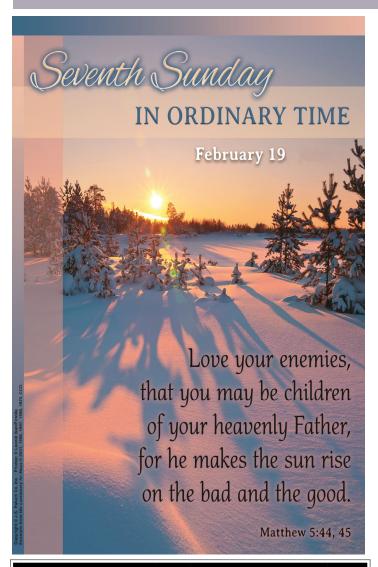
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 9:30 & 11:00 am Domingo: 3:00 pm Misa en Español;

Confesión 2:00 pm

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am Saturday: 8:00 am

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES AT 8 AM, NOON & 7 PM

ASHES SERVICE IN SPANISH AT 8:15 PM

Welcome to our Community

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesdays from 8:30 until 7:00 PM in the Church with Benediction at 6:30 PM

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Friday: 9:00 am to noon.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday from 3:00-4:00 pm; also after the 8:00 am Mass on the Thursday before the first Friday of each month.

BAPTISM: Arrangements are made six weeks in advance.

MARRIAGE: Six months formation program is required.

TODAY'S MASS: **JOURNEYSONGS** #946

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To engage our Parish in continuing the loving and reconciling ministry of Jesus Christ through Worship, Witness and Works.





"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you Matthew 5:44

NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE

Our readings from Leviticus and from Matthew today explore an especially difficult challenge: how to respond to injury and humiliation. Leviticus teaches that, in order to be holy, God's people must refrain from grudges or revenge. In Matthew, Jesus teaches that we must first avoid actions that continue an escalating cycle of retribution. Jesus advocated a creative non-violent resistance, a response that both refuses to accept being humiliated and keeps open the possibility of reconciliation. For his listeners, turning the other cheek or walking the second mile were ways to throw the oppressor off-balance. They expose the harm being done, and sustain one's personal dignity. When Jesus follows with his next teaching, "love your enemies," he points to what might be a long journey of forgiveness toward those who hurt us. At these times, we might remember that Jesus, in his suffering and death, followed a similar path.

TEMPLE OF GOD

When Paul writes "you are the temple of God," note that he uses the plural form of "you." He was speaking about the community at Corinth as a temple. For Paul, a temple is where God dwells. God abides, and is active within, the shared life of the community. Paul speaks at length about the divisions within the Corinthian community. These divisions were seen as a defilement of God's temple.

We encounter divisions in our own Church today, sometimes accompanied by a troubling lack of humility and charity. Often the conflicts revolve around establishing markers of true discipleship, with some emphasizing personal faith and morality, and others emphasizing justice and the Church's social teachings. Perhaps the Spirit, active in the temple of our shared life, points toward Jesus' command "love your enemies." Perhaps we best exhibit discipleship in the charity we extend, and our capacity for dialogue, with those who disagree with us or who are unkind to us.

THE SERMON

Today we conclude the series of Sunday Gospel passages from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew's chapters 5–7. Having proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom, Jesus extensively described to his new community what life is like in this new realm, and the inner dispositions needed to enter into it. He exposed hidden places of the heart, especially those places that needed to be healed.

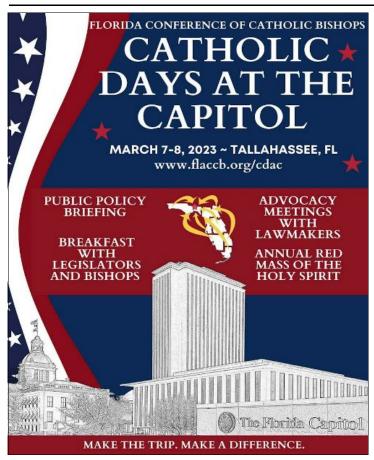
The Sermon is a huge challenge for us today. The Sermon pushes against our attempts to compromise what God summons us to be and to do. It challenges our deep desires to see ourselves as virtuous, and to resist God's desire to transform us. It reminds us that

we are both loved by God and in need of God's help. As we anticipate the season of Lent, consider prayerfully reading the Sermon as a whole. We are invited to carefully explore our deeper motivations, to allow God to uncover and to heal our fears and our wounds.

TODAY'S READINGS

Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18 Psalm 1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13 1 Corinthians 3:16–23 Matthew 5:38–48

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Registration deadline is Friday, February 17th. Pre-registration with our local diocese is required.



Our Parish Nurses are offering FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING at the back of D Hall today, Sunday, 2/19.

† Ashes will be distributed during Masses on Wednesday, February 22nd. Masses are at 8 AM, noon, and 7 PM. There will also be a service at 8:15 PM in Spanish to distribute ashes.
† There will be a Parish Lenten Reconciliation

Service on Tuesday, March 21st, at 7 PM.





ST. MICHAEL'S COUNCIL #11295

ASH WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNER

Wednesday, February 22nd 4:30 to 6:30 Cenacle \$6

All Parishioners welcome! Tickets available in the office and at the door. Clam Chowder, Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, and more.

THE PARISH OFFICE AND THE ORATORY WILL BE CLOSED ON PRESIDENTS' DAY, MONDAY, 2/20.



TICKETS ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

The St Michael's Catholic Women's Council 2nd Annual St Michael's Twilight Racing Gala

Date: Friday, April 21, 2023

Time: Doors Open 5.30 pm ~ First Race at 6.30 pm

At: Countryside Country Club

Tickets: \$55

Please reach out to the Gala Chair: Marina Kloppel (858) 382 7499, if you would like to volunteer, advertise in the Gala Program, and or donate live/silent auction items. This event sold out last year so get your tickets early!

The St Michael's Catholic Women's Council presents a **BABY SHOWER**

benefiting Kimberly Home Pregnancy Center From Feb 4th to the 26th, you can leave items in the Packn-Play in the Narthex. In demand are larger diapers (4, 5 and 6's), wipes, diaper anointment, baby wash and shampoo, baby clothes, nursing pads, nursing bras, maternity clothing, pjs, onesies, strollers, high chairs, brand new car seats, gift cards and Pack-n-Plays etc. All items can be new or gently used (except car seats which must be new).

REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

The dual disciplines of fasting and abstinence have a long history in the Catholic Church. Going back to the early Church, the purpose behind the custom of self-denial is not punishment; it is to simplify our lifestyles so that we create a certain emptiness. In this way, freed from all distractions, we are able to hear and respond to God's continued call to conversion and holiness.

- † **FASTING** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be takes according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.
- † **ABSTINENCE** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

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#532

ENTRANCE HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us your humble dwelling; All your faithful mercies crown. Jesus, source of all compassion, Love unbounded, love all pure; Visit us with your salvation, Let your love in us endure.
 - Come, almighty to deliver; Let us all your life receive;
 Suddenly return and never, Nevermore your temples leave.
 Lord, we would be always blessing, Serve you as your hosts above, Pray, and praise you without ceasing,
 Glory in your precious love.
- 3. Finish then your new creation, Pure and spotless, gracious Lord; Let us see your great salvation Perfectly in you restored. Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing before the almighty, Lost in wonder, love and praise!

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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

#717

Christians, Let Us Love One Another

- Christians, let us love one another, As we share the true living bread.
 Jesus is our God and our brother;
 With his flesh and blood we are fed.
- R. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.
- We who break this bread are one body, We who share this cup are all one. Children of our Father in heaven, We are heirs with God's only son. (R.)
 - 3. We who eat and drink at this table Die and rise again with our Lord. Drawing from our Rock living water Giv'n to all who thirst for accord. (R.)
- 4. On the path of life we may falter, Earthly food alone leaves us weak; Always you invite from the altar, "Hungry souls their food here must seek." (R.)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.

COMMUNION SONG

Loving and Forgiving

Scott Soper

R. Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

- 1. All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God. All my being, bless the Lord, rememb'ring the goodness of God. (R.)
- 2. God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain, saving us from final death, God fills us with goodness and love.
 (R.)
- 3. Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love. God remembers not our sins; forgiving and loving is God. (R.)
- 4. As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for us.

 As far as east is from the west, the Lord takes our sins from us.

 (R.)

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FINAL HYMN

#603

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

- Now thank we all our God With heart, and hands, and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom his world rejoices; Who, from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.
 - 2. O may this gracious God Through all our life be near us! With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us; Preserve us in his grace, And guide us in distress, And free us from all sin, Till heaven we possess.
 - 3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The Son, and Spirit blest, Who reigns in highest heaven, Eternal, Triune God, Whom earth and heav'n adore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be, evermore.

Text: 67 67 66 66; Sirach 50:22–24; Martin Rinkart, 1586–1649; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662; adapt. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847, alt. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #A-735212



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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

For some years now, St. Michael's grief support group has been guiding and comforting those who have lost a friend or loved one on their journey toward healing and a normal and fulfilling life once again. There are many benefits in belonging to a support group. Two of the most important are understanding and caring among those who attend and hope for the future. Sometimes friends and family let it be known that "we should be over it by now"; but we know that each of us experience the death of a loved one in our own unique way, and there is no particular time within which we should recover from our loss. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one within the past few years, you are welcome to our group. Our meetings start on Thursday, February 23rd, in Room 13 (Library) at 1:30p.m. for six consecutive weeks. For information, call Sr. Thérèse at 797-2375, x 229.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in front of the Blessed Virgin are from Joan Auger IN LOVING MEMORY OF JULIE DESROCHE

The flowers on the altar are from Barbara Whitcher IN LOVING MEMORY OF GARY WHITCHER

HOW TO HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

Catholic Relief Services will support emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey with Caritas Internationalis, Caritas Syria in Aleppo and Lattakia—where extensive damage has been reported—and other local partners. Already in Turkey, Caritas Internationalis, in coordination with authorities, is bringing displaced people to safe, open spaces and distributing hot meals and clothing. Your gifts will help partners to provide safe shelter, and access to food, clean water and hygiene supplies. To make a one-time donation to help families affected by the earthquakes, fill out the secure form at:

> https://support.crs.org/donate/ earthquakes

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER **Prayer for Family and Friends**

Loving God, hear this prayer, which I offer on behalf of my family and friends. Keep them safe in Your care. When they are in trouble, be with them. When they despair, bring them hope. When they are joyful, help them share their happiness. Help us all to realize that we are your sons and daughters and that you love us more than we can imagine. Amen. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



PLEASE PRAY **FOR WORLD** PEACE.

PRAYER TO OUR **PATRON SAINT** St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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Sunday, February 19

8:00 AM Dolores O'Donnell 9:30 AM Sabrina Burton Schultz

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

Monday, February 20

8:00 AM Virginia Spencer

Tuesday, February 21

8:00 AM William Karner

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Vocations

Noon Lani & Lawrence Sirna 7:00 PM Joseph W. McGowan

Thursday, February 23

8:00 AM Joyce Marie

Friday, February 24

8:00 AM Stephen Rusnell

Saturday, February 25

8:00 AM Walter Pincher

4:00 PM Our Parish Family

Sunday, February 26

8:00 AM Special Intention of Rilyn Hughes

9:30 AM Nancy Dougherty

11:00 AM Amanda Kelley



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.

(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — Our God shows mercy and graciousness (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,

39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;

Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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Water 4 Mercy - Luncheon 4 Tikkun Olam

Water 4 Mercy, a Clearwater-based nonprofit that brings clean, life-giving water and agricultural solutions to remote African villages, announces a fundraiser to increase awareness to their vital mission: To uphold human dignity by providing water, food and hope for Africa. The Luncheon 4 Tikkun Olam (Hebrew for 'Repair the World') will be hosted at Congregation Beth Shalom in Clearwater, on Friday, March 31, 2023, 12:00 –2:00 p.m., with Water 4 Mercy Founder & CEO, and also a parishioner of St. Michael's, Nermine Khouzam Rubin. Traditional Israeli dishes will be served in accordance to Lenten and Kosher dietary laws. Speakers include Most Reverend Gregory Parkes, Bishop of St. Petersburg, and Sivan Ya'ari, founder and CEO of the Israeli nongovernmental organization, Innovation Africa.

For more information please contact Vivian Kantrow, Director of Community Engagement & Outreach at (203) 640-5206; vivian@water4mercy.org or visit Water4Mercy.org.



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