

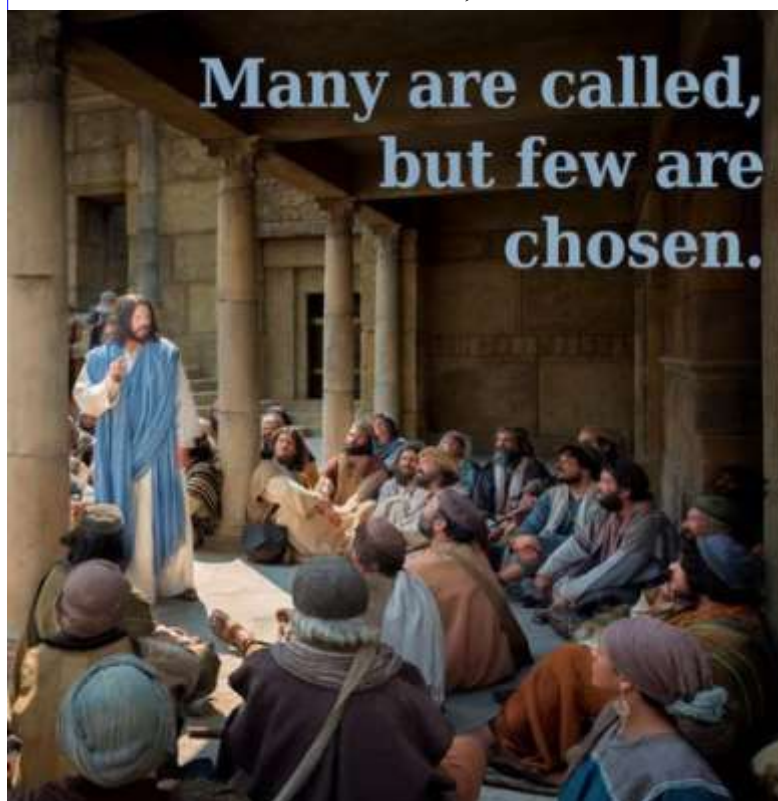
Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 11, 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 10/04 to 10/10:

- Church cleaner was: **Juan y Juana Lopez**
- Money counter was: **Kim**

For the week of 10/11 to 10/17:

- Church cleaners is: **Maria Herrera Quintanilla**
- Money counter is: **Alyssa**



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, Teresa Blanford, Cindy Bloodworth, Sabrina Blue, Charles Buchanan, Daniel Buchanan, William Buckman, Crystal Childress, Fany Cordon, Scott Coffman, Asher Cunningham, Donna Dacy, Jim Daugherty, Leo Dickens, Rosie Edwards, Russell Edwards, Jennifer Ebelhar, Marty Eisten, Ray Fambrough, David Ferriell, Anna Filbert, Peggy Gaddis, Judy George, Sonny & Rose Ann Glenn, Jaime Harris, Dan Hawkins, Kaydence Marie Helfert, Darrell Henderson, Katelyn Hensley, Peggy Howell, Dora Jimenez, Angela Kay, 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, James Watson, 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

Today's Gospel passage tells us about a king who prepares a wedding banquet for his son (cf. Mt 22:1-14). He is a powerful man, but he is above all a generous father, who invites others to share in his joy. In particular, he reveals the goodness of his heart in the fact that he does not compel anyone, but invites everyone, even though this way exposes him to the possibility of rejection. We notice that he prepares a banquet, freely offering an opportunity for encounter, an opportunity for a feast. This is what God prepares for us: a banquet, to be in communion with him and among ourselves. And we, all of us, are therefore God's invited guests. But a wedding banquet requires time and commitment on our part: it requires a "yes": to go, to go to the Lord's invitation. He invites, but he leaves us free.

This is the type of relationship that the Father offers us: he calls us to stay with him, leaving us the possibility to accept or not accept [the invitation]. He does not propose to us a relationship of subjection, but rather of fatherhood and sonship, which is necessarily conditioned by our free assent. God is very respect-

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 10/10	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
Sun 10/11	<u>Sacristan:</u> Mary Jane
EM	Mary Jane Hawkins
EM	Lea Ann Sugg
Lector	Matthew Duncan
Altar Server	Volunteer

Next Weekend

Sat 10/17	<u>Sacristan:</u> Connie
Sun 10/18	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
EM	Cathy Robertson
EM	Shawn Blanford
Lector	Linda Frederick
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 10 Sat Weekday green/white [BVM] Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28 (466)
- 11 SUN TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 (142) Pss IV
- 12 Mon Weekday green Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32 (467)
- 13 Tue Weekday green Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41 (468)
- 14 Wed Weekday green/red [Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr] Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46 (469)
- 15 Thu Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
- 16 Fri Weekday green/white/white [Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin] Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7 (471)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 10/04/2026	\$ 1,775.54
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 14 of 52 Sundays	\$ 28,832.72
Budget YTD	\$ 32,900.00
Over/Under Collection	\$ -4,067.28

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).

ful regarding freedom; very respectful. Saint Augustine uses a very beautiful expression in this regard, saying: "He who created us without our help will not save us without our consent" (Sermonclxix, 13). And certainly not because he does not have the capacity to do so — God is omnipotent! — but because, being love, he respects our freedom fully. God proposes: he does not impose. Never.

(Pope Francis, Angelus, 15 October 2023)



XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CHRISTIAN HOPE

We have gone through the majority of the liturgical year. The great solemnities of Christmas and Easter are long gone and now Christmas nears again. It seems that the readings of this Sunday make us consider the reality and they ask us: What is your hope? In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah he concludes saying: "This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us! For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain." (Is 25:9-10).

Faith seems to be fading in the lives of many people. I am writing to you from Zaragoza, Spain, where faith is mixed with vulgarity. We were previously in Portugal, and although the percentage of believers remains high, their numbers have dropped significantly. We will be heading to France, where faith has blended into everyday life and is no longer actively practiced. It would seem that everything would be better without God, but we should ask ourselves: How is our world going to end? From one person to the next: Where is humanity heading? What is the hope for the human race?

Peace seems far off, because each day there is more violence at every turn. Sometimes I talk to people from different countries who share about the evil and violence in their homelands and why they had to leave. But now this world is even more violent and even here it is not safe because evil has taken hold of humanity. There are so many families torn separate by immigration issues. I know of some children who were left without their parents and walked on their own to find their aunt to see if she could care for them. A family of five suddenly grew to eight. With all of this, it seems that peace never comes. But in the face of all of this evil, Saint Paul reminds us: "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:19) However, the condition is that we have faith and hope in God. So now the question is: What is your hope?

Love has been so devalued that it has been lowered to pleasure, to feeling good, to fleeting emotions, and many times to passion. But love is not just a feeling, but rather the decision to make an offering of oneself and to honor God, to honor life and to honor people. Since love is essential for every person, if it is lost then the meaning of life is lost, one loses God and one loses hope. Man was created to love and God is

pure love. For this reason the love relationship between man and God is that he "will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken." (Is 25:8) This is our hope, the Christian hope that we belong to God and one day we will be able to attain eternal life.

The Gospel this Sunday concludes saying: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." (Mt 22:14) Brothers and sisters, do not lose your hope. Hope will keep faith and love alive. If we truly hope that God will reign then nothing can separate us from him and nothing can take away our inner peace. Remember always: "He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage." (Ps 23: 3-4) If we hope with faith that is alive, loving and serving God, then surely we will be chosen for eternal life.

May God grant us the grace of hope. Amen.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: [Isaiah 25:6-10a](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6](#)

Reading II: [Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 22:1-14](#)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASKS

Based on today's readings

Questions:

- I. Are you able to rejoice and be glad even in this ordered disordered world?
- II. Can you relate to St. Paul when he says, "I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things. I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need?" How did you find trust and reliance in God?
- G. How have you shared the invitation to the feast of heaven with others? When you share Jesus with others, have you faced anger or rejection? How did that make you feel, and what did you do?

Task: Look for an opportunity to tell someone about the joy you have in Jesus. If you can, invite them to come to Mass and see.

NEXT WEEK'S READING

Reading I: [Isaiah 45:1, 4-6](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10](#)

Reading II: [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 22:15-21](#)

EVENTS

- **Tuesday 10am:** Bible Study group
- **Tuesday 5:30 to 7:00:** Youth Group
- **Wednesday 5:30 to 7:00:** Religious Ed classes

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **October 18th:** World Mission Sunday— second collection at all weekend masses
- **October 20th 5:00:** Parish Council
- **October 22nd 6:30:** Knight of Columbus

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/10 Gavin Aguilar
10/11 Emilio Jose Pascual
10/15 Pascual Juan Miguel,
Antonio Felipe Juan



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/10 Artemio & Maria Barco



Around the diocese

- October 17: OBKY Rosary Hike
- October 23—25th: Healing retreat for adult children of divorce and separation
- October 23: The Lord's Supper, What Should Christians Believe about the Eucharist?
- October 30: A night of stand-up to benefit Daniel Pitino Shelter
- October 30: Holy Spirit Golf Classic

Flyer's for these events posted on the while board



The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

Mass Intentions

Sat 10/10	English	5pm	George Himes
	Akateco	7:30pm	Communion Service
Sun 10/11	English	10 am	Kaydence Marie Helfert
	Spanish	12pm	Ramirez Lopez
Mon 10/12	English	9am	No Daily Mass
Tues 10/13	English	9am	No Daily Mass
Wed 10/14	Spanish	12pm	No Daily Mass
Thu 10/15	Spanish	7pm	No Daily Mass
Sat 10/17	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	Celia Lopez
Sun 10/18	English	10 am	Nellie Daugherty
	Spanish	12pm	Angelina Gaspar Francisco

Religious Education

If you have not completed the registration documentation, please pick up the document. The information must be completed before your child can begin attending classes.

If your child is riding the bus, please have them ready when the bus arrives.

Pope: Mary is 'safe refuge' amidst life's difficulties

At the General Audience, Pope Leo XIV renews his invitation to pray the Rosary, to ask Mary for peace in the world, especially during the month of October.

Traditionally invoked as a "safe refuge amid life's difficulties," Mary is a source of consolation for a world wounded by war, Pope Leo said on Wednesday.

From the steps of St Peter's Square, the Pope's voice echoed the appeal he made at last Sunday's Angelus, a call which he had already made a week earlier, on 27 September, in Lourdes.

In his greeting to Portuguese-speaking faithful, the Pope referred to another Marian liturgical memorial, that of Our Lady of Aparecida, patroness of Brazil, which is celebrated on 12 October. "To her maternal intercession I entrust you and your families. May Our Lady always watch over you," Pope Leo said. Addressing Chinese-speaking pilgrims, he pointed to Mary as a "refuge and strength in moments of difficulty and suffering."

The Pope invited the faithful to pray the rosary throughout October, "with the particular intention that wars may end and peace be established among peoples in conflict."

