



# St Michael Catholic Parish



**Jesus...**

Know Him, Trust Him, Share Him  
One Body, One Spirit

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## *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 he has and buys that field.

— Matthew 13:44 —



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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# We Are Glad You Are Here!

Brothers and Sisters,

As you have heard announced in church, starting on August 4th we will have adoration Monday through Friday from 9 am - 7:45 pm in St. Michael's chapel. We will have a sign-up sheet in the chapel and online at [www.bit.ly/EucharisticAdoration](http://www.bit.ly/EucharisticAdoration). Please sign up for the hour that you desire.

The Holy Hour: is it difficult? Not when it comes with love, but sometimes it seems to be hard. It might mean having to forgo a social engagement or cut short one of your activities, but on the whole it has never been a burden, only a joy to sit at the feet of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. At the beginning of my priesthood I would make a Holy Hour during the day or the evening. As I became busier over the years, I made the Hour early in the morning, generally before Holy Mass. Making a Holy Hour is to grow more and more into His likeness, and we become like that which we gaze upon. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms our heart and our life. The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold conversation with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him. It is impossible for me to explain how helpful

the Holy Hour has been in preserving my vocation, and likewise the Holy Hour can preserve your vocation and your family.

In Sunday's Gospel, we hear that salvation costs us nothing, but does that mean it is worth nothing to us? God has revealed the value of our salvation to us, and what do we do in response? We have to be willing to follow Jesus, to go where he leads and to do what he says. By doing so, we proclaim that we are serious about Jesus and we understand the value of our salvation. This is what it means to be Jesus' disciple.

In his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer talked about costly grace. He wrote, "Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field. For the sake of it, a man will gladly go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy, for which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble. It is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him. Costly grace is the gospel, which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly, because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."

Jesus is the hidden treasure, the pearl of greatest value. By grace, you and I have been given the greatest gift of all. Let us pray to live a



life that reflects the value of this gift. Let us live a life that is worthy of Jesus. Today Jesus has reminded us that there is a future kingdom of heaven that we can focus on as we persevere in this life. But he also reminds us that the kingdom is closer than we know, and more powerful than we often recognize. His holy presence in the Holy Eucharist reminds us of the power of God to advance his kingdom and change people's lives. By this power let us live as disciples who give everything to follow our lord and king.

What can you do to make a difference in our parish? What might you do to make it happen?

Blessings,

Fr. Van



## Mass Times

### Daily Mass in English

Mon-Fri: 7:00 & 8:30 am

Saturday: 8:30 am

### Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm in English

7:00 pm in Spanish

### Sunday

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am 11:00 am and

6:00 pm in English

12:30 pm in Spanish

## Reconciliation

### Saturday

9:00 am in the church

3:30-4:15 pm in the convent

6:15-6:45 pm in the church

## Anointing of the Sick

925-447-1585

## Our Clergy

Rev. Van Dinh, Pastor

Rev. Deacon Bill Archer, Pastoral Associate

Rev. David Staal, Associate

Rev. Alfred Amos, In Residence

Rev. Augustine Koilparampil, In Residence

Rev. Deacon Dave Rezendes

Rev. Deacon Robert Federle

Rev. Deacon Bill Henderson

Rev. Deacon Robert Vince

## Our Pastoral Council

Fr Alfred Amos, Deacon Bill Archer, Alice

Aufderheide, Doug Bray, Elsa Calderon,

Ricardo Echon, Elizabeth Ezekwem, Raul

Fregoso, Pamela Hamilton, Carol Perry,

Sridhar Ramanathan and Dave Ruth.

[ParishCouncil@saintmichaelliv.org](mailto:ParishCouncil@saintmichaelliv.org)

## Our Finance Council

Madeleine Heal, Kathy Lawrence, Tim

McKinney, and Kathy Rooney.

[FinanceCouncil@saintmichaelliv.org](mailto:FinanceCouncil@saintmichaelliv.org)

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## Stay Connected

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## Office Hours

### Monday-Thursday

English Speaking Secretary

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

English & Spanish Speaking Secretary

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### Fridays

English & Spanish Speaking Secretary

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

### Saturdays

English Speaking Secretary

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Office closed 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Hall Reservations: 925-447-1585 x 39

# Scripture Reflection

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

**Psalms** -- Psalm 119

**Second Reading** -- Romans 8:28-30

**Gospel** -- Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]

## Readings for the Week

**Monday**-- Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday**-- Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday**-- Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18;

Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday**-- Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday**-- Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday**-- Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

## Appraising Faith

Antiques Road Show is a popular program on PBS. People bring all kinds of things to experts to learn about them and to have them appraised. Some items are surprisingly valuable, especially small, rare items. They always seem to generate the most interest and surprise. And everyone hopes that they'll find a fortune in some old stuff around the house.

There are many images that Jesus uses to describe the reign of God: a buried treasure, a merchant's search, or sorting out the good from the useless. In each case, someone is searching for something of value or quality. The object of the search is

not readily apparent, but once it is found, everything else pales in comparison. One valuable item is worth more than everything else and no sacrifice is too great to make.

So how does one begin to appraise faith? Or how much is love worth? What is the price of hope? Their value is measured by our willingness to change, our desire to grow and determination to follow the Lord. When we give of ourselves, the Lord fills us with the spiritual gifts that enrich us and make us whole. These gifts are priceless and eternal.

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## Treasures of the Kingdom

What is your new life in Christ worth to you?

Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?

The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they—and we, too—might live.

We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure - a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see Philippians 3:8). And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and

plans—in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul, in today's Epistle, calls the purpose of God's plan (see Ephesians 1:4). That purpose is that Jesus be the firstborn of many brothers.

His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

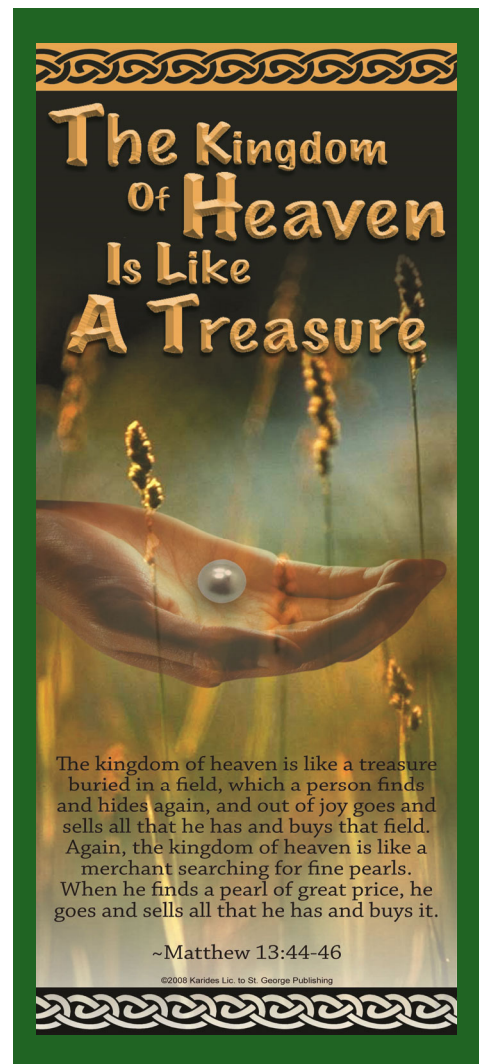
We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son.

If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified, will also one day be glorified.

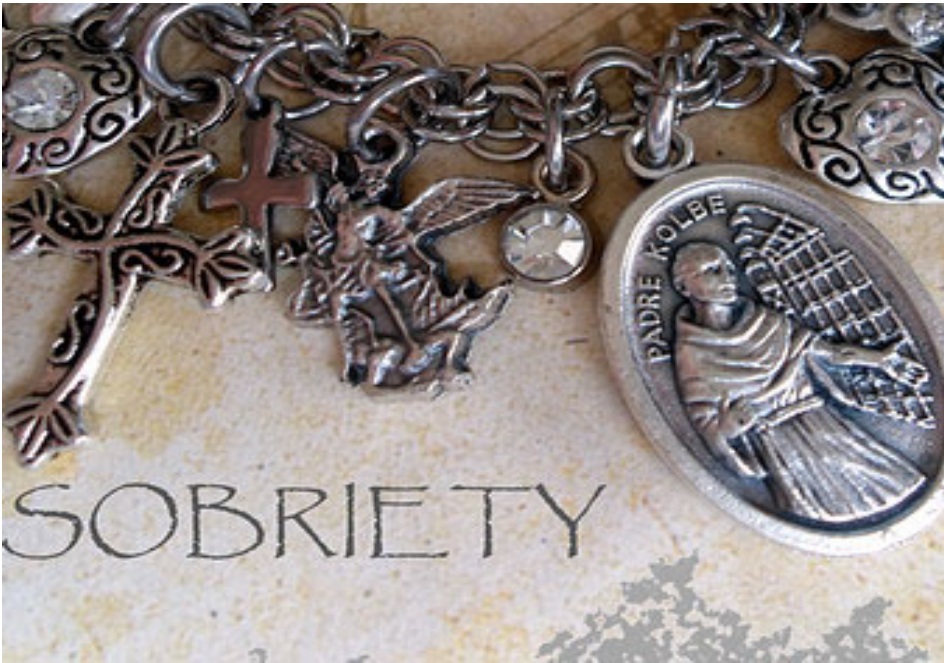
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# Lord, Hear Our Prayers!



## Prayer for the Addicted

God of mercy, we bless You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who ministered to all who came to Him. Give Your strength to (name of person addicted), one of Your children, enfold him/her in Your love and restore him/her to the freedom of God's children. Lord, look with compassion on all those who have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of Your unfailing mercy, strengthen them in the work of recovery, and help them to resist all temptation.

To those who care for them, grant patience and understanding and a love that perseveres. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe**, patron saint of addicts, pray for us.

## Lift Up in Prayer

The Iraqi Christians who are being forced out of the city of Mosul by Islamist militants.

All those affected by the violent conflict in Israel.

The unaccompanied minors pouring across our nation's borders.

Samantha Roberts who is struggling with blood disorder problems.

Michael Bonacic who is recovering from heart transplant surgery.

Ryder Reed, an infant recovering from heart surgery.

Richard Sanchez who is homeless and jobless.

Cecile, mother of Vonn Wynn, who suffers from cardiovascular disease and dementia.

Mignon Richards, who is recovering from surgery.

## Recently Deceased

Mary Louise Gregory  
Maria Arzate Gonzales  
Mary Bryne  
Mark Bachem

## Rejoice!

### Newly Baptized

Maddison Grace Rivero, Joshua Aiden Avila, Alana Grace Williams, Jackson Thomas Moretti, Maylean Perez, Emanuel

Saustegui, Leonardo Ruiz Huitron, Ailin Gres Castaneda, Alan Julian Buenrostro, Samantha Giselle Perez Suarez, Genesis Trujillo, Scarlet Valentina Trujillo Lopez, Dallana Margarita Salinas

### Quinceañeras

Monica Perez

## Generous offerings

Your financial support is a tangible prayer and a gift given to God!

July 20 collection: \$19,807.00  
Weekly ave. to date: \$20,483.20  
Maintenance to date: \$29,120.19

Your Sunday offering helps sustain the many ministries of our parish. Thank you for your continued support.

## We Pray Together

### Adoration

Fridays 9:00 am-7:45 pm in the chapel

### Rosary Group

Mon-Sat 9:00 am in the chapel

### Our Lady of Fatima Group

Thurs at 11:00 am in the chapel

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wed at 6:00 pm in the chapel

### Medjugorje Rosary Group

Mon at 7:00 pm in the chapel

### Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Tues 8:00 pm in the small hall  
Wed 10:00 am in the Conference Room

### Online Prayer

Subscribe to Novenas or Prayer Warriors lists at [www.flocknote.com/sml](http://www.flocknote.com/sml)

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 7/26

8:30 am Melissa Lamb  
5:00 pm Mary Watkins †  
7:00 pm Ricardo Coelho †

### Sunday 7/27

6:45 am Tom and Lex Byrne †  
8:00 am Alice Noonan †  
9:30 am Manuel Rosa †  
11:00 am Angel Hernandez  
12:30 pm Mass for Our Parish  
6:00 pm Rosita and Antero Barina †

### Monday 7/28

7:00 am Bob Reguilon †  
8:30 am Norma Kelly †

### Tuesday 7/29

7:00 am Jerry Hetrick †  
8:30 am Maria Pangelinan †

### Wednesday 7/30

7:00 am Ann Bradley †  
8:30 am Maria Pangelinan †

### Thursday 7/31

7:00 am Cornelius (Connie) Visbeck †  
8:30 am Jacqueline Marquez

### Friday 8/1

7:00 am Nick and Alice Sanchez †  
8:30 am Terrance Biel †

### Saturday 8/2

8:30 am Trevor Lobo †  
5:00 pm Tolson Higgins  
7:00 pm Esmeralda Soto

## History of Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is not something new. It is a centuries-old practice rooted in an essential teaching of Catholic Christianity: Jesus Christ is truly and completely present in the Eucharist. Like many practices of our faith, however, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament developed gradually.

In the earliest years of Christianity, the Eucharist would be brought home from the celebration to be given to those not able to be present at the liturgy because of illness.

In the 11th century the French monk Berengar of Tours began to teach that the bread and wine in the celebration of the Eucharist could not change physically into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Pope Gregory VII demanded a retraction from Berengar saying that the body and blood of Christ were truly present in the Eucharist. In response, Eucharistic devotion burst forth throughout Europe: processions, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and other prayers focused on the reserved sacrament became part of Catholic life.

[www.uscatholic.org](http://www.uscatholic.org)



**“Without prolonged moments of adoration, of prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversation with the Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervor dies out. The Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer...”**

*Pope Francis  
Evangelii Gaudium, 2013*

## Parishioners on Adoration

“When I spend time in Adoration, all my priorities are set straight. When my whole world centers on Christ, even the smallest details of daily life have meaning.”

*T.H.*

“If you are a first-time adorer, know that God is never far away. He waits for us to come before Him and converse in an intimate way. A conversation is two-sided. Take time to be still and listen.”

*Louise Ridsdale*

“Spending time with the Lord in Adoration brings peace and joy that’s unrivaled in any other spiritual activity. My time there guided me through a horrific period of my life and gave me much needed peace and guidance.”

*Suzanne Beck*

“I love simply basking in His presence in Adoration, like sunbathing! It’s the best healing therapy imaginable.”

*Tina Gregory*

“I remember a while ago wishing Jesus could be right there in my face physically when I prayed. Then I thought, Oh! He IS in Adoration!”

*Darcel Weiss*

“Adoration is the best kept Catholic secret that isn’t so secret! Setting aside time to just “be” in His holy presence on a regular basis has profoundly deepened my faith.”

*C.T*

“I love adoration because it’s a sacred time for me to slow down, listen, and be with the Holy presence so I might pick up some graces.”

*Sridhar Ramanathan*

“It’s amazing that we will have more opportunities to go to Adoration. Parishes who offer more Adoration hours discover a huge spiritual boon.”

*J.D*

“I love the closeness of God. It’s wonderful to be in the presence. There is nothing more perfect and pure.”

*Lou Ventimiglio*

“To be close to THE One...my Creator...unimaginable Power...pure Love, and He wants to spend time with me? I can barely contain the love, joy and peace!”

*Pamela Hamilton*

“Adoration brings me to a reawakening of my place in relationship with God. God is totally, creatively, awesome and I am totally unawesome. God does not need my adoration; I’m the one that wants this enduring and endearing continuing reawakening of Adoration.”

*One of God's Children*

“In adoration, we return His love, and He awakens in us a greater thirst for all the gifts and graces which God extends to us as sons and daughters, not slaves or mere servants. We truly become family.”

*R.M*

# This Week



## New Parishioners Potluck Monday

The St. Michael's New Parishioners' Welcoming Potluck Committee will host a dinner for all new parishioners on Monday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kenneth Logsdon Hall (Small Hall). All interested parishioners are invited! For more information, please call Corry Painter at 373-9059. The New Parishioners' Welcoming Potluck Committee is a part of the Welcoming Ministry.

## Feast of St. Martha Tuesday

Martha, in the gospel of Luke, welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. She is the patron saint of cooks.

## Feast of St. Peter Chrysologus Wednesday

St. Peter, bishop and doctor of the church, was known for his exceptional oratorical eloquence. St Peter is the patron saint against fever.

## St. Ignatius of Loyola Thursday

A great soldier of the faith, St. Ignatius wrote his famous "Spiritual Exercises" and founded the Jesuit order. He is the patron saint of retreats and soldiers (among others).

## St. Alphonsus Liguori Friday

Bishop, Doctor of the Church, moral theologian and the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, St. Alphonsus is the patron saint of theologians.

## Feast of St. Eusebius of Vercelli Saturday

St. Eusebius presided over the council of Milan in 355 to correct the Arians, who were claiming Jesus was not God. He is known for slamming the Nicene creed on the table, demanding everyone sign it. He is the patron saint of Vercelli, Italy.

## Adoration Monday-Friday

We are happy to announce that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will now take place five days per week, at 9:00 am (or immediately following Mass) through 7:45 pm, ending with benediction. We need at least two adorers to sign up for each time slot. Please see the sign-up sheet in the chapel, or sign up online at [www.bit.ly/EucharisticAdoration](http://www.bit.ly/EucharisticAdoration).

## Homebound are Unvisited

We urgently need your help in visiting members of the community who are recuperating or who are homebound. The lay Ministers to the Homebound bring Eucharist and a smiling face to our friends in need. The visits are about 30 minutes and training is provided. Please call Clara George today at 925-443-6829.

## Father Walter Sends Love

Father Walter wanted everyone to know he sends his love and prayers. He is working on finding space in his new home for the odds and ends he has collected in the 55 years that he lived at the St. Michael rectory. He reports he is adjusting to a "parishioner" lifestyle and thanks you for your cards and letters:

Fr Walter Mayer, PO Box 1907, Benicia, CA 94510

## Invested and Consecrated

A great number of parishioners were invested into the Confraternity of the Brown Scapular last week, pledging themselves to Our Lady's protection and service to Jesus.

Sandra Cavellini, Rob Macri, and Louise Ridsdale were consecrated to Jesus through Mary after completing the 33 Days to Morning Glory preparation method. Pam and Jon Hamilton renewed their consecration in the St. Louis de Montfort method.

The Consecration Ministry will begin another 33 day preparation on September 4. Visit [www.stmichaellivermore.com](http://www.stmichaellivermore.com), Devotions, Consecration Ministry for more information.



# Coming Soon

## Evening with Emma de Guzman, Visionnaire August 9

All are invited to an unforgettable evening with Emma de Guzman, mystic, stigmatist and claimant Marian visionnaire. Join us in the chapel at 7 pm followed by Mass in the church. More information at [www.motherofjoy.com](http://www.motherofjoy.com).

## Social Ministry Certification Program August 9

A certification program designed to deepen your knowledge of Catholic social teaching begins August 9, one Saturday a month over five months. For more information contact Dave McKeown at [davemck2006@gmail.com](mailto:davemck2006@gmail.com).

## Come Deliver Backpacks August 16

Come at 9:00 am to help deliver almost 1,000 backpacks to children in their homes. Please assemble at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mormon Church) at 1501 Hillcrest Avenue. Anyone at least 18 years of age may deliver. Please sign in when you get there. About ten congregations are participating, so we want to make sure St. Michael's looks good! No need to call to volunteer. Just show up.

## Feed the Hungry At St. Mary's Center in Oakland August 24

For the 7th year, St. Michael parishioners will purchase, prepare and serve the main

meal for homeless and very low income seniors at St. Mary's Center in Oakland on Sunday, August 24th from 1 to 4 PM. On limited budgets, many guests choose between paying for heat, medications or food. Saint Michael's participation not only helps ensure that these seniors receive a nutritious, lovingly made dinner but also a warm sense of community. You can help by providing cash donations to purchase food. Please make checks out to Saint Michael Church and write "RCIA Saint Mary's Dinner" in the memo. Write RCIA on the envelope and place it in the collection or bring it to the rectory. Volunteers are needed to help serve the meal. Contact Lisa Malone, RCIA Mystagogy Coordinator, to volunteer: 925-455-0508.

## Teen Confirmation Registration August 27

Registration for a new 2-year teen confirmation class is happening August 27. Watch the bulletin and Flocknote for more details, or call Priscilla Olivas at 925-447-1585 x 11.

## Adult Confirmation Classes September 3

If you are a baptized Catholic and have received your First Holy Communion, St. Michael Church is offering you the opportunity to increase in you the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is your choice; all you have to do is open your mind and heart to this time of grace and be receptive to the Holy Spirit that the bishop and the Church will confer on you with the oil of salvation. If we are to live out the teachings of Jesus, we all need the power of the Holy Spirit, given to us in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The church teaches that Confirmation is needed "for

the completion of baptismal grace" (Catechism 1285).

Classes begin September 3 on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm in St. Michael Convent at 375 Maple Street. To register, call Louise Ridsdale at 447-2925.

## 33 Day Prep to Consecration September 4

Are you ready to increase your faith, hope and love? Consider a 33 day at-home preparation towards consecrating yourself to Jesus through Mary. We will journey together, starting September 4 to consecrate ourselves on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. Visit [www.stmichaellivermore.com](http://www.stmichaellivermore.com), Devotions, Consecration Ministry for more information.

## Prayer Breakfast with Donna Ross September 6

Magnificat Ministry for Catholic Women invites you to an inspiring prayer breakfast with speaker Donna Ross. Her testimony of how after 25 years of working for Disney's Magic Kingdom she chose to leave to work for the eternal kingdom of God will leave you energized and encouraged. The event is from 9:30 am -12:30 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord. For information and reservations visit [www.magnificatsoti.org](http://www.magnificatsoti.org) for info or call Maribel at 925-788-7762.

## St Michael's Teens Invited to Six Flags! September 20

St Michael's teens, young adults, and their families are invited to ON FIRE NorCal Jam at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom. Call Priscilla Olivas 925-447-1585 x 11 for details.

## New Lighthouse CD's Coming Soon!

A huge order of newly released audio presentations on CD will be arriving at the Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk soon. Please note that the kiosk is now located in the vestibule in the front of the church. A smaller display is also located outside the church office.

## Quotes for Next Week

How has your spiritual life benefited from Lighthouse audio CDs? Why do you like them? Do you have a positive experience to share about them? Send your brief quote to [stmichaellivermore@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaellivermore@gmail.com), and we will publish it in next week's bulletin. Sharing your thoughts might inspire someone else!



All things work for good  
for those who love God.

— Romans 8:28a

# Ministry Directory

## Adult Catechesis

Adult Catechesis Team  
925-352-8447  
Lighthouse Catholic Media  
925-352-8447  
Small Groups  
925-352-8447  
Social Concerns  
925-201-8666

## Charitable Works

Backpack Project  
925-455-1089  
Dress-a-Girl  
925-352-8447  
Feeding the Hungry  
925-449-0757  
Homebound Ministry  
925-443-6829  
Knights of Columbus  
925-292-5743  
St Vincent de Paul  
925-373-7472  
Welcoming Ministry  
925-294-4178

## Christian Initiation

Baptism for Infant-3 year olds  
925-447-1585 x0  
Baptism for Children 3-6 years  
925-447-6676  
Baptism & Eucharist for 5-17 years  
925-447-8814 x 246  
Teen Confirmation  
925-447-1585  
Adult Baptism and Eucharist  
925-447-2925  
Adult Confirmation  
925-447-2925  
Adults Inquiring About Catholicism  
925-447-2925

## Communication

Bulletin and Digital Media Submission  
(by 12 noon Monday)  
stmichaellivermore@gmail.com  
925-961-7231

## Evangelization

Legion of Mary  
925-223-7790

## Fellowship

Golden Friends  
925-447-8198  
WINGS (Women)  
925-447-4549  
Columbianettes

925-606-7991  
Young Ladies Institute  
925-447-4389

## Fortifying Families

Birthingright  
925-606-8230  
Covenant of Love Date Nights  
925-455-4234  
Grief Support Ministry  
925-455-0944  
Marriage Preparation (English)  
925-447-1585 x812  
Marriage Preparation (Spanish)  
925-960-1524  
Natural Family Planning  
925-577-4499  
Quinceañera  
925-606-5763  
World Wide Marriage Encounter  
925-292-9585

## Funerals

Holy Angels Funeral & Cremation  
at St Michael Cemetery  
925-455-9696

## Kids and Teens

St Michael School  
925-447-1888  
K-5 Faith Formation  
925-447-8814 x 304  
Formacion de Fe  
925-371-6214  
Jr High Youth Ministry  
925-449-2265  
High School Youth Ministry  
925-447-1585 x 11  
Vacation Bible School (summer)  
925-443-3143  
CYO Track  
www.smisctrack.org  
CYO Basketball  
www.smsccyo.org  
Girl Scouts  
925-294-8504  
Cub Scouts

925-371-8400  
Boy Scouts  
925-321-3614  
Columbian Squires  
925-447-4299  
Legion of Mary Junior Presidium  
925-216-0309

## Liturgy and Music

Liturgical Ministers and Ushers  
925-292-1451  
Altar Linens  
925-784-5390  
Altar Society  
925-323-8755  
Altar Servers  
925-447-1585  
Music Ministry  
925-292-5071

## Multi Cultural

Filipino Block Rosary Group  
925-373-9059  
Grupo de Oracion  
925-339-6411  
Virgen de Guadalupe  
925-606-1348  
Italian Catholic Federation  
925-447-0716  
Portuguese Community  
925-455-8359

## Prayer and Devotions

Blue Army of Mary  
925-447-3845  
Charismatic Prayer (English)  
925-449-7848  
Charismatic Prayer (Spanish)  
925-339-6411  
33 Day Consecration Ministry  
925-447-1585  
Medjugorje Prayer Group  
925-447-7887  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
925-223-7790



**JOHN W. NOONAN ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
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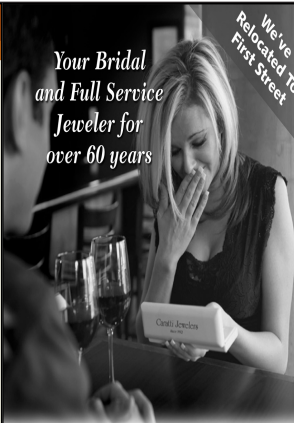
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La Hora Santa: ¿es difícil? No cuando se da con amor, aunque a veces parece dificultoso. Puede significar tener que renunciar a un compromiso social o cancelar una de sus actividades, pero en general nunca sera una carga, sólo una alegría poder sentarse a los pies de Cristo en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Al comienzo de mi sacerdocio me gustaba hacer una Hora Santa durante el día o la noche. A través de los últimos años, a raíz de mis ocupaciones, dedique la hora temprana de la mañana, por lo general antes de la Santa Misa. Hacer una Hora Santa es crecer más y más en Su semejanza, y nos convertimos en lo que contemplamos. Mirando al Señor eucarístico durante una hora transforma nuestro corazón y nuestra vida. El propósito de la Hora Santa es fomentar un profundo encuentro personal con Cristo. El Dios santo y glorioso constantemente nos invita a acercarnos a Él, para mantener una conversación con El, para pedir lo que necesitamos y para experimentar la bendición de estar en comunión con El. Es

imposible para mí explicar lo útil que la Hora Santa ha sido para preservar mi vocación, y del mismo modo la Hora Santa puede preservar su vocación y su familia.

En el Evangelio de este domingo, oímos que la salvación no nos cuesta nada, pero ¿significa eso que no vale la pena para nosotros? Dios nos ha revelado el valor de nuestra salvación, y ¿qué hacemos nosotros al respecto? Tenemos que estar dispuestos a seguir a Jesús, para ir donde nos dirige y para hacer lo que él dice. Al hacerlo, proclamamos que queremos a Jesús y entendemos el valor de nuestra salvación. Esto es lo que significa ser un discípulo de Jesús.

En su libro, El Costo del Discipulado, Dietrich Bonhoeffer habló de la gracia costosa. Él escribió: "La gracia costosa es el tesoro escondido en el campo. Por el bien de ella, un hombre con placer va y vende todo lo que tiene. Es la perla de gran precio para comprar, por la cual el comerciante vendería todos sus bienes. Es la regla real de Cristo, por la cual un hombre arrancaría el ojo que le hace tropezar. Es el llamado de Jesucristo por el cual el discípulo deja sus redes y lo sigue. La gracia costosa es el evangelio, que debemos buscar una y otra vez, el don que debemos solicitar, la puerta a la que el hombre tiene que llamar. Tal gracia es costosa, porque nos llama a seguir, y es gracia porque nos invoca a seguir a Jesucristo. Es costosa, porque le cuesta al hombre su

vida, y es gracia porque le da a un hombre la "única vida verdadera".

Jesús es el tesoro escondido, la perla de gran valor. A través de la gracia, tú y yo hemos recibido el regalo más grande de todos. Oremos para vivir una vida que refleje el valor de este regalo. Vivamos una vida que sea digna de Jesús. Hoy Jesús nos recuerda que hay un futuro reino de los cielos que podemos alcanzar si perseveramos en esta vida. Pero también nos recuerda que el reino está más cercano de lo que creemos, y es más poderoso de lo que pensamos. Su santa presencia en la Sagrada Eucaristía nos recuerda el poder de Dios para que alcancemos su reino y para cambiar nuestras vidas. Gracias a este poder podemos vivir como sus discípulos, dando todo para seguir a nuestro Señor y Rey.

Como podemos hacer alguna diferencia en nuestra parroquia? ¿Qué podríamos hacer para que esto ocurra?

Bendiciones,

Father Van



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### Scaramento el Ministerio de RICA Misa Carismatica

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