

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

A few months before arriving St. Michael's, my former parish of St. Augustine undertook a project of installing new doors for the church. The old doors were just decaying and there was a need to replace them. We decided to enhance the new church doors by having four carved images made. They were all taken from gospel events foreshadowing the ultimate gift that Jesus gives us, namely Himself in the Holy Eucharist. The first carved image was that of six water jars referring to the miracle in Cana, the Lord Jesus turning water into wine. The second image depicted five loaves and two fish referring to His miracle of feeding thousands of people. The third image was of thirteen people seated around a table referring to the Last Supper. The last carved image showed three people seated at table referring to the Easter supper Jesus had in Emmaus.

All these events from the gospels relate to the mass and Jesus' gift of Himself to us. That of His precious Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist which we are celebrating this weekend! Cana was where it was prefigured, Capernaum where it was promised, Jerusalem where it was instituted and Emmaus where it was celebrated again. And it has continued to be celebrated for thousands of years!

What a precious gift to be especially reminded of today. May we always cherish and treasure this gift of the Lord to us by receiving it in the state of grace, by giving it the highest respect and reverence we could give and most especially, to become what we receive by the way we live our Christian lives.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Dwight*

P.S. Some special announcements as there will be none at the weekend Masses:

As you know, Deacon Joseph White will be ordained Saturday morning and then Fr. Joseph White will celebrate his first Masses this weekend. There will be a greeting line in the Hall after the 10:00am Mass for those wishing to see him. Both the 5:30pm and the 10:00am masses will be live-streamed on YouTube.

Fr. White will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4 - 5pm Saturday in the traditional Reconciliation room.

Knights will be selling Chickens after the Sunday Masses this weekend

Summer Youth Ministry meetings will start Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Mass in the Angelina Room. All incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders through graduating Seniors are welcome to join us for fun,