/white [Our Lady of Mount Carmel] Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30 (392)
- 17 Fri** Weekday green Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8 (393)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 07/05/2026	\$	2,369.00
Weekly Goal	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 1 of 52 Sundays	\$	2,369.00
Budget YTD	\$	2,350.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	19.00

tion of ours: at times we are more superficial and distracted, at times we let ourselves get carried away by enthusiasm, sometimes we are burdened by life's worries, but there are also times when we are willing and welcoming. God is confident and hopes that sooner or later the seed will blossom. This is how he loves us: he does not wait for us to become the best soil, but he always generously gives us his word. Perhaps by seeing that he trusts us, the desire to be better soil will be kindled in us. This is hope, founded on the rock of God's generosity and mercy.

(Pope Leo XVI, General Audience, 21 May 2025)



XV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THE DIVINE WORD IS STRENGTH AND LIGHT

The first reading and the gospel for this Sunday make a great combination. The first reading speaks about of the Word of God and the gospel tells us the parable of the sower. Everything refers to the Word of God as light for our daily lives.

“Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth.” (Is 55: 10-11a) This paragraph from the first reading can be interpreted as the strength of God's word that changes history. If we speak about a theology of the Word of God, we can affirm it is the strength of the prophetic word as Word of God. That paragraph wants to reveal that the Divine Word is creative and transforming. The effects of the Divine Word are: saving, encouraging, consoling, judging injustices and judging the powerful. And I can affirm from my experience that God's word comes in many forms and in many ways through those who put their trust in Him. And from that trust and energy, God acts in the life of each person and in the whole world.

When I said that I can affirm from my experience, I want to remember my first vocational moment. My father, my brothers and I arrived from the country to our house, we were all wet. We bathed and went to eat in the kitchen because it was the warmest place in my house and most comfortable place too. In there, my sister, the eldest of all, asked me: Carmelo, why do not you study for padrecito? I asked her, how many years would I have to study in the seminary and after knowing that there were so many years, I was angry and left that place. Never again was that matter spoken about, but the seed was already sown. The death of my father came and with that, soon I began to work, which moved me away from God and it seemed that Carmelo was lost. And in the moment that I least expected and in the most surprising way, through the person that I never imagined, God became present in my life. He completely changed my life, taking me in new directions, and keeping me on His path until He consecrated me as priest and today I'm here as a missionary. And again, I affirm the effects of the word of God: saving, encouraging, consoling, judging injustices and judging the powerful.

“A sower went out to sow.” (Mt 13:3b) In the Gospel we hear the parable of the Sower, which is

precious because of its meaning, but today we will reflect while comparing it to the word-seed. The seed which falls on different soil, which is later compared to different attitudes and moments of human beings, is in fact the Word of God in us. It helps to guide our life and fills our life with meaning, creating a beautiful relationship with the Creator and of course with nature.

Judging it with our eyes it is possible that we look for the greatest harvest, devaluing the smaller harvests. We always want more and more. But the prophet from Nazareth was not such a perfectionist. He wanted to transmit trust in the strength of God which comes to us through the prophetic words and prophetic parable of the sower. The sower knows that not everything he sows will be reaped, but rather being realistic, he trusts in the seed that he sows, in other words the Word that sheds light and that saves. When someone can only give twenty or forty or sixtyfold from their life, God does not disregard it, but rather he pays attention to it. With this paragraph of the gospel we understand that the seed is grace; with the law, what matters is the production.

The readings from this Sunday are for us Jesus' invitation to live as he lived, moved by the Holy Spirit: with hope, trusting in God not appearances, and in faithfulness to his word. If this is how we live and we receive Him, the Word of God will produce abundant fruit in us.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'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](#)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASKS

Based on today's readings

Questions:

- I.** What is the plan and purpose God has for you? When has He fed, nurtured, and/or pruned you to bear good fruit? coming of Christ?
- II.** St. Paul considers the sufferings of this time to be nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. What does this mean for you? What do you imagine heaven will be like?
- G.** How can we work on removing the weeds and thorns of sin that keep us from being the best version of ourselves?

Task: Listen attentively to the Gospel as it is proclaimed at Mass this Sunday. Nurture the Word in your heart by reflecting and acting upon it throughout your week. .

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Reading I: [Wisdom 12:13, 16-19](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16](#)

Reading II: [Romans 8:26-27](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 13:24-43](#)

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 BIRTHDAY

7/13 Rosaura Rodriguez
 7/15 Donna Grajales
 7/16 Sofia Gomez Pascual
 Minerva Apolinar
 Father Carmelo Jiménez
 Connie Caldwell



Mass Intentions

Sat 07/11	English	5pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun. 07/12	English	10am	Nellie Daugherty
	Spanish	12pm	+Leobardo Velazquez G.
Mon 07/13	English	9am	No Daily Mass
Tues 07/14	English	9am	No Daily Mass
Wed 07/15	Spanish	12pm	No Daily Mass
Thu 07/16	Spanish	7pm	No Daily Mass
Sat 07/18	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	+Dan Halbig
Sun. 07/19	English	10am	Matthew & Johnna Duncan Family
	Spanish	12pm	+Leobardo Velazquez G.

Liturgical Feast:

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Feast Day: July 16

The Book of Kings recounts that on Mount Carmel the Prophet Elijah gathered a group of men to defend the purity of the Hebrew faith and won a challenge against the priests of the pagan god Baal. Inspired by this experience, a group of monks, following the Rule of Saint Basil, was established to imitate the prophet Elijah. There are traces going back to the 11th century with the arrival of the crusaders. Around 1154, the French nobleman Berthold retreated to this mountain when he arrived in Palestine with his cousin Aimery de Limoges, Patriarch of Antioch. He decided to gather the hermits to live a cenobitic life. These men religious built a small church that stood in the middle of their cells, dedicating it to the Blessed Virgin. They themselves took the name Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. The Carmelites would gradually acquire their two defining elements: a reference to Elijah and a strong connection with Mary Most Holy.

On the day on which we celebrate the optional memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the liturgy presents this passage from the Gospel according to Matthew concerning the degree of familial relationship with Jesus. This degree that is not based on blood, but on imitation: "Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother". Those who belong to "his family" become a member not through bonds of blood, or by practicing a common religion, but by a free and individual choice that is translated into the commitment to do the Father's will.

Mary, the first disciple

To confirm what has just been said, Jesus himself responded to a woman who exalted Jesus's Mother: "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it" (Lk. 11:27-28). Mary is the one who knows how to listen, how to keep things in her heart, how to direct everyone to her Son – "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn. 2:5). Mary is the one who never abandoned her Son Jesus, not even along the way of the Cross. She "stood" under the Cross. She is a disciple who never abandons the Lord Jesus, but who always "follows him."

