

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.

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
AUGUST 30, 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 08/23 to 08/29:

- ♦ Church cleaner was: **Isidro y Aurelia**
- ♦ Money counter was: **Gracia**
- ♦ Mower was: **Miguel Francisco Juan & family**
- ♦ Thanks a lot to our **Youth Group** for the wonderful brunch and snacks in the fundraiser toward to **KoC** charities account.
- ♦ Thanks to Mary Jane Hawkins for cleaning/organizing the kitchen

For the week of 08/30 to 09/05:

- Church cleaners are: **Zoila & Filemon**
- Money counter is: **Jeannie**
- Mower is: **Gerardo Delgado & Filemon**



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, Susan Bridwell, Charles Buchanan, Daniel 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, 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

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

THE WORDS OF THE POPES

Always, today too, the temptation is that of wanting to follow a Christ without the cross, on the contrary, of teaching God which is the right path (...). But Jesus reminds us that his way is the way of love, and that there is no true love without self sacrifice. We are called to not let ourselves be absorbed by the vision of this world, but to be ever more aware of the need and of the effort for we Christians to walk against the current and uphill. Jesus completes his proposal with words that express a great and ever valid wisdom, because they challenge the egocentric mentality and behavior. He exhorts: "whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it (v. 25). This paradox contains the golden rule that God inscribed in the human nature created in Christ: the rule that only love gives meaning and happiness to life. To spend one's own talents, one's energy and one's time only to save, protect and fulfil oneself, in reality leads to losing oneself, i.e. to a sad and barren

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 08/29	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
Sun 08/30	<u>Sacristan:</u> Mary Jane
EM	Lea Ann Sugg
EM	Cathy Robertson
Lector	Shawn Blandford
Altar Server	Volunteer

Next Weekend

Sat 09/05	<u>Sacristan:</u> Connie
Sun 09/06	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
EM	Alyssa Magnuson
EM	Janie Tanner
Lector	Greg Sugg
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 29 Sat The Passion of Saint John the Baptist red Memorial 1 Cor 1:26-31 (430)/Mk 6:17-29 (634) Pss Prop
- 30 SUN TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 (124) Pss II
- 31 Mon Weekday green 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
- 1 Tue Weekday green 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
- 2 Wed Weekday green 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
- 3 Thu Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church white Memorial 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11 (434)
- 4 Fri Weekday green 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39 (435)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 08/23/2026	\$	2,388.65
Weekly Goal	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 8 of 52 Sundays	\$	16,884.39
Budget YTD	\$	18,000.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	-1,915.61

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).

existence. Instead let us live for the Lord and base our life on love, as Jesus did: we will be able to savor authentic joy, and our life will not be barren; it will be fruitful. (...) May Mary Most Holy, who followed Jesus up to Calvary, accompany us too and help us not to be afraid of the cross, but with Jesus nailed [to it], not a cross without Jesus, the Cross with Jesus, which is the cross of suffering for love of God and of our brothers and sisters, because this suffering, by the grace of Christ, bears the fruit of resurrection.

(Pope Francis, Angelus, 3 September 2017)



XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THE DISCIPLE AND THE CROSS

In this XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time the Word of God offers us a strong message that leads us to the essence of the Gospel, and therefore, orients our following of and commitment to Jesus. The central message is the Cross. You can't think about following the Master without taking up the Cross. It is a central condition of walking the path of Jesus. He reveals to us today the meaning: to give life, to be capable of giving oneself over for love.

"You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed." (Jer 20:7a) Some translations say you seduced me Lord. Don't forget that those who are seduced are always in love, passionate and fascinated. In reality, the prophet feels this way about God: he cannot resist, he lets himself be seduced. But no matter how much he wants to talk about God, the salvation plan, and the plans of God, the people keep looking for other gods and lords. The truth is that it is the prophet who wishes to seduce the people with his God. But the prophet has to swim against the current. Despite the prophet bringing the good news, it is not always possible that they will understand or accept it.

"I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it." (Jer 20:9) The prophet is analyzing the consequences of his vocation: he doesn't have this vocation as a whim, or because he likes it, but rather because God asks it of him. The true passion of the prophet is, even though he feels hurt by love, he wants everyone to feel what he feels, but it is impossible. The others do not let themselves be won over by the divine love.

A few days ago, a good friend of mine asked me, about St. Peter, how is it that he received the keys of heaven when he denied Jesus? The answer is so simple that he himself was surprised. Jesus had Peter profess his faith three times, with the question that almost all of us know: "Peter, do you love me?" After that confession of faith everything changes. Even though he denies Jesus during his passion, this triple confession is key for him to receive the first place among the apostles. The text that we hear this Sunday in Mass is the continuance of the confession of faith of Peter from last week.

"Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." (Mt 16:21) Jesus starts to announce what is taking him to Jerusalem and to warn the disci-

ples about what needed to happen, like what had happened with all of the prophets; just like the prophet Jeremiah he had decided to proclaim the Word of God above all things.

"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (Mt 16:23) St. Peter gets one of the strongest rebukes from Jesus in the whole Gospel: the Lord wants to tell him that he has the same mentality of humans, of the same theology, but he does not think like God. And so Jesus, looking at those who follow him, talks about the cross, his own cross and that of our lives, of our miseries, that we should know how to carry it, as he carried his cross of being a prophet of the Kingdom even to the ultimate of consequences. He does not invite us to meaningless or blind suffering. That is not what Jesus wants, but rather a true following of Jesus. To give our lives, offering them the same way the Master did. A carrying of our cross that brings us freedom.

It is not enough to affirm that the disciple is called to sacrifice and martyrdom as a supreme ideal. Jesus did not desire nor look for his death on the cross, but rather it came to him as a consequence of the love and surrender for others. His disciples should be the same way. The supreme ideal is to love life as a gift from God and live it to the fullest. May we live out our discipleship to the fullest and give testimony of the salvific power of the cross .

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: [Jeremiah 20:7-9](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9](#)

Reading II: [Romans 12:1-2](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 16:21-27](#)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASKS

Based on today's readings

Questions:

- I.** Have you ever felt duped by God? How did you respond?
- II.** What current laws, social trends, political agendas, or moral standards have sparked doubt or tempted you to stray from the teachings of the Church?
- G.** How has Satan tried to tempt you away from your crosses?

Task: Treat the rite of dismissal as a prayer and as a commandment. Take it to heart and follow the command to go on mission.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Reading I: [Ezekiel 33:7-9](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9](#)

Reading II: [Romans 13:8-10](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 18:15-20](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/29 Emanuel Francisco
 8/30 Nayeli Flores J. Pascual
 Alex Carreras Barcos
 9/1 Pascual Francisco Miguel
 Alejandro Aragon Rodriguez
 9/2 Michael Bullock
 9/4 Dylan Blanford



Faith Formation

Wondering how you can help? There are multiple options:

- Teach or Assist in a class
- Support with help setting up/cleanup, materials, snacks
- Minibus driver

Classes will begin soon for first communion, grades K-6th, Confirmation and OCIA.

Liturgical Feast:

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Day: August 29

The Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist complements the Solemnity of his birth, celebrated on 24th of June. John is the cousin of Jesus. He was conceived when his parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, were elderly.

Pope Francis's commentary

There are characters: King Herod "corrupt and indecisive"; Herodias, the wife of the king's brother who "knew only how to hate"; Salome, "the vain ballerina", and the "prophet, decapitated and alone in his cell".

The king

The king "believed John the Baptist was a prophet". Initially, he protected John and "liked to listen" to him. But he kept him in prison.

Herodias

The second character is Herodias, the wife of the king's brother who was put to death by Herod in order to have her. The Gospel says she "hated" John because he spoke with clarity. "We know that hatred is capable of anything", Pope Francis commented. Indeed, "hatred is a great power. Hatred is the breath of Satan.

Salome

Finally, the third character, the daughter of Herodias, Salome, the wonderful dancer, "who so pleased the guests and the king". In his enthusiasm, Herod promised the girl, "I will give you everything". "He uses the same words that Satan used to tempt Jesus. 'If you adore me, all this is yours'.

John the Baptist, a holy man

"Satan is behind all these characters. He sows hatred in the woman, vanity in the young woman and corruption in the king", the Pope concluded. John, "the greatest man born of a woman died alone in a cell because of the whim of a vain dancer, the hatred of a diabolical woman and the corruption of an indecisive king. The Baptist dies a martyr. Not a martyr of the faith, because he was not asked to renounce it. He is a martyr of truth. He was, in fact, a "righteous and holy man" (Mk 6:20) who was put to death because he spoke freely and was faithful to his calling. He is a martyr who allowed himself to diminish so as to leave his place to the Messiah. "Those who are great end up like this!". But John knew

Mass Intentions

Sat 08/29	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	† Concepcion Mena Pena
Sun. 08/30	English	10am	Charles Buchanan
	Spanish	12pm	Kattia Angulo
Mon 08/31	English	9am	† Chester Ervin Jr.
Tues 09/01	English	9am	† Bill Thomas
Wed 09/02	Spanish	12pm	Elsie Potts
Thu 09/03	Spanish	7pm	† Gerald Ray Hood
Sat 09/05	English	5pm	† Nellie Daugherty
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun. 09/06	English	10am	Donna Dacy & Family
	Spanish	12pm	† Giovanni Martinez

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FIND	GAIN	CROSS	EXCHANGE
SAVE	LOSE	FOLLOW	DENY
SELF	LIFE	FORFEIT	WORLD
SOUL	GIVE	WHOLE	GOOD

he had to be annihilated: "He must increase, I, instead, decrease". And, added Pope Francis, "he decreased to the point of death". John had pointed Jesus out to His first disciples, indicating that He was the Light of the world. He, instead, gave his life little by little, to the point of being extinguished in the darkness of a prison cell.

"Life has value only when we give it; when it is given in love, in truth; when we give it to others, in daily life, in our families. It should always be given. If someone grasps his or her life in order to keep it, like the king by his corruption, or the woman with her hatred, or the child, the young girl with her vanity that was that of an adolescent, naive, life dies, life ends up withered, it is useless"