

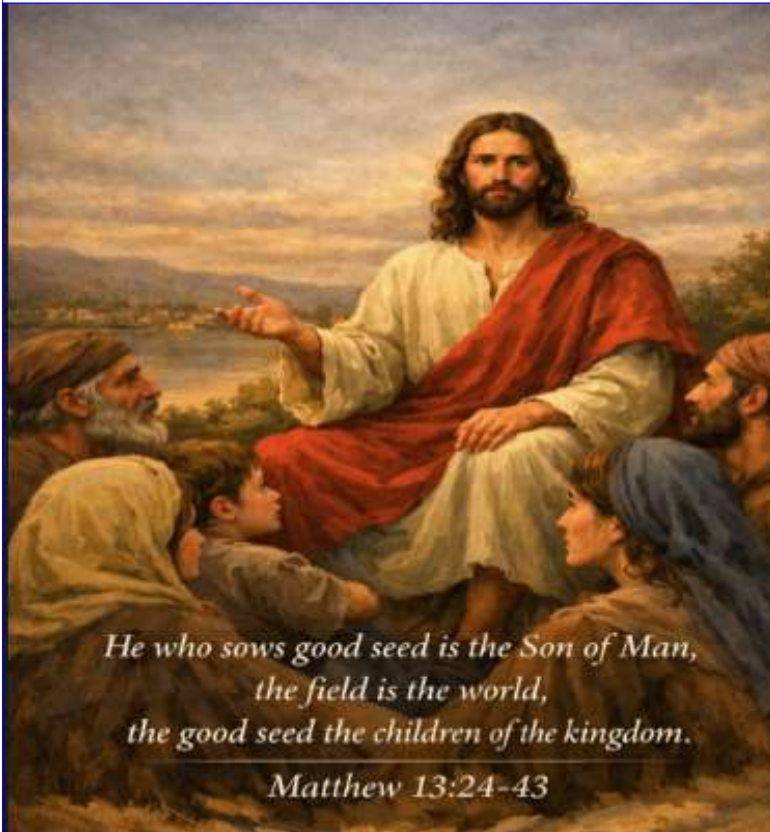
Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church

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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 19, 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 07/12 to 07/18:
 - Church cleaners were: **Deacon Baltazar family**
 - Money counter was: **Kim**
 - Mower was: **Miguel Francisco Juan**
 - To **Felipe, Wilson**, and others brothers who painted the church.
- For the week of 07/19 to 07/25:
 - Church cleaners are: **Felipe Domingo**
 - 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, Harley Alvey, Dcn. Rene Amaya, Christal Bennett, Tyler Blanford, Tony Bess, Bobby & Susie Blanford, Kimberly Blanford, Cindy Bloodworth, Sabrina Blue, Susan Bridwell, Charles Buchanan, William Buckman, Crystal Childress, Fany Cordon, Scott Coffman, Donna Dacy, Jim Daugherty, Leo Dickens, Rosie Edwards, 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, Ray McCully, 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

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a field of wheat to enable us to understand that something small and hidden has been sown within us which, nevertheless, has an irrepressible vital force. In spite of all obstacles, the seed will develop and the fruit will ripen. This fruit will only be good if the terrain of life is cultivated in accordance with the divine will. For this reason in the Parable of the Weeds [tares] among the good Wheat (Mt 13:24-30). Jesus warns us that, after the owner had scattered the seed, “while men were sleeping, his enemy” intervened and sowed weeds among the wheat. This means that we must be ready to preserve the grace received from the day of our Baptism,

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

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

Next Weekend

Sat 07/25	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
Sun 07/26	<u>Sacristan:</u> Mary Jane
EM	Mary Jane Hawkins
EM	Cathy Robertson
Lector	Shawn Blanford
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 18 Sat Weekday green/white/white [USA: Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest; BVM] Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21 (394)
- 19 SUN SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME green Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 (106) Pss IV
- 20 Mon Weekday green/red [Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr] Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42 (395)
- 21 Tue Weekday green/white [Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church] Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50 (396)
- 22 Wed Saint Mary Magdalene white Feast Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 (603) Pss Prop
- 23 Thu Weekday green/white [Saint Bridget, Religious] Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17 (398)
- 24 Fri Weekday green/white [Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest] Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23 (399)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 07/12/2026	\$	2,698.79
Weekly Goal	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 2 of 52 Sundays	\$	5,067.79
Budget YTD	\$	4,700.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	367.79

continuing to nourish faith in the Lord that prevents evil from taking root. St Augustine commenting on the parable noted “many are at first tares but then become good grain”, and he added: “if these, when they are wicked, are not endured with patience they would not attain their praiseworthy transformation” (Quaest. septend. in Ev. sec. Matth., 12, 4: PL 35, 1371). (...) Hence if we are children of such a great and good Father, let us seek to be like him! This was the aim Jesus set himself with his preaching; indeed, he said to those who were listening to him: “You... must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt 5:48).

(Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, 17 July 2011)



XVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT

What a beautiful continuity between the message from last Sunday and the message for this XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time. Last Sunday in the Gospel we heard the parable of the sower and the Gospel from this Sunday is the weeds and the wheat. So today we have two sowers, one good and the other bad. The owner of the land, the good sower, teaches us patience and finally, the harvest.

The text that we hear from the Book of Wisdom speaks to us about the infinite power of God, and of the good way he knows how to steward it, being kind and benevolent. This is an example for us so we can also know how to steward the power we have. "There is no god besides you who have the care of all." (Wis 12:13a) In relation to this reading the psalmist proclaims God's love, kindness and clemency, before whom all the nations bow down and from whom the psalmist himself asks for strength.

"For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all." (Wis 12:16) What a great description of the power and strength of God, because that is in justice, in indulgence and in kindness. God cares for all that exists and he does not need to demonstrate to anyone that he is just. I could even boldly affirm that even those who do not count on God, because they are atheists or agnostics, should not fear, because God does count on them, with their values and their commitments, because He is a just God. Saint Matthew affirms: "for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust." (Mt 5:45)

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off." (Mt 13:24b-25) Part of the prayer that I say when I give a blessing to those who have a birthday during the week is: "God our merciful Father who has made us good and healthy from the beginning of life, we give you thanks for...and we ask that..." Because God, in the moment that he created us put everything good in us, but the devil was at work as well and planted evil in many souls. One of the great blessings that God gave us when he created us is freedom, our free will. With it we can each make our own decisions, but also the devil has taken advantage of it to put himself in front of us. Temptation is not sin, but it is sin to give into the temptation. Temptation is the bad seed put in us. It will depend on us whether it will be converted into sin or not. Most of us know the story of the bad neighbor who plants weeds and that the beginning it looks like wheat and later it chokes out the wheat, which is frequently what the bad does to the good. We know that it is not only God who sows, but others as well. But the important and decisive thing is to

know how to wait and give goodness and kindness opportunity and time.

In Jesus Christ, everyone has opportunities through their experiences of grace but also those of misery. This parable of the wheat and the weeds seems to be a description of our own personal lives. But to feel far from God when evil grows in us would be spiritual suicide. We all know about our own lives, but divine patience is a gift that we will all need.

"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness." (Rom 8: 26a) So when God examines our heart he does not find it empty, but rather there the Spirit has gotten into the deepest part of our being. Through the Spirit we learn that God has created us and he will never abandon us to the impotence of our weakness. The same Spirit of God groans within us, suffers with us and yearns with us for freedom. We are never alone for God the Holy Spirit accompanies us.

I will conclude by saying that God's patience makes possible conversion and faithfulness. That we are never alone because God never abandons anyone, and especially not the sinner. And so, even though in some of us the weeds have grown, remember brother and sister, God continues to wait for our wheat. God continues to wait for each of us.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'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](#)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASKS

Based on today's readings

Questions:

- I.** Where would we be without the Sacrament of Reconciliation? How do you feel about celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
- II.** What does St. Paul mean when he says the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with inexpressible groaning? How does knowing that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us affect the way you pray?
- G.** How have you experienced the Holy Spirit giving life in you? What can you do to be yeast in your parish, family, or community?

Task: Decide on one intentional act you can do for the building up of your parish, family, or community, then make a plan to do it.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Reading I: [1 Kings 3:5, 7-12](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130](#)

Reading II: [Romans 8:28-30](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 13:44-52](#)

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

7/18 Efrain Juan Andres
 Alexa Farmer
 Alysa Farmer
 7/19 Rubilmer Alvarado
 James Budde
 7/20 Jesus Espinoza
 7/21 Miguel Lopez Tomas
 7/23 Keith Kenney
 7/24 Irene Arosemena, Carlos Vanegas



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

7/18 David & Cheryl Crisp
 7/19 Rafael Nieto & Amabilia Rodriguez
 7/22 Zacarias Neri & Luz de LaLuz



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting on Thursday July 23rd at 6:30



The Parable of the Weeds

M A V W H F Q B B E W G Q I S
 H R M P S Y I U K D Y H O A J
 C L G A T U A E F I F H E O B
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 J W O V U T S H T S X B L N O
 O X T V D G V N L L C M T I H

SOW	FIELD	GOOD	UPROOT	HARVEST
WHEAT	ENEMY	PULL	KINGDOM	SEED
PARABLE	HEAVEN	BURN	GROW	WEEDS

Mass Intentions

Sat 07/18	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	+Dan Halbig
Sun. 07/19	English	10am	Matthew & Johnna Duncan Family
	Spanish	12pm	+Giovanni Barco
Mon 07/20	English	9am	+Giovanni Barco
Tues 07/21	English	9am	Sean Guzik
Wed 07/22	Spanish	12pm	+Leobardo Velazquez G.
Thu 07/23	Spanish	7pm	+Lucy Neal
Sat 07/25	English	5pm	Chester Ervin Jr.
	Akateco	7:30pm	+Leobardo Velazquez G.
Sun. 07/26	English	10am	Nellie Daugherty
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners

Liturgical Feast: SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Feast Day: July 22

The memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene was elevated to a Feast on 3 June 2016 by Pope Francis during the Jubilee of Mercy.

Mary Magdalene and Saint John Paul II

It was Saint John Paul II who dedicated a lot of attention, not only to the importance of women in Christ's and the Church's very mission, but also with special emphasis, to the particular function of Mary Magdalene as the first witness who saw the Risen One and the first messenger who proclaimed the resurrection of the Lord to the Apostles.

Mary Magdalene and Pope Francis

Pope Francis made the decision to elevate the memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene precisely within the context of the Jubilee of Mercy to highlight the relevance of this woman who had such a great love for Christ and who was tremendously loved by Christ.

Mary Magdalene, first witness of the resurrection

We know that Mary Magdalene was a member of the group of Jesus's disciples. She followed him even to the foot of the cross and to the garden where he was buried. Saint Gregory reminds us that she was the first *testis divinae misericordiae* (witness to divine mercy). The Gospel of John recounts that Mary Magdalene wept because she could not find the Lord's body (see Jn. 20:11). Jesus had mercy on her, allowing her to recognize him as "Rabbouni", thus transforming her tears into Easter joy.

Mary Magdalene, the first apostle

Precisely because she was an eyewitness of the Risen Christ, she was also the first to witness to Christ's resurrection before the apostles. She fulfilled the mandate of the Risen One: "Go to my brothers and tell them.... Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord' and then reported what he told her" (Jn. 20:17-18). In this way, she became, as already stated, an evangelizer, that is, a messenger who proclaims the good news of the resurrection of the Lord, or, as Rabanus Maurus and Saint Thomas Aquinas used to say, *apostolorum apostola* (apostle to the apostles) because she announced to the apostles what they, in their turn, would proclaim throughout the entire world.