

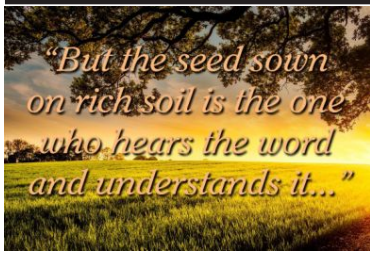
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time



*T*his is why I speak to them in parables, because 'they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.'

Matthew 13:13



That the seeds God sows in our lives may take root and lead to greater prayer, participation and generosity. "The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - Matthew 13:22 Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 16, 2023

Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9
Monday	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12-13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions July 15 thru July 23

SATURDAY	5:30 PM	†Jessica Bullock Duncan †Claire Cromeans
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	†Bill Cook †Boots Ermis
	9:30 AM	†Johnny Girouard †Johnny Merritt For the People of the Parish
TUESDAY	11:00 AM 8:30 AM	†Thomas Elder †John Rosser
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	†Bob Kubesch †John Kubesch
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	†Nelda Jasek †Leon Jasek
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	†Edwin Canizares †Bobbie Jasek
SATURDAY	5:30 PM	†Jim McGown †Lillian Sablatura
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	For the People of the Parish †Jim Solis †Susan Jurecka †Elouise Boling Nirmala Thomas Family

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 12-6pm in Church.

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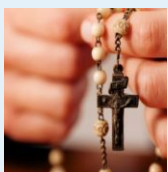
In order to maintain the current schedule, We need adorers! Please prayerfully consider spending one hour per week with Jesus - the Real Presence and source and summit of our faith.

It is so much easier to have at least two individuals or families in an hour. We are working to achieve this with our ministry. The following are the days/hours that we can use help with at this time in order to achieve this.

Monday	1-2 * 4-5 * 5-6
Tuesday	2-3 * 4-5 * 5-6
Wednesday	11-12
Thursday	11-12 * 2-3
Friday	9-10 * 12-1 * 1-2 * 2-3 * 3-4 * 5-6
Saturday	12-1 * 2-3 * 4-5
Sunday	12-1 * 1-2 * 2-3 * 3-4 * 4-5

A BIG THANK YOU to our ministry day coordinators! They call with schedule changes, track sub requests, help find subs to ensure our ministry runs smoothly. Maria Tabotabo, Karen Koranek, Cheri McBurnett, James Carrasco, Margaret Greene, Mary Ann Longoria

To volunteer or for more information contact Pat Williams at adoration@smlj.org.



Rosary

Mondays at 7 pm in the Church

Tuesdays through Fridays at 8 am. in the Church



Pray for those who are ill:

Sarah Langston, Paula Price, Nolan Link, Wilhelmina & Ray Muniza, Belia Hue, Ross Falcon, Barbara Yonge, Janie Gonzales, Carson Thelan, Steve Pelletier, Mary Perez, Lucille Engelking, Barbara Lanier, Paul & Colette Garcia, Richard Keistler, Joyceline Nachtegale, Joni

Bergeron, Maurice Badeaux, Steven Rod, Ron Jones, Ronnie Hock, Carolyn and Earl Erickson, Rene Damian, Debbie DuBois, Janet Anderson Cook, Lance Savant, Scott Morgan, Amelia Garcia, Stacy Yates

Dear Parish Family,

The season of summer is definitely upon us. As we feel the onslaught of the summer's hot weather, I remembered a concerned mother's complaint about the necessity of reminding parishioners of the proper attire for Sunday masses. It dawned on me that it was not a complaint at all but rather a motherly concern for God's children. I have to agree with her. She made a very valid concern. With all the heat of summer upon, many are tempted to wear "casual" attire as if they are going to the beach." It's just too hot Father!" I know, we are a people of comfort but when we dress properly and appropriately, it is because we are going to see Jesus. It is a special occasion.....a special event.....a gathering with the Lord! Bear the discomfort that the summer's heat brings because it's just momentary. Maybe one can offer the discomfort as a form of penance for one's sins. Why not?

Maybe we need to examine our attitude. How we dress for an occasion can impact the event. A meeting with an important person would call for much preparation. I am always impressed at how those people who bring us the nightly news, dressed themselves. When I see them, I always have this wish, that people can dress like that when they come for Sunday mass. No matter what kind of weather it is, we must dress properly and appropriately. After all we dress up for the Lord! What a powerful teaching we can impart on our children and teenagers!

Peace,

Fr. Dwight

Prophetic New Insights
Secrets of the Man Clothed in Linen
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 "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."
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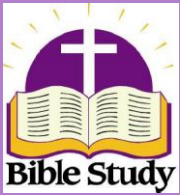
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Date: July 27, 2023 Time: 6:00-9:00pm
St. Michael's Wleczyk Hall \$10/person to play
Winners get cash prizes * Door Prizes**

Please consider bringing non-perishable food items needed for SVdP food pantry. (SNACKS FOR KIDS, pop tarts, canned meat, spaghetti sauce, complete pancake mix and syrup, are especially needed!)

Door prize drawings - You receive tickets for food items donated or monetary donations at event (Must be present to win)

Please bring an appetizer, finger food or sweet to share - Drinks will be provided

Questions: Betty Jo Jurries at 979-418-6739 OR Pat Williams at 979-239-8646



The Gospel of John

Bible study using Scott Hahn's
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Monday 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Come join Nirm Thomas and John Panicker in this Bible Study on **Mondays at 4:30 pm in F-wing**. What a beautiful Gospel to explore in this year of the Eucharist.

The book will cost \$12. Please email Nirm so she can order enough books at nthomas@olqpschool.org by July 20.

We will begin on Monday July 31.

ONLINE GIVING The process is very simple! You may go to our website, www.smlj.org and click on the Online Giving icon. Another option is www.osvhub.com/smlj. Thank you for continuing to support St. Michael's.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 7/9/23

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Altar Server Training

Deacon John Kyle will be hosting an altar server training on Sunday, **July 16** from 5-7 pm. in the church. This training is for new, current, or any youth who have received first communion, are between the ages of 6 -18 and most important have the desire to learn and serve the Lord.

Join us for Fun and Fellowship

Bingo is the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the F wing from 10:00 to noon. Please bring a snack to share for lunch. Must be a member of St. Michael's.



Safe Haven Training

EVERYONE who volunteers in **ANY** ministry at St. Michael's is required to be trained in the SAFE HAVEN program: <https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/>. If you do not remember your user ID, email melanie@smlj.org. Please **do not** create a new account if you already have one.



Planning to be married in the Church?

Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

It is imperative that you meet with Father before setting a wedding date or reserving a reception venue.

For an appointment, call:
979-297-3041.



In Memoriam Gifts

If you are wishing to make on-line Memorial Gifts to St. Michael's in memory or in honor of a loved one, you can go to www.osvhub.com/smlj/funds and select Memorial Gift.

Please note this is **not intended to be used for Mass Intentions** which need to be made in the office.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

We've had a GREAT summer so far!!! Mission trip was a huge success, Schlitterbahn Waterpark was a ton of fun, and Steubenville Youth Conference was a huge spiritual revival!!! We are looking forward to these upcoming Youth Events:

July 16th Youth-Led Mass at 11am

July 28th-30th Archdiocesan Youth Conference

August 6th Youth-Led Mass at 11am

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 1

Isaiah 55:10-11

Life-giving Word

We cannot live without water. Rain has a job to do. It comes from the heavens and waters the earth. The earth then brings forth seed for crops and enables the baking of bread and the preparation of essential foods. Water returns to the sky, the prophet Isaiah says, but only after it has done its job.

We cannot live without the word of God. It has a job to do as well. It comes from the heavens to bring its fruitfulness to the earth. It announces God's love, provides direction for the wayward, and gives hope to those who despair. God's word returns to heaven, but not before it has done its job.

Sometimes we squander these gifts. Household plants may be inches away from water, but they will not grow unless we give them a drink. We may be inches away from God's word. It comes to us in the Scriptures, in the order of nature, in the counsel of friends, and in the community of believers. But we cannot grow unless we lift the cup and take a drink.

Where does God's word speak around you? What occasions do you have to listen? God's word has a job to do. Put it to work.

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**"Holy women and men do not have easier lives
than others.**

**On the contrary, they are often objects of
opposition.**

**But through prayer, they nourish the flame of
their faith, as oil used to do for lamps.**

**And thus, they move ahead walking in faith and
hope."**

– Pope Francis

LOAVES AND FISHES COLLECTION

During the Offertory at all Masses July 15-16

This is our monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is low, and demand increases this time of year.

The SVDP food drop-off chest is located in the hallway of the Family Life Center for donations of non-perishable items.



Thank you for your continued support!



Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel

We welcome all visitors to our faith community and hope that your experience here was blessed with the spirit of Christ. If you are a new resident of the area and would like to know more about our parish opportunities, please read this bulletin for more information or check out our website at www.smlj.org. If you are interested in joining our parish as a registered member and receive parish communications, please fill out the registration form from our website or stop by or call our Parish Office, Monday - Friday; 9:00am-4:00pm for more information.

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St. Michael's Presents

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- July 30th, Sunday, 6:00 PM Shroud Event—Secrets of the Man Clothed in Linen



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