

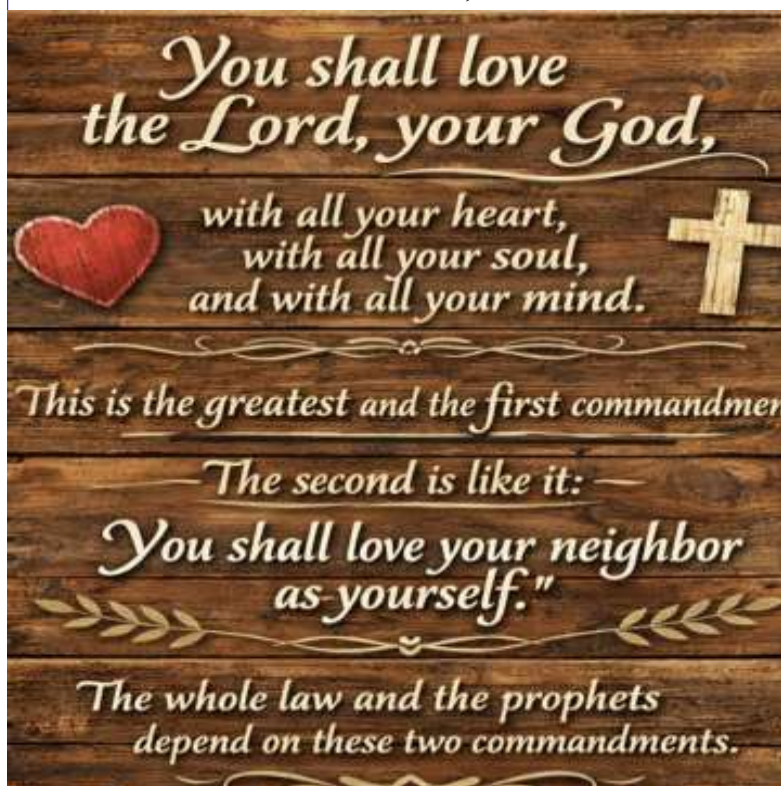
Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church

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.

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 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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October 25, 2026 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANKS!

For the week of 10/18 to 10/24:

- Church cleaner was: **Isidro y Aurelia**
- Money counter was: **Gracia**

For the week of 10/25 to 10/31:

- Church cleaners is: **Zoila & Filemon**
- Money counter is: **Jeannie**

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 Edwads, 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, 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, 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:

THE WORDS OF THE POPES

This Sunday's Gospel (Mk 12:28-34) offers us Jesus' teaching on the greatest commandment, the commandment of love, which is two-fold: love of God and love of neighbor. (...) Before being a command — love is not a command — it is a gift, a reality that God allows us to know and experience, so that, like a seed, it can also germinate within us and develop throughout our life.

If the love of God has planted deep roots in a person, then he is able to love even those who do not deserve it, as God does us. Fathers and mothers do not love their children only when they deserve love; they always love them, though of course, they make them understand when they are wrong. We learn from God to seek only what is good and never what is evil. We learn to look at each other not only with our eyes, but with the eyes of God, which is the gaze of Jesus Christ. A gaze that begins in the heart and does not stop at the surface, that goes beyond appearances and manages to capture the deepest aspirations of the other: waiting to be heard, for car-

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 10/24	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
Sun 10/25	<u>Sacristan:</u> KC
EM	KC
EM	KC
Lector	KC
Altar Server	KC

Next Weekend

Sat 10/31	<u>Sacristan:</u> Connie
Sun 11/01	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
EM	Shawn Blanford
EM	Mary Jane Hawkins
Lector	Cathy Robertson
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 24 Sat Weekday green/white/white [Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop; BVM] Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9 (478)
- 25 SUN THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40 (148) Pss II
- 26 Mon Weekday green Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17 (479)
- 27 Tue Weekday green Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21 (480)
- 28 Wed Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles red Feast Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16 (666) Pss Prop
- 29 Thu Weekday green Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35 (482)
- 30 Fri Weekday green Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6 (483)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 10/18/2026	\$ 1788.08
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 15 of 52 Sundays	\$ 33,392.38
Budget YTD	\$ 37,600.00
Over/Under Collection	\$ -4,207.62

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).

ing attention, in a word: love. But the opposite is also true: that by opening myself to another, just as he or she is, by reaching out, by making myself available, I am also opening myself to know God, to feel that he is there and is good. Love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable and are mutually related.

(Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, 4 November 2012)



XXX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THE POOR, THE WIDOW AND THE MIGRANT

This XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us a topic to reflect upon that can be very difficult. I wonder how I can present it without upsetting people. But if you feel upset in your heart, whether that feeling is good or bad, of acceptance or rejection, it will be ok because it will help us see that the topic continues to be applicable today and still needs an answer.

"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry." (Ex. 22:20-22) Fr. Pedro Herrasti, S.M. wrote in a reflection on liberation theology: "In our country, so rich in possibilities, millions live in extreme poverty, in small towns all up and down our territory, without the smallest hope of a better future. How many have had to abandon their hometowns to try to go 'to the other side' to the embarrassing spectacle of the undocumented, exposed to all kinds of dangers by the 'coyotes' and other exploiters, because they have no opportunities to progress in Mexico?" (Brochure EVC #18: Liberation Theology) And I would complete the list that not only Mexicans, but also Guatemalans, Hondurans, Salvadorans, people from all over the Americas, and Burmese, and Europeans, and from the whole world. Those who leave their country looking for another place that will give them an opportunity – and I'm not only speaking of the United States. But when they arrive to the other place, they find closed doors and discrimination because of their illegal, undocumented status, and they are given many names. Including in the church itself some find rejection. Believe me as I write this I am crying just thinking about so many stories that I have heard with tear-filled eyes. Since I have been here in the United States I have seen and heard many, many different stories. Some brothers and sisters, some parishes, are more open to immigrants than others, but very few are willing to risk fighting on their behalf. What a difficult situation! But God invites us to be a brother or sister to those in need. Believe me, it is possible to live love! Many have done it and have given testimony by it. "If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." (Ex 22: 26b) The first read-

ing shows us how we can find communion with God through the humble and the neighbor in need.

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22: 37.39) In this text, Jesus is leading us to meditate on the experience of love. Even though God is not man, the experience of love is the same, just the object or the person loved is different. What gives glory to God, is precisely that we love man as we love Him. We have to say it is impossible to love God more than man. This sounds strong, but if we love God we should love man, but if we do not love man and we oppress him and we forget about the poor, the orphan, the widow, the migrant, and the sick then even if our faith and love of God is strong, it's not worth anything. God has equated himself with man and has asked that we love him as we love God.

To evangelize in the style of Jesus is humane and makes us more human. Whoever loves fulfills fully the will of God. Whoever loves, knows that love of God is manifested in love of our neighbor. Whoever loves his neighbor knows that he gives glory to God and his love of God is authentic.

May these readings help us to love God and our neighbor authentically, without distinguishing race, color or origin, and in that way, give glory to God. Amen.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: [Exodus 22:20-26](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51](#)

Reading II: [1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASKS

Based on today's readings

Questions:

- I.** What would you hope to see in a future priest?
 - II.** How am I an imitator of Christ?
 - G.** How have you embraced this new law in your life?
- Task:** Send a letter to your parish or community priest and thank him for responding to the Lord's call. Offer a prayer for seminarians who are studying for the priesthood. Pray for more vocations to the priesthood.

NEXT WEEK'S READING

Reading I: [Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6](#)

Reading II: [1 John 3:1-3](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 5:1-12a](#)

EVENTS

- **Tuesday 10am:** Bible Study group
- **Tuesday 5:30 to 7:00:** Youth Group meeting (meet in Guadeloupe center)
- **Wednesday 5:30 to 7:00:** Religious Ed classes
- **Thursday 6:30:** Adoration

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/24 Rafael Nieto
 10/26 Jhoana Juan Francisco
 10/26 Nicole Calvillo
 10/28 Jose Antonio
 10/29 Jezia HCeron
 10/30 Zacaria Neri Delaluz jr



Knights of Columbus

The KC's need your help.

They are collecting nonperishable food items in preparation of the food baskets they will distribute next month. Please bring your donations to the church by November 18th.



Religious Education

Classes have begun for grades K-5th, first communion and confirmation. Classes for OCIA will begin soon. It's not too late to join. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

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MIND	PHARISEES	EXPERT	QUESTION
HEARING	COMMANDMENT	HEART	JESUS
LAW	NEIGHBOR	SOUL	YOURSELF
LOVE	GREATEST	LORD	SECOND

Mass Intentions

Sat 10/24	English	5pm	Mickey McCully & Family
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun 10/25	English	10 am	CJ Adams & Family
	Spanish	12pm	Angelina Gaspar Francisco
Mon 10/26	English	9am	†Anselm James "A.J." Bick-ett
Tues 10/27	English	9am	†Bill & †Mary Howard
Wed 10/28	Spanish	12pm	†Bill Christian
Thu 10/29	Spanish	7pm	Jose Guadalupe Ramirez
Sat 10/31	English	5pm	†Cecil Payne
	Akateco	7:30pm	Celia Guterrez
Sun 11/01	English	10 am	Theo Duncan and Family
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/25 Miguel Juan & Maria Francisco



POPE LEO: SAINTS SHOW US 'HISTORY SHAPED BY FAITH'

Formally “canonized holiness”, whether of ancient saints or more recent witnesses of the faith, must be substantiated by “authentic, credible testimony that is beyond any suspicion”, Pope Leo told members of the Dicastery for the Causes of the Saints, who are taking part in the “Holiness in History” Conference in Rome.

Holiness and history

Reflecting on the relationship between holiness and history—the theme of the conference—Pope Leo explained that the use of historical methods in causes for canonization is not simply to “produce historiography”, but to “bring to light the exemplary life, spirituality, and reputation for holiness” of prospective saints.

The Pope went on to explain that historical investigation must also consider how “historical and cultural evolution [...] influences the very concept of holiness”.

This does not mean that holiness changes with time; instead, it shows us how “to interpret specific lived experience through the lens of the Gospel.”

The people of God, he said, “seek models for living in the present—intercessors who can help members of the Church face today’s challenges and recognize the opportunities they hold”.

‘History shaped by faith’

Finally, Pope Leo said, “we must consider how the presence and witness of the saints have transformed history” by responding to God’s call in their own circumstances, “uniting faith with history and dedicating their lives” to building up the Kingdom of God.

“The witness of the saints”, the Pope said in conclusion, “reminds us of the innovative and transformative power of Easter. They show us a history shaped by faith”.