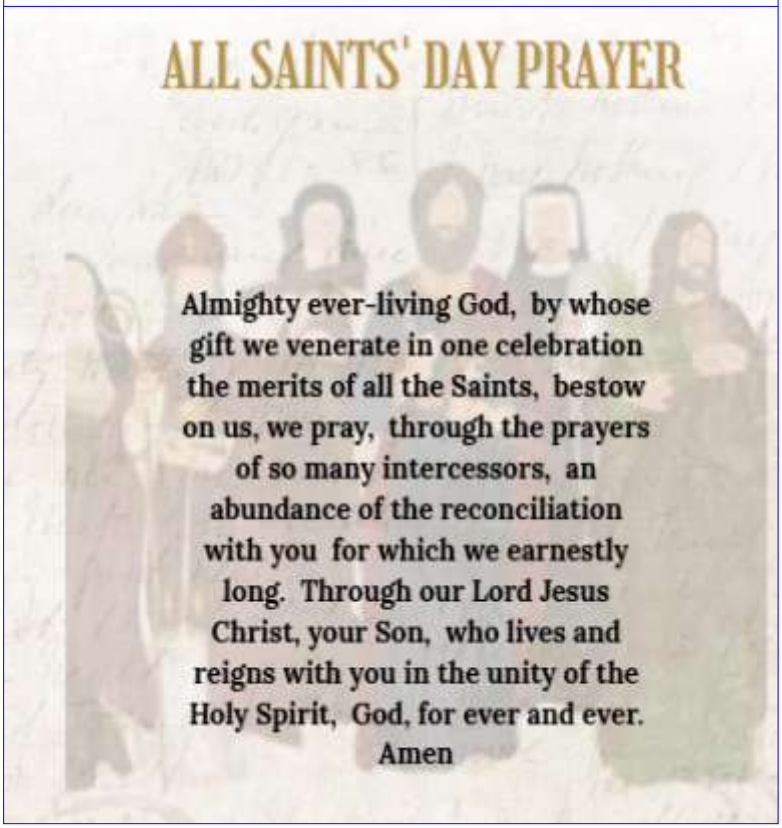
Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church

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.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
NOVEMBER 1, 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.smsebree.org, www.facebook.com/smsebree**

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!

To the Youth Group for the Day of the Dead Altar
For the week of 10/25 to 10/31:

- Church cleaner was: **Zoila & Filemon**
- Money counter was: **Jeannie**

For the week of 11/01 to 11/07:

- Church cleaners is: **Dcn. Baltazar Family**
- Money counter is: **Kim**

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, Jose Vanegas, 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.smsebree.org

THE WORDS OF THE POPES

The Beatitudes bring with them a new interpretation of reality. They are both the path and the message of Jesus the Teacher. At first glance, it seems impossible to declare as blessed those who are poor, or those who hunger and thirst for justice, the persecuted or the peacemakers. Yet, that which seems inconceivable in the world's thinking is filled with meaning and light when brought into contact with the Kingdom of God. In the saints, we see this kingdom approaching and becoming present among us. Saint Matthew rightly presents the Beatitudes as a teaching, depicting Jesus as a Master, who transmits a new perspective on things, which is reflected in his own journey. The Beatitudes, however, are not just another teaching; they are the teaching par excellence. In the same way, the Lord Jesus is not just one of many teachers, he is the Master par excellence. Moreover, he is the Educator par excellence. We are his disciples and are in his "school." We learn how to discover in his life, namely in the path he has travelled, a horizon of meaning capable of shining a light on all forms of knowledge.

(Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 1 November 2025)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

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

Next Weekend

Sat 11/07	Sacristan: Gracia
Sun 11/08	Sacristan: Mary Jane
EM	David Magnuson
EM	Linda Frederick
Lector	Greg Sugg
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 31 Sat Weekday green/white [BVM] Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11 (484)
- 1 SUN ALL SAINTS white Solemnity Rv 7:2-4, 9 -14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a (667) Pss Prop
- 2 Mon The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed violet or white or black (All Souls' Day) Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016) Pss Pro
- 3 Tue Weekday (Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time) green/white [Saint Martin de Porres, Religious] Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24 (486) Pss III
- 4 Wed Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop white Memorial Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33 (487)
- 5 Thu Weekday green Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
- 6 Fri Weekday green Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8 (489)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 10/25/2026	$	1,744.01
Weekly Goal	$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 17 of 52 Sundays	$	35,136.39
Budget YTD	$	39,950.00
Over/Under Collection	$	-4,813.61

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).



XXXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SOLEMNITY ALL SAINTS

This Sunday, November 1st, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. When we say all saints automatically the saint that we are most devoted to comes to mind. It is true that we celebrate these known saints, but above all we also celebrate all of the many saints that we do not know because they have not been canonized, which I have no doubt are many more than the few we know. This feast is an invitation to remember our brothers and sisters who have lived faithfully the teachings proclaimed in the Gospel. Hoping to live with Christ in eternal life they lived their vocation of: brothers, sisters, fathers or mothers, uncles, grandparents, religious brothers or sisters, bishops or even popes.

"After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue." (Rev. 7: 9a) In the multitude that appears in the book of Revelation, there they are, our friends and family who dared to live faithfully the good news proclaimed by Christ. There we find many unknown saints: babies, boys and girls, young and old, husbands and wives, martyrs. Who has not met saintly people in their lives? People who are good, peaceful, servants, and charitable. And so today we celebrate their feast, because even though they are not on an altar, they are enjoying the presence of God and are contemplating his holy face.

"They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.'" (Rev. 7: 9b-10) This is our hope, for all of us who have put our faith in Jesus Christ. It is through him that we are saved, because salvation is not earned by our merits but rather is a gift from God that Christ earned for us by the price of his Blood. In Him, our family and friends deposited their faith and trust, so today we are sure that they are enjoying God. Mons. Francois Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan in his book "Live the Virtues" says: "*One cannot be a saint one day and another day not: a storm can wipe away appearances and reveal the interior reality of sin which cannot be seen otherwise.*" (Live the Virtues, #44) That is why one day we celebrate all of the saints and the next day all of the faithfully departed, because not all of them are saints, only those that were "wearing white robes" of grace, forgiveness and the mercy of God.

Saint John in the second reading tells us: "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 Jn 3:2) In this great truth of being Children of God is hidden the mystery of holiness because it makes a direct reference to the most important part of the Christian life which is being, not losing, the image of being children of God. Many of our family members, having a healthy fear of God, were vigilant about their being a son or daughter of God and did not permit sin to touch them, and if by some disgrace they fell into sin, they looked for reconciliation with God.

In the Gospel the beatitudes are proclaimed, in them are found an authentic effort to win glory, liberty and peace. They propose that poverty frees the heart, mercy brings human relationships goodness and forgiveness, being clean of heart to judge and be judged, to strive for justice, because God is just. They proclaim many blessed for choosing life. It is a possibility of holiness that we should live even now, here in our part of history, not for later once everything has finished and we die, no. Holiness starts today so that later we can live eternally with God.

All the Saints of God, pray for us! Amen.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'S READINGS:

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASKS

Based on todays readings

Questions:

I. Do you see yourself counted in that number as the Saints go marching in?

II. Is sainthood something to strive for or is it something that you are right now?

G. As you consider these Beatitudes are you able to rejoice and be glad?

Task: Visit a Catholic bookstore or go to your local library and get yourself acquainted with a Saint. These books can offer us assistance on our own spiritual journey. You may also try online to study the lives of the Saints. For fun, google Saint + any name and see what comes up. Yes, there are Saints named Teath, Guy, Ferrari, Hillary, and Lancelot.

NEXT WEEK'S READING

Reading I: Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

EVENTS

- **Monday 7pm**: All Souls day mass
- **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

Liturgical Feast:

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Day: November 2

Already back in the 2nd century, evidence exists that Christians prayed for and celebrated the Eucharist for their beloved dead. In the beginning, they would pray on the third day after burial, then on the anniversary. Later, the 7th and 30th day after death became days on which it became customary to pray for the deceased. Remembering the dead on the 2 November became official in the year 998 when Abbot Odilo of Cluny (994-1048) made it obligatory in all the monasteries subject to him. In 1915, Pope Benedict XV granted permission to priests to celebrate several Masses on this day. The liturgy proposes various Masses on this day, all of which are geared toward highlighting the Paschal Mystery, Jesus' victory over sin and death.

From the Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:
"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.
And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.
For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day". (Jn. 6:37-40)

The revolutionary message is that whoever "sees the Son and believes in him…I shall raise him on the last day". We know from experience that the body decays. But the body is not the only part of the human person! The human being is a person and partner in dialogue with God. And He will not forget on, He will not renege on His promise, because God is faithful to His promises. God has written each one of us on the palm of His hand and will not forget anyone, because He is a Father. This is the heart of the message that Jesus left us. Because of this truth, Jesus became man, he died on the cross and rose to make us participants in the joy of the resurrection: "Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace", we pray during the I Eucharistic Canon of the Mass, at the moment when we remember the deceased.

Mass Intentions

Sat 10/31	English	5pm	†Cecil Payne
	Akateco	7:30pm	Celia Gutierrez
Sun 11/01	English	10 am	Theo Duncan and Family
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners
Mon 11/02	English	9am	†Bill & †Mary Howard
	Spanish	7pm	Mildred Steibel
Tues 11/03	English	9am	†Bill Christian
Wed 11/04	Spanish	12pm	†Cecilia LaFern Ling
Thu 11/05	Spanish	7pm	†Charles & †Shirley Edge
Sat 11/07	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	†Charlie Hayden
Sun 11/08	English	10 am	Nellie Daugherty
	Spanish	12pm	†Charlotte Ralph

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



11/1 Jennifer Apolinar Lopez, Heriberto Benitez
11/2 Eulalia Jose, Janice Sellers
11/3 Alejandro Briceno Rodriguez, Obbie Martinez, Ray Fulkerson
11/4 Perla Martinez,
11/6 Yoselyn Arroyo, Maria Durbin

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.

