

Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church

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Monday - Friday :
9:30 AM to 4:30PM

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Parochial Vicar

Deacon Thomas Tortorella

Reverend Akram Javid
Reverend Luis Saldaña
Sunday Associates

Brian Freeman, Parish Secretary
Sarah Glassman, Music Director

Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Mon.-Sat.):

9:00 AM

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 PM

Sunday:

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

11:30 AM (Spanish)

1:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Fridays: 9:30-4:30PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

Baptism and Marriage

Scheduled by appointment after meeting with one of the parish priests. Please see the parish website for more details.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 25 , 2020

JESUS SAID,
"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD,
WITH ALL YOUR HEART . . .
YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.
THE WHOLE LAW AND THE PROPHETS
DEPEND ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS."

MATTHEW 22:37, 39

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OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

Beginning October 31, the Saturday evening Mass (the Sunday Vigil) will be moved to 4:00pm. This is so that, when Mass is over, there remains some daylight under which to return home. This change in schedule was voted in unanimously by the regular congregants at the 5:00pm Mass. This comes with some other adjustments and additions: Confessions will now be heard from 3:00-3:45pm. After the 4:00pm Mass, every Saturday, we will have Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction until 6:00pm. Going forward, the **Saturday schedule** will look as follows:

9:00am	Daily Mass
3:00-3:45pm	Confessions
4:00pm	Vigil Mass
5:00-6:00pm	Eucharistic Exposition

Saturday Eucharistic Exposition will be silent, beginning only with the singing of "O Salutaris" and concluding with Benediction and the singing of "Tantum Ergo."

The **General Election** is approaching on November 3. The United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a guide for Catholic voters, focused on the formation of our conscience. That is available online at <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>. We have reproduced a one-page version of what it means to form conscience in this bulletin, and in the vestibule, two two-part guides, in English and Spanish, on the specific issues. It is the duty of Catholics to inform themselves and participate in civic life. The health of our nation depends on the Catholic vision of life and society.

We have changed the missalettes we use for Mass, from *The Heritage Missal* to *Breaking Bread*. Since we are still unable to have them in the pews, and we are not yet at our normal capacity, we will do for the English-language Mass-goers what we have been doing for the Spanish Mass, selling the missalettes for \$5. This means that, for the next liturgical year 2020-2021, you keep your own missalette and bring it to Mass with you. *Breaking Bread* has some different hymns, and by bringing yours with you, we'll all be able to sing together. They will be available for sale in the office between Masses on Sunday and during the week.

Fr. Peter

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Michael the Archangel Church is a multi-cultural Roman Catholic community seeking to live the faith honestly with courage, warmth, trust, love and hope. We are united together in fellowship as a family. The guiding spirit of Christ enables us to serve the needs of others, thereby leading to peace.

BIBLE BULLETIN 33: THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Rev. Peter A. Heasley, S.Th.D.

The period of history before and after the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is marked by great religious and political turmoil on a global scale. By this time, the known world is encompassed first by the empire of Alexander the Great, then by the Romans. Few empires in history have permitted freedom of religion, and so under the Greeks and Romans, the faith of Israel stands up against the demands of the world and its false gods. Under two successive all-encompassing world orders, the price of worship becomes the blood of martyrdom.

Under such distress, the prophets and other authors engage in what we call “apocalyptic literature.” In the Old

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Letters

The Gospel According to John

1 John

2 John

3 John

The Book of Revelation

Testament, this means parts of the Book of Daniel and Isaiah especially, as well as the Minor Prophets like Zechariah. Apocalyptic literature employs strong imagery, intense symbolic actions, and patterns of numbers to show that what is happening in one place on earth has cosmic dimensions and heavenly importance.

Apocalypse means revelation, and so we call the last book of the New Testament the Book of Revelation or the Apocalypse of John. John here may be the apostle himself, exiled on Patmos, or another – the Church Fathers and modern scholars are each divided on this issue. In any case, the book has a number of similarities with John’s gospel and letters. Whereas John’s gospel portrays the divinity of Christ the Lamb through seven earthly signs, Revelation shows the great victory of Christ the Lamb through several series of seven tribulations.

The Book of Revelation is liturgical in character. That is, it opens with a great liturgical pronouncement on salvation by Christ, and with the command that it be read publicly (like Paul’s letters) (Rev 1:1-8). We see that the religious and political turmoil it describes is really a great act of worship to God by the victims.

Despite the confidence of the martyrs, the book opens with a warning to the seven churches of Asia Minor to endure and remain in Christ (1:9–3:22). There are seven oracles in the form of a circular letter. In each oracle, there is a warning and a promise. For instance, John warns those in Pergamum to avoid a certain heresy with the promise of the reward of the hidden manna and a white stone inscribed with their name (Rev 2:12-18).

After these seven oracles, John presents three sets of seven tribulations. Each set comes with an introductory vision of a liturgical nature. The first set of tribulations come through seven seals; after an introductory vision, in which we see twenty-four elders on their thrones and the four living creatures (Rev 4:1–5:14), the seals are broken, bringing forth four horsemen and a terrible earthquake (6:1–8:2). The seventh seal brings silence, into which break forth seven trumpets. The trumpets bring various kinds of cosmic-scale punishments (8:3–11:19). Again, the seventh sign here marks the divine victory. Following upon another introductory vision of the woman clothed with the sun and moon under her feet, the two beasts, the Lamb, and seven plagues (12:1–15:8) are the signs of seven bowls (16:1–22:5), which conclude with a new heavens and a new earth, and the New Jerusalem. The book concludes with a great liturgical epilogue (Rev 22:6-21), possibly including an invitation to baptism (22:17).

A book of this nature is not meant to cause fear, but rather confidence in the ultimate victory of Christ Jesus the Lamb. The victory is already his, and so whatever religious persecution his faithful must endure under the political regime becomes an act of worship to God now, giving the reward of eternal life to come.



Pray for ...

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We pray for mutual understanding in our country and an end to violence.

We pray for our front-line workers during this pandemic: our doctors and nurses, our police officers, EMTs, and firefighters, our teachers and caregivers, our grocery store clerks and restaurant workers, and all exposed to the risk of contracting Covid-19.

We pray for the members of our parish who are living alone, especially Eula Burton.

We pray for the members of our parish serving in the military, especially SFC Lamont Cleare.

We pray for the protection of the unborn, of children, the sick, and the elderly.

We pray that the peace of Christ soon fill the earth.



Lectors

Saturday–Sunday, October 31st–Nov 1st

5:00pm Stephen Perry
 8:30am Antonio Baptiste
 10:00am Michelle Tapper
 11:30am Rosaura Cruz
 1:00pm Cedric Hyde

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday, Oct. 25th: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am: Epifanio Jordan
 10:00am: John & Agnes Shilbroski
 11:30am: Alicia & Florencio Suarez
 1:00pm: Pro populo

Monday, Oct 26th: No Events

9:00am: Pro populo

Tuesday, Oct. 27th: No Events

9:00am: Pro populo

Wednesday, Oct. 28th: Ss. Simon and Jude

9:00am: Rossana Cruz (Special Intention)

Thursday, Oct. 29th: No Events

9:00am: Deacon Vincent & Carol Laurato (Special Intention)

Friday, Oct. 30th: No Events

9:00am: Pro populo

Saturday, Oct. 31st: Blessed Virgin Mary; Halloween

9:00am: Pro populo
 5:00pm: Mrs. Miriam Francias

Sunday, Nov. 1st: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

8:30am: Feriolo & Leonila Consuelo
 10:00am: Pro populo
 11:30am: Ambrosio Torres
 1:00pm: Ethel Thomas

Those who are over 65 or have underlying health conditions are cautioned not to come to Mass.

Once inside, please obey all instruction from the ushers, the priests, and the deacon. Wear a mask. Maintain a six-foot distance. There will be no physical Sign of Peace or Presentation of the Gifts. Communion may be received on the tongue or in the hand, but not on gloves. Singing will be limited, as we have removed the missalettes.

If you cannot walk forward to receive Holy Communion, you must sit in the first row of pews. The priests and deacon will not walk back to you.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 18:

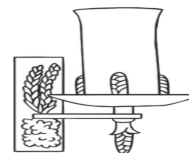
Sunday, October 18:	\$ 4,840
Building Fund:	\$ 284
World Mission Sunday	\$ 799
WeShare, Oct 12-Oct 18:	\$ 1,055

Thank you to those who continue to send in their weekly tithe even though they are unable yet to return to Sunday Mass. All of us might consider using WeShare to make our donations online; please visit the parish website for links and information on how to do so.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

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