

St. Michael Catholic Church

Tybee Island, GA 31328

July 26, 2020 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement: St. Michael's is a Faith Community that seeks to build up God's Kingdom on Tybee Island through living out the Gospel message as we witness to its values of love, community, stewardship, and

Our Parish Community extends a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors. If you would like to register as a member of our parish community, please call the Parish Office or register on-line.



PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jerry Ragan – Pastor hapragan@hotmail.com
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Mrs. Ginny Murphy – Youth Coordinator
Mr. Ryan Beke – Music Director

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Parish Religious Formation Program

Fr. Jerry Ragan – RCIA
Ginny Murphy – Youth Program
Contact the Parish Office regarding PREP

Baptismal/Wedding Preparation: Call office for information

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PARISH CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Co-Presidents – Mike Beytagh/Carolyn Williams
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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: Public Mass will begin again August 1st 6PM
Sunday: Live Stream 9:00 AM on Sunday July 26th. Public Mass will begin August 2nd, 8AM and 11AM

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday - Thursday – 8:00 AM
Friday – **No Morning Service**

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

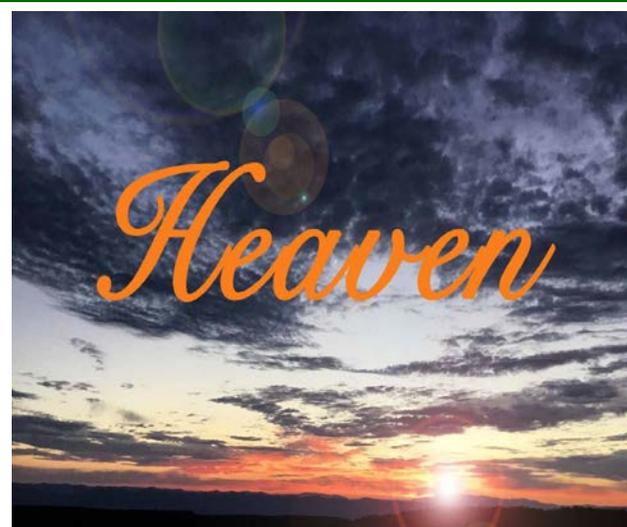
Live Stream Only – *consult the bulletin*
Low-Gluten hosts – please check in the sacristy
Sound amplification system – please contact the office
Accessibility/seating – ramp to left of main entrance, seating available in front pews

CONFESSIONS: By appointment

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August 1, 2020 and August 2, 2020

6:00 PM

Lectors: Robin Turner
Altar Servers: Cameron Beke
EMEs: Cathy Anderson/Gayle Valbuena
Ushers: Betty Dixon/Dave Ason
Cantor: Ryan Beke

8:00 AM

Lectors: Walker Beeson
Altar Servers: Matt Ferry
EMEs: Betty Jayne Hendrix
Ushers: Dana Johnson/Matt Alt
Cantor: Ryan Beke

11:00 AM

Lectors: Maria Scott
Altar Servers: Melissa Watkins
EMEs: Ginny Murphy/Karin Hogan
Ushers: Carl Looper/Joe Murphy
Cantor: Ryan Beke

Fr. Jerry's Corner – July 26, 2020 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Social Distance Confessions by Appointment

text me 706-267-1073

or in the Meeting Room at 5pm on Saturday

Mass for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Livestreamed at 9am on Sunday, July 26th

Followed by drive through Communion at 10am

(drive South on Lovell Ave from 7th St. to the front of the Rectory)

This Mass will also be simulcast to the carport.

Praise and Worship on Sunday at 5pm

Via livestream and on demand

Reopening of Public Masses

Monday through Thursday at 8am

School for Disciples on Wednesday

Join us with social distancing in the Churchyard at 5:30pm for Prayer and Cocktails

We share our experience of Week #12 of the Ignatian Adventure

Mass for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 1st, Vigil Mass at 6pm

Sunday, August 2nd, Morning Mass at 8am and 11am

Three options for participation:

1. In Church
2. In the Churchyard (during 6pm and 11am)
3. At Home via livestream and on demand

Drive by Communion at 9:10am in front of the Rectory on Lovell Ave.

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Next week I'll have to return to the more limited space of a printed bulletin. I'll continue to share articles that I find of interest in my Tuesday notes. But this will be my last super-sized bulletin. As we reopen once again to public worship this coming Monday, I am going to turn to the words and wisdom of our Bishop-elect, Fr. Stephen D. Parkes as he reminded his parish of the Annunciation in Altamonte Springs, Florida:

Dear Friends in Christ:

I am excited to continue to share with your information for the re-opening of our Church building, leading to a return to our weekend Masses on August 1st and 2nd.

Please know that we have structured and specific procedures so that we can adhere to the guidelines for minimizing the spread of COVID 19, trying to create a safe environment for all. As such, we all have a responsibility to practice the measures that have been recommended by the CDC including staying at home if you are experiencing flu like symptoms or if you are in a high-risk population.

As we begin to reopen the Church building and re-institute the public sacramental life of our parish, I invite you to reflect upon finding God in Beauty, Truth and Goodness. In my own personal spiritual life, I try each day to reflect and find moments to Discover Beauty, Understand Truth, and Inspire Goodness.

A great place to reflect upon the Beauty is in nature, but I also invite you to find His Holy Presence and peace here in our Church through a short period of private prayer and devotion.

During these past weeks, I know that the inability to fully participate in the Sacraments has brought forth various emotions. As the Sacramental life of our parish is re-instituted, I hope that this will be a chance for you to understand more fully the Truth of the Sacraments... how your participation in them are opportunities for God's grace which lead to deeper love and service to God and others.

It is in a spirit of charity and Goodness that I ask you to please be attentive to the guidelines and protocols that are being put into place here in our parish for visits to the Church for private prayer and devotion or for participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When you are able, ready, and comfortable to return to our church, I ask for your cooperation so that together we can promote a healthy environment.

I look forward to continuing to grow in faith with you and your loved ones. Your decision to come to our parish church is an acceptance of your personal responsibility to respect the guidelines of social distancing and also respecting the health and wellbeing of others. Perhaps you have heard me say at some point that 'good boundaries make for good relationships'. The guidelines and protocols being put into place at this time are so that we as a community can be blessed in our relationships with God and one another.

May this be a special time for you to Discover Beauty, Understand Truth, and Inspire Goodness. In Christ, Very Rev. Stephen D. Parkes, V.F.

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Thank you, Bishop-elect Parkes! This pandemic is an awfully hard thing to live through and as of this writing Congress hasn't agreed to extend the expanded unemployment insurance payments, so we want to keep in our prayers those without means to provide for their families. No doubt, there will be a need for more charitable outreach in the weeks and months ahead. I am so very grateful to those of you who have been able to contribute to our charity fund, especially since our main source of charity income, the Thrift Shop, has been closed for so long. We also want to continue to pray for educators and school administrators who have some impossible decisions ahead of them. And I have a personal request that you pray for Tom Wiedmeier, a great guy who along with his wife Kelly were the first folks to invite me into their home 27 years ago when I came to Georgia as a Glenmary missionary. Tom has been hanging between heaven and earth in the I.C.U. for the last two weeks.

Beyond the shadows that this pandemic has brought into our lives, there still remains bright spots. I have had some great conversations over the last few weeks with people who are drawing closer to God. Folks are finding a deeper intimacy with the Lord through a more focused prayer life during these uncertain times. Those conversations have been such a joy for me as a parish priest. I'd encourage you all to seek the Lord in an ever more intimate way. I'd encourage you specially to reflect on the Sunday Scripture as a way of deepening your relationship with Jesus. Each week I will offer a question or two for you to reflect upon and hopefully share with your family and friends.

Questions of the Week? In the first reading, Solomon asks for an understanding heart. How do you develop an understanding heart? In the Gospel, Jesus used images of great wealth – buried treasure and a pearl of great price. Did the pearl-finder and the merchant have to be shrewd about obtaining their treasures? What about you? Are you shrewd about recognizing the “treasure” of the kingdom of God in your life? Do you find, or at least look for God in all things in your life? Do you notice when God is “whispering,” or just when God is “shouting” in your life?

Be kind and stay safe! - Fr. Jerry

St. Corona: Pray for us!

By Renée K. Gadoua | Contributing writer for The Catholic Sun

Some Catholics seeking spiritual solace during the coronavirus pandemic are turning to the 2nd century St. Corona (d. C. 170) as patron saint of plagues and epidemics. St. Corona and St. Victor, a soldier who may have been her husband, were tortured and killed around 170 at the order of a Roman judge, according to an account that dates to the 4th century.

Their feast day is May 14, according to the Roman Martyrology, the Catholic Church's official list of recognized saints and people who have been beatified. As Corona was dying, she “saw two crowns falling from Heaven, one for Victor, the other for herself,” the martyrology says.

Coronaviruses are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Corona means “crown” in Latin. While several Catholic publications in recent days have connected St. Corona to the coronavirus outbreak, sources including Catholic Online identify her as patron saint of gambling.

It's unclear when people began associating St. Corona with plagues, given limited first-hand records of early saints. Sts. Victor and Corona were recognized as saints before the Catholic Church standardized its canonization process in the 10th century. But St. Corona's name, the reference to crowns in the martyrology, and accounts of

her suffering seem to provide reasonable justification to call on her intercession during today's unprecedented global health crisis.

Other saints affiliated with illness or difficult times include:

- St. Jude: Patron of lost causes
- St. Anthony of Egypt: Patron of people affected by skin diseases or infectious diseases
- St. Edmund: Patron for victims of pandemics
- The Fourteen Holy Helpers: Includes St. Blaise, St. Christopher, and St. Margaret, patrons of plague and sudden death, beginning with the Black Death (bubonic plague) during the 14th century

And don't forget St. Marianne Cope (1838-1918), the Franciscan leader who lived and ministered in the diocese and who was canonized in 2012, the 11th American named a Catholic saint. The patron saint of outcasts, she ministered to people with leprosy from 1883 to 1918 in Hawaii. Her constant mandate to patients and caregivers: Wash your hands.

Renée K. Gadoua is a freelance writer and editor. Follow her on Twitter @ReneeKGadoua.

Prayer to St. Corona in a Time of Epidemic

Lord, Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation.

Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic. Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord. Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world. St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us.

Their Calling Was to Lay Hands on the Sick. Then Came the Coronavirus.

How the pandemic transformed the lives and ministry of eight Manhattan friars, and what their example can teach the rest of us.

By Elizabeth Bruenig Ms. Bruenig is an Opinion writer for The New York Times

Hugh Vincent Dyer, a 45-year-old Catholic friar, begins his days now in a sealed nursing home in Manhattan. He celebrates Mass in an empty chapel. The service is broadcast over closed-circuit television into residents' rooms. "And I preach," he told me, "because the people are listening," even though there are no eyes in the chapel to reflect recognition, and no heads to bow in thanks. "I say a prayer of spiritual communion, because they can't physically receive the sacrament."

He spends the rest of his time making phone calls to residents and their relatives, praying the rosary or stations of the cross on the closed-circuit chapel channel, and sometimes sharing poetry, recorded concerts, or films. Signs on doors demarcate the rooms of patients suffering from the coronavirus. Father Dyer visits these patients only at a safe distance, clad in the white habit of the Dominican Order and a pale surgical mask. He tries to help residents and the staff maintain hope, even as death has become an increasingly regular occurrence.

"I hear from people who want to know, is this the end of the world?" he said. "And I don't know. But in some sense, we're to live as though it's always the end."

A few weeks ago, the apocalypse didn't feel so near. Before the coronavirus began its sweep through the nation, Father Dyer spent roughly 20 hours a week at the nursing home. He lived in a community of eight Dominican friars at the St. Catherine of Siena religious house, on Manhattan's Upper East Side. There, the brothers lived much as Dominican friars have since the order's founding in the 13th century: praying, eating, and ministering together.

For this particular community, that ministry has primarily entailed chaplaincy at local hospitals and nursing homes since the 1940s. On any given day, the brothers could expect to offer Mass at on-site chapels, anoint the sick, administer last rites to the dying and pray with patients and their families. Then they would return to their community, where they found peace, solidarity, and spiritual sustenance in their brotherhood.

But as the coronavirus spread, the friars realized their common life could be a source of danger. In light of his work in the nursing home, Father Dyer first stopped making hospital visits, fearing he might contract the virus and spread it to the vulnerable elderly. "Then by the 10th of March," he said, "we figured, maybe I should just move there."

The brothers also made the difficult decision to send three elderly friars away, concerned that they, too, might fall ill living in such proximity with active chaplains. In all, the number of brothers living at the residence is down to four — half of what it was in early March.

The loss has been difficult to bear. "Our life is founded on doing things in common," Walter Wagner, 58, one of the remaining brothers, said. "We pray in common at least twice a day if not more, we eat in common, and we spend a lot of the day in common." Now, with social distancing, he said, "all of those forms are challenged."

The friars no longer gather for communal prayer or meals. Father Wagner used to be a substitute chaplain, making hospital runs when the other friars were occupied. But since medical facilities have vastly restricted entry, his visits have stopped. Father Wagner also celebrated Mass as the pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena on Sundays, but with all public Masses in the Archdiocese of New York canceled, he has found himself often alone. He fills his hours with work: live-streaming Mass and prayers on Facebook, recording audio messages to his parishioners, writing letters of encouragement. “It’s been this moment of trying to figure out, how do you live the gospel when you don’t have some of the fundamental means of living it?” he said.

That question has weighed on lay Catholics, too, as the pandemic has withdrawn the familiar comforts of the faith, including confession, public worship and most crucially, communion. I asked Father Wagner how he would counsel them. He recalled a passage from St. Thomas Aquinas: “God is not bound by the sacraments,” he said. “God gives us tangible signs and effective signs, but God is not locked into that.”

John Devaney, 44, another of the brothers, has continued to venture into the city’s hospitals. Where he had once been able to stand near his patients and lay his hands on their bodies in a final gesture of solace (“Christ always laid his hands on the sick,” he reminded me), coronavirus protocols now require that he adopt gloves, gowns, masks — and usually a great deal of distance.

He has also wrestled with his own fear. Walking the halls of temporary coronavirus wards amid the pumping hiss of mechanical ventilators and shellshocked hospital workers, he said: “I started to think about, maybe I could get this. Maybe it could kill me.” Yet Father Devaney still finds avenues of grace. “What gives me hope is that in the Catholic funeral liturgy, it says, life hasn’t ended, it has changed. So, for me the hope is that there is a supernatural reality we can’t see, that there is eternal life, life in eternity. And that death doesn’t have the final word.”

Yet these sacrifices make up the core of the faith. The Gospel of John recounts that after arising from his tomb, Jesus Christ appeared to Mary Magdalene, who had come to tend to his body. He called to her by name, and recognizing her beloved teacher, she rushed to embrace him. “Do not touch me,” he said. How jarring that must have been to hear, and how painful to refrain — impossible, perhaps, save for the belief, held close in her heart, that the time would soon come to touch him again.

Elizabeth Bruenig (@ebruenig) is an Opinion writer.

Fr. Jerry Ragan

PRAYER ANGELS - The following families will be remembered in prayer the week of July 26th:

- Monica Hull-Shea
- Joe and Ginny Murphy
- Diane Ring



July 19, 2020

Yearly Offertory Budget	\$ 324,000.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$ 6,230.77
Collected Offertory	\$ 2,642.00
Same Time Last Year	\$ 4,555.00
Budgeted YTD	\$ 18,692.31
Collected YTD	\$ 11,386.00

PRAYER LIST: Mary Ellen Beytagh, Anna Bryant, Ken Colquitt, Margaret Duloherly, Michael Elliott, Michelle Dubuc Gleason, Cheryl Di Giovanni, Charlie Johnson, Brenda Manucy, Patricia Maxheimer, Fr. Dan O'Connell, Lavinia Mattox, Vickie Roberson, Mary Smoak, Teah Stillings, Phyllis Watkins, Angie Weidner.



ALTAR FLOWERS:

If you would like to donate flowers for an anniversary, birthday, or memorial, call the Parish Office. **Cost: \$80.**



- Sat. July 25 † Nancy Elizabeth Cook
- Sun. July 26 The Parish
- Mon. July 27 Intentions of Fr. Mark Ross
- Tues. July 28 Intentions of Fr. Robert Schlageter
- Wed. July 29 Intentions of Fr. Vicente Terrazas
- Thurs. July 30 † Dr. Charles W. Miller (A)
- Fri. July 31 No Morning Service
- Sat. Aug 1 The Parish



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER:

Marna Lewin

BULLETIN ADS: Space is available if you would like to place an advertisement in the church bulletin. Contact the office, 786-4505 for more information.

POOR BOX - We do not have a box but to donate to help the poor, please write your check payable to St. Michael with a notation that it is for the Charity/Stewardship account.



THRIFT SHOP: The Thrift shop will remain closed and no drop off donations will be accepted through the month of July due to the pandemic.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same? See Psalm 119



- Sun., July 26 **Praise and Worship Live Stream 5:00 PM**
- Wed., July 29 School for Disciples 5:30PM Rectory carport
- Sat., Aug 1 6:00PM Vigil Mass (Public)
- Sun., Aug 2 8:00AM and 11:00AM Mass (Public)
- Sun., Aug 2 **Praise and Worship in the Church and Livestream 5:00 PM**

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:8

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*Hanna Suddath will be joining
Ryan and Tasha Beke*

*for an hour of beautiful music and prayer.
Sunday, July 26th at 5:00PM via Livestream!*