

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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 07/19 to 07/25:
 - Church cleaners was: **Felipe Domingo**
 - Money counter was: **Alyssa**
 - Mower was: **Gerardo Delgado & Filemon**
- For the week of 07/26 to 08/01:
 - Church cleaners are: **Miguel Juan**
 - Money counter is: **Gracia**
 - Mower is: **Miguel Francisco Juan**



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.smsebee.org

THE WORDS OF THE POPES

Faced with the unexpected discovery, both the farmer and the merchant realize that they are facing a unique opportunity which should not be missed; hence, they sell all that they own. Assessing the inestimable value of the treasure leads to a decision that also implies *sacrifice*, detachment and renunciation. When the treasure and the pearl are discovered, that is, when we have found the Lord, we must not let this discovery become barren, but rather sacrifice everything else in order to acquire it. It is not a question of disdaining the rest but of subordinating them to Jesus, putting him in first place; grace in first place. The disciple of Christ is not one who has deprived himself of something essential; he is one who has found much more: he has

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 07/25	<u>Sacristan:</u> Connie
Sun 07/26	<u>Sacristan:</u> KC
EM	KC
EM	KC
Lector	KC
Altar Server	KC

Next Weekend

Sat 08/01	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
Sun 08/02	<u>Sacristan:</u> Mary Jane
EM	Mary Jane Hawkins
EM	Shawn Blanford
Lector	Cathy Robertson
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 25 Sat Saint James, Apostle red Feast 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28 (605) Pss Prop
- 26 SUN SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 (109) Pss I
- 27 Mon Weekday green Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
- 28 Tue Weekday green Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43 (402)
- 29 Wed Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus white Memorial Jer 15:10, 16-21 (403)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 (607)
- 30 Thu Weekday green/white [Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53 (404)
- 31 Fri Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest white Memorial Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58 (405)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 07/19/2026	\$	1693.00
Weekly Goal	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 3 of 52 Sundays	\$	6,760.79
Budget YTD	\$	7,050.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	-289.21

found the complete joy that only the Lord can give. It is the evangelical joy of the sick who have been healed; of the pardoned sinners, of the thief for whom the doors of heaven open. (...) Today we are called to contemplate the joy of the farmer and the merchant in the parables. It is the joy of each of us when we discover the closeness and the comforting presence of Jesus in our lives. A presence which transforms the heart and opens us to the needs and the welcoming of our brothers, especially the weakest.

(Pope Francis, Angelus, 30 July 2017)



XVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FINDING THE TREASURE AND THE PEARL

The Gospel for this Sunday continues from the 13th chapter of the book of Mathew which is known for the parables of the Kingdom. In this book, the Kingdom of Heaven is compared to a sower, to the weeds and the wheat, to a mustard seed, to yeast, to a hidden treasure, to a fine pearl and to a net of fish. After these parables, our desire should have grown to one day arrive to enjoy the Kingdom and to be saints one day.

In the first reading, we find the prayer of Solomon in Gibeon: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act." (1 Kings 3:6a-7) This was an unselfish prayer, ordered to the good of all and reflects the generosity of his spirit of one who has been freed by the hand of God. He had a free and grateful spirit for what God had done, conscious of his responsibility, and willing to see it through with courage. What a brave prayer! A listening heart is a wise heart that can discern between good and evil. The wise man is like the prophet who is open to the voice of God and his will. It is not the prophet who tells the future like a fortune-teller with her tarot cards, but rather it is someone who listens to the voice or the silence of God in order to hand it all over afterwards to the people.

The gospel for this Sunday tells us three parables, but I am going to concentrate on the treasure in the field and the pearl. "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." (Mt 13:44-46) They are like two parables in one, although they could be independent as well. The two parables, after an identical introduction, tell about the discovery of something so valuable that the protagonists (an ordinary man and a merchant) do not doubt for a minute and sell everything they have to obtain it. It is true that in the first parable there is an element of surprise, because it seems like the man is in the field and discovers the treasure by accident. In the case of the merchant who goes to all the bazaars and shops, and without doubt is always looking to find

something extraordinary. Both are compared to the Kingdom of God. Is the Kingdom of God a treasure then? Of course it is. Because finding the Kingdom-Treasure is to find the grace and salvation, the happiness and love that Jesus preached and which has been converted into the cause of life and generous self-giving.

"And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified." (Rom 8:30) But are we truly predestined? To what are we predestined? Let us not forget that in the text he is talking only and exclusively about the design of God; or rather God has a plan for all of humanity which he has already carried out in his Son: the resurrection, which is expressed in this term of the glorification.

Sincere prayer is what brings us to an encounter with God and from there the heart is transformed, obtaining the treasure and the pearl of grace. If we have been predestined, called and justified, let us live the commandments and love God, and we will be glorified.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'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](#)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASKS

Based on today's readings

Questions:

- I.** How much time do you spend in silence on a typical day? How does it make you feel when someone truly listens to you? What is your greatest obstacle to listening to another person?
- II.** How did you come to know God's plan, purpose and promise for you? • Can you recall specific times the Holy Spirit may have helped you to remain faithful?
- G.** How is the kingdom of God experienced in everyday life?

Task: Pray for a listening and understanding heart that you may hear God's voice and follow Him.

Pray that God will make His kingdom known to you in today's world.

Do one thing this week to bring forth God's kingdom of mercy and compassion to others.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Reading I: [Isaiah 55:1-3](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18](#)

Reading II: [Romans 8:35, 37-39](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 4:4b](#)

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

7/25 Jorge Guarcas
Luz Eloina Neri Delaluz
7/26 Juana Matias
7/27 Victorina Evangelista
Emanuel Francisco
7/29 Andres Felipe Juan
7/30 Juan Francisco Domingo



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

7/28 Mike and Kimberly Bullock
7/28 Francisco Juan and Maria Salinas



POPE: DO NOT FORGET THOSE MOST IN NEED DURING THE SUMMER

Pope Leo XIV encourages Christians not to forget about the sick, the elderly and those who are suffering during the summer season. The Pope was responding to a letter sent by Maurizio from Rome, who asked how he can live the summer months in a way that deepens and enriches his faith.

The Pope's response: live out the Gospel of peace and mercy

The Pope's response firstly remembers "those who cannot even enjoy a brief period of rest because they are crushed by burdens of every kind."

"Let us think of the sick, of those who have lost hope in life, of those overwhelmed by the pain of losing loved ones, of the victims of war, hatred, terrorism, and violence, of those persecuted for their faith and for justice, of prisoners, of those who have lost their jobs or their homes, and of migrants who are not welcomed with humanity," the Pope emphasizes.

He notes how holidays should be for everyone a time of respite from work and worries in order to experience genuine friendship and company, as a foretaste of the communion of the Kingdom of God.

In order to strengthen one's faith, he thus calls all Christians to "make use also of the summer to live out the Gospel of peace and mercy."

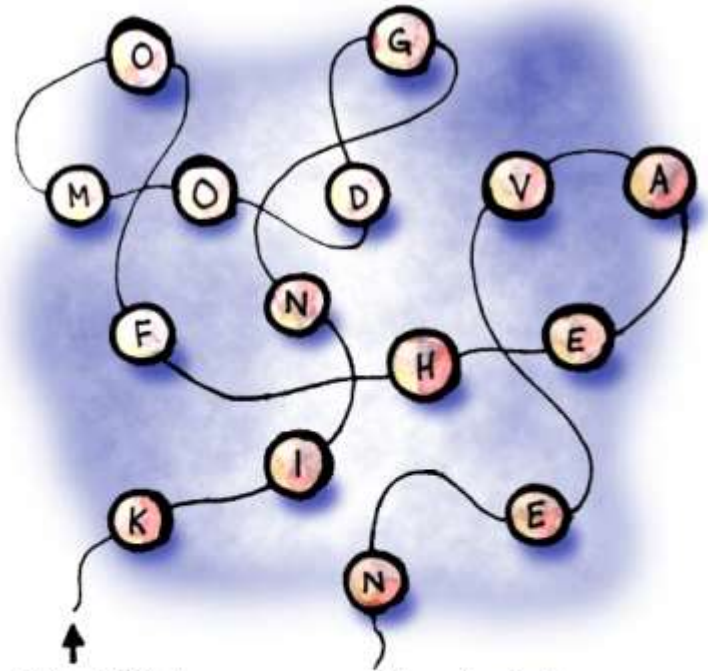
"To families, parents and children, the young and the elderly alike—I wish that this summer may be an opportunity for fruitful social and religious experiences, and for deepening their mission in the Church and in society," he insisted.

He added that he hoped the sick would not lack the closeness of their relatives and volunteers and urged families to not leave their elderly members alone.

The Pope also offered a word of encouragement to volunteers: "Commit yourselves to bringing humanity and hope to those who suffer, and you will see the fruits of grace. You will discover how much love will fill your lives, how much joy, how much happiness."

Mass Intentions

Sat 07/25	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	+Leobardo Velazquez G.
Sun. 07/26	English	10am	Nellie Daugherty
	Spanish	12pm	+Angelina Gaspar Francisco
Mon 07/27	English	9am	+Chester Ervin Jr.
Tues 07/28	English	9am	+Dan Halbig
Wed 07/29	Spanish	12pm	+Angelina Gaspar Francisco
Thu 07/30	Spanish	7pm	+Leobardo Velazquez G.
Sat 08/01	English	5pm	+Chester Ervin Jr.
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun. 08/02	English	10am	Nellie Daugherty
	Spanish	12pm	+Angelina Gaspar Francisco



*What did Jesus say was like a buried treasure
or a pearl of great price?
Use the letters on the string of pearls
to fill in the blanks and find out!*

The _____
_____.

He also called Christians to reflect on their privilege and "bear witness to evangelical poverty" when serving the poor, as this is a "service we render to Christ himself."

"Let us also avoid excess and waste, materialism and consumerism, and let us educate ourselves in simplicity and moderation," he said, adding that "the accumulation of wealth hinders evangelization."

Lastly, he expressed his wish that our holidays may "be consistent with a Christian way of life."

"God's love and grace reach us every day, always," he concluded. "Let us help one another, in every community, not to squander this precious heritage of humanity and peace, the only hope for giving a future to a world threatened by war."