

# St. Michael Catholic Church

## Tybee Island, GA 31328

August 22, 2021 | Twenty-First 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 service.

*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](mailto:hapragan@hotmail.com)  
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### Parish Religious Formation Program

Fr. Jerry Ragan – RCIA  
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Contact the Parish Office regarding PREP

**Baptismal/Wedding Preparation:** Call office for information

**Websites:** <http://www.saintmichaelstybee.org>  
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### PARISH CONTACTS

Pastoral Council President – Carolyn Williams  
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St. Michael Council of Catholic Women – Gayle Valbuena  
Holy Name Society – Matt Ferry  
Buildings and Grounds – Matt Ferry  
Endowment Fund – Mike Lynch/Fr. Jerry Ragan

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: Sat. 6:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00AM and 11:00 AM

#### Weekday Mass Schedule:

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

#### Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 AM and 6:00 PM – *consult the bulletin*  
**Low-Gluten hosts** – please check in the sacristy  
**Accessibility/seating** – ramp to left of main entrance, seating available in front of Church

**CONFESSIONS:** 5:00-5:30 PM on Saturday OR by appointment

### St. Michael Thrift Store Hours

Wednesday and Friday 10AM – 12 Noon  
Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Butler Avenue

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### August 28 and August 29, 2021

#### 6:00 PM

Lectors: Susan Ason  
Altar Servers: Melissa Watkins  
EMEs: Cathy Anderson/Gayle Valbuena  
Ushers: Betty Dixon/Kevin Cook  
Cantor: Ryan Beke

#### 8:00 AM

Lectors: Dina Watson  
Altar Servers: Matt Ferry  
EME: Betty Jayne Hendrix  
Ushers: Dana Johnson/Matt Alt  
Cantor: Ryan Beke

#### 11:00 AM

Lectors: Theresa Pottratz  
Altar Servers: Claire Henriquez  
EMEs: Karen Sheehan/Mike Lynch  
Ushers: Carl Looper/Joe Murphy  
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## ***Fr. Jerry's Corner – August 22, 2021 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Drinking with the Saints  
Featuring Ss. Monica and Augustine  
Saturday, August 28, at 7:30pm  
The Gilker Patio at 1417 Chatham Ave.**

We'll talk about the concerns of parents whose children no longer practice the faith. Saint Monica, Mother of the great saint, Augustine of Hippo — Father and Doctor of the Church — had her hands full with her son who was both a brilliant student and something of a youthful hedonist, fathering a child out of wedlock at the age of 19. A Christian woman married to a Pagan, Monica watched her son's journey and prayed faithfully for his conversion to Christ.

Saint Monica is the patron saint of difficult children, and the conversion of relatives, particularly one's own children. She is the consoling friend in heaven who wholly understands the despair of parents who feel helpless and confused as they watch their children drift away from the church. As Monica prayed and fasted for her children to come to know Christ Jesus, she is our powerful companion and intercessor to all who feel confounded by the "journeys" of their sons and daughters.

**A prayer:** I turn to you, dear Saint Monica and request your assistance and intercession. From your place in heaven, I beg that you will plead before the Throne of the Holy One, for the sake of my child, [Name], who has wandered from the faith, and all that we have tried to teach.

I know, dear Monica, that our children belong not to us, but to God, and that God often permits this wandering as part of one's journey toward Him. Your son, Augustine, wandered, too; eventually he found the faith, and came to believe, and in that belief became a true teacher.

St. Monica, please teach me to persist in faithful prayer as you did for your son's sake. Inspire me to behave in ways that will not further distance my child from Christ, but only draw [Name] gently towards his marvelous light. O Saint Monica, lover of Christ and His Church, pray for me, and for my child [Name], that we may acquire heaven, joining with you, there, in offering constant and thankful praise to God, Amen.

**August 22, 2021**

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 | Jn 6:60-69**

**GROW:** Have you ever felt nervous in standing up for something, or in taking a position on an issue? Even when the stakes are not particularly high, like a classroom debate over an author's meaning in her text or requesting that customer service fix a take-out order gone awry, it can be nerve-racking for many of us to have this kind of engagement. It is especially difficult when we sense conflict. Why is that? Why do we care so much what others think of us? What about when the stakes are literally life or death? In today's first reading, Joshua is imploring the people to decide which god they will serve, and he boldly proclaims: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." In the Gospel, some of Jesus' disciples reject his teachings and drift back to "their former way of life." Jesus asks the Twelve whether they, too, "want to leave." Simon Peter responds with the rhetorical question, "Master, to whom [else] shall we go?" Like Joshua, he is bold in his own pronouncement: "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Today's readings encourage and exhort us to go "all in" when it comes to discipleship. The implication is clear: it matters not what others think of us, or what attraction they might hold for us to acquiesce to them. God alone is the source of life, and the truth. He offers us a way – it's that simple. We simply must decide to serve him.

**GO:** At times this commitment, this life of discipleship, is more difficult than other times. Faith is a personal and communal relationship with our Triune God, and just like our human relationships it requires attentiveness, and "[living] in love as Christ loved us." Just as a spouse or roommate can annoy us – being messy, hearing the same joke over and over, and don't get me started on who gets to control the remote! – we may get upset with God because our expectations are not met. But God is God, not "who we think God ought to be." Therefore, today's readings are an encouragement to remain steadfast when things are difficult, with St. Paul comparing the love of Jesus for the Church (all of us!) with the mutual love between a husband and wife. No one said it would be easy. Just as a good marriage requires communication, give-and-take, and large doses of forgiveness, so does our relationship with the Lord require prayer, confession, repentance, and thanksgiving.

**ACTION:** Place Joshua's words on your refrigerator this week: "Decide today whom you will serve ... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Brainstorm about how each member of your household can do that.

*Fr. Jerry Ragan*

### PRAYER ANGELS:

The following families will be remembered in prayer the week of August 22nd:

- Nancy and Patrick Fucci
- Marie and Don McLendon
- Margaret and Leo Sheehan



### PRAYER LIST: Donnie Anderson, Kathi Anderson,



Jennifer Clessas, Ken Colquitt, Viviane Dubuc, Margaret Dulohery, Kathy Dutko, Michael Elliott, Pat Foster, Gloria Gilliam, Bernie Goode, Joe Griffin, Charlie Johnson, Victor Kayati, Donna Loeper, Lavinia Mattox, Don McLendon, Fr. Dan O'Connell, JoAnne Remler, Sr. Lourdes Sheehan, Teah Stillings, Shelley Thompson, and Angie Weidner.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers this weekend are in memory of Josephine Groover and Fred Lindsay from their families.



If you would like to donate flowers for an anniversary, birthday, or memorial, call the Parish Office. **Cost: \$100**



**WITH THE LORD:** We extend sympathy to the families of **Kate Marston**, Tasha Beke's sister, who died on Tues., August 10, 2021, and **Steve McCusker**, who died on Mon., August 16, 2021. May they through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### SOCIAL APOSTOLATE FOOD DRIVE:

Donations are needed, any non-perishable foods. There will be a basket for collection at the altar during the entire month of August. Thank you for your generosity.

**DRINKING WITH THE SAINTS:** Save the date! Raise your spirits and toast the Saints! Next Holy Happy Hour will be Sat., Aug. 28th at 7:30pm, at 1417 Chatham Ave. All are invited to learn more about St. Monica and St. Augustine.

**FORMED** is a great Catholic resource site that the parish subscribes to and it's free to our parishioners. The site has amazing daily reflections, videos, bible study, faith formation and more. To get started access the site, <http://formed.org/signup>, enter the parish code XGNF37, and enter your name and email. It's that simple! Enjoy, Catholic faith on demand!

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

## Parish Giving

August 15, 2021

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Yearly Offertory/Donations Budget | \$ 341,000.00 |
| Weekly Average Needed             | \$ 6,557.69   |
| Collected Offertory/Donations     | \$ 7,663.00   |
| Same Time Last Year               | \$ 6,319.00   |
| Budgeted YTD                      | \$ 45,903.83  |
| Collected YTD                     | \$ 57,056.40  |
| Same Time Last Year (YTD)         | \$ 35,251.00  |
| ACA (2020 Goal)                   | \$ 30,583.00  |
| ACA (Pledged to Date)             | \$ 4,250.00   |
| ACA (Paid-One Time/Pledges)       | \$ 38,190.85  |

### Masses For The Week



|               |          |  |
|---------------|----------|--|
| Sat. Aug 21   | 6:00 PM  | The Parish                               |
| Sun. Aug 22   | 8:00 AM  | Intentions of Fr. Keith O'Neill          |
|               | 11:00 AM | † Josephine Groover (A) and Fred Lindsay |
| Mon. Aug 23   | 8:00 AM  | † Catherine Daniels Summerlin (A)        |
| Tues. Aug 24  | 8:00 AM  | † Steve McCusker                         |
| Wed. Aug 25   | 8:00 AM  | Intentions of Fr. Francois Pellissier    |
| Thurs. Aug 26 | 8:00 AM  | † John H. Daniels (A)                    |
| Fri. Aug 27   |          | No Service                               |
| Sat. Aug 28   | 6:00 PM  | The Parish                               |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

|                |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Mon., Aug 23   | Buildings & Grounds Meeting 5:30pm |
| Wed., Aug 25   | School for Disciples 5:30pm        |
| Thurs., Aug 26 | Choir Practice 5:45pm              |
| Sat., Aug 28   | Prayer Movement 9:00am             |
| Sat., Aug 28   | Drinking with the Saints 7:30pm    |
| Sun., Aug 29   | Pastoral Council Meeting 12:15pm   |

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD POST ABORTION

**HEALING RETREAT: Nov. 5-7, 2021** Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat offers an opportunity to find healing, hope and forgiveness, for any woman, man, family member, or friend, who is struggling with the emotional, spiritual and psychological pain after an abortion. For information contact Stephanie May, 912-306-0406, [stephaniemay135@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniemay135@gmail.com), or visit the website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). All calls are strictly confidential. Our next retreat is near Augusta, Ga.



# Family Video Contest

## *Celebrating the Year of the Family*

Grand Prize  
A weekend on Tybee Island (October 8-11, 2021)

- Create a video that depicts how your family **lives out its Catholic faith at home**
- Must be under 5-minutes
- Submission period is June 1 - September 8
- Families of all sizes & ages may enter

For complete contest rules  
and video submission, please visit  
[www.diosav.org/offices/family-life](http://www.diosav.org/offices/family-life)



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# Nine weeks of prayer and pilgrimage



The Diocese of Savannah invites you to commemorate the

## Year of Saint Joseph

by participating in nine weeks of prayer and a pilgrimage from August 15 to October 9, 2021.

### How can you participate?

- Visiting one of the parishes that will host our Traveling St. Joseph
- Attending a special Mass\* that will be celebrated by our Bishop, Most Reverend Stephen Parkes, on October 9 at 10:00 am at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, Ga.

Below you will find the list of churches that will be hosting our Traveling St. Joseph.

Please contact each church directly for more details.

| City                 | Church   | Dates          |
|----------------------|--|----------------|
| <b>Savannah</b>      | Sacred Heart                                   | August, 14-15  |
| <b>Brunswick</b>     | St. Francis Xavier                             | August, 15- 20 |
| <b>Jesup</b>         | St. Joseph                                     | August, 21-22  |
| <b>Waycross</b>      | St. Joseph                                     | August, 23-25  |
| <b>Tifton</b>        | Our Divine Saviour                             | August, 26-27  |
| <b>Lake Park</b>     | San José                                       | August, 28     |
| <b>Valdosta</b>      | St. John the Evangelist                        | August, 29     |
| <b>Thomasville</b>   | St. Augustine                                  | August, 30-31  |
| <b>Cairo</b>         | St Elizabeth                                   | Sept., 1-3     |
| <b>Bainbridge</b>    | St. Joseph the Worker                          | Sept., 4-6     |
| <b>Cordele</b>       | St. Theresa                                    | Sept., 7-10    |
| <b>Columbus</b>      | Our Lady of Lourdes                            | Sept., 11-17   |
| <b>Warner Robins</b> | Sacred Heart                                   | Sept., 21-22   |
| <b>Macon</b>         | Peter Claver                                   | Sept., 18-22   |
| <b>Dublin</b>        | Immaculate Conception                          | Sept., 23-24   |
| <b>Augusta</b>       | St. Joseph                                     | Sept., 25-27   |
| <b>Grovetown</b>     | St. Teresa de Ávila                            | Sept., 28-29   |
| <b>Baxley</b>        | St. Rose of Lima                               | Sept.,30       |
| <b>Alma</b>          | St. Frances of Rome                            | Sept., 30      |
| <b>Hazlehurst</b>    | Good Shepherd                                  | Oct., 1        |
| <b>Metter</b>        | Holy Family                                    | Oct., 2-3      |
| <b>Swainsboro</b>    | Holy Trinity                                   | Oct., 4-6      |
| <b>Richmond Hill</b> | St Anne  | Oct., 7-8      |
| <b>Savannah*</b>     | The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist | Oct. 9         |

\*Please note that the Mass will be celebrated in Spanish but we will have all materials translated to English as well



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