

# Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church

## *A Tithing Community*

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday :  
9:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
Friday:  
9:30 AM-1:30 PM

### Parish Staff

Reverend Peter Heasley, S.Th.D.,  
Pastor

Reverend Benedict Paul, Ph.D.,  
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:**

4:00 PM

#### **Sunday:**

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

11:30 AM (Spanish)

1:00 PM

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 5:00-6:00PM

First Fridays: 9:30-4:30PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

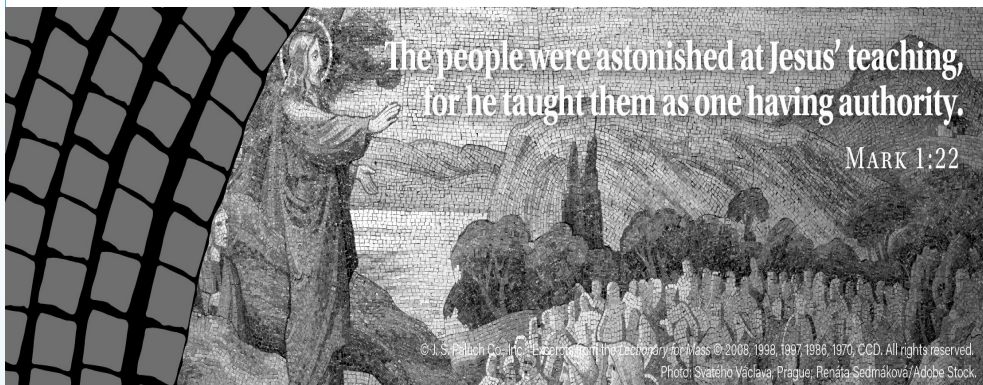
Every Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM

### Baptism and Marriage

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 31, 2021



### OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

The Archdiocese has organized a program for **Adult Confirmation**. This is for Catholics who are baptized and who have received first Holy Communion, but who have not yet been confirmed. The eight sessions begin April 1, with confirmation June 3. Please see the bulletin board or visit the parish website for more information.

The parish office is happy to provide **reports on your giving** to the parish in 2020 for tax purposes. If you would like your statement, please call the office – we will not automatically provide giving statements for everyone in the parish.

On that note, please let me say, once again, that you have been **very generous** to your parish, especially during our Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions.

Our congregation, as noted in our Parish Mission Statement below and on the parish website, is a “multi-cultural Roman Catholic community.” Our parishioners come from many different parts of the world and also come with many different world views and political opinions, all of which are valuable and which we should all take seriously. The past few months have been particularly tense across the country and the world with respect to the presidential election, its contestation, and the inauguration of a new president. I would invite us all to celebrate that, for only the second time in our nation’s history, a Roman Catholic is president. Our country has had a long history of anti-Catholic bigotry and bias.

Roman Catholics, not just in our parish, but across our country and the world, sometimes hold very different world views and political opinions. We should not equate our own political opinions with the teachings of the Church. There is much evidence for this today among Catholics on all parts of the political spectrum. There are, however, certain truths that are incontestable. Please find, on the following page, an excerpt of the statement by José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on the inauguration of President Biden. He affirms that Catholic teaching does not “align neatly” with any political party and that “We are Catholics first, seeking only to follow Jesus Christ faithfully and to advance his vision for human fraternity and community.”

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.*

**STATEMENT ON THE INAUGURATION OF JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., AS 46TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM MOST REVEREND JOSÉ H. GOMEZ, ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES, PRESIDENT, UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (EXCERPT)**

My prayers are with our new President and his family today.

I am praying that God grant him wisdom and courage to lead this great nation and that God help him to meet the tests of these times, to heal the wounds caused by this pandemic, to ease our intense political and cultural divisions, and to bring people together with renewed dedication to America's founding purposes, to be one nation under God committed to liberty and equality for all...

I look forward to working with President Biden and his administration, and the new Congress. As with every administration, there will be areas where we agree and work closely together and areas where we will have principled disagreement and strong opposition.

Working with President Biden will be unique, however, as he is our first president in 60 years to profess the Catholic faith. In a time of growing and aggressive secularism in American culture, when religious believers face many challenges, it will be refreshing to engage with a President who clearly understands, in a deep and personal way, the importance of religious faith and institutions. Mr. Biden's piety and personal story, his moving witness to how his faith has brought him solace in times of darkness and tragedy, his longstanding commitment to the Gospel's priority for the poor — all of this I find hopeful and inspiring.

At the same time, as pastors, the nation's bishops are given the duty of proclaiming the Gospel in all its truth and power, in season and out of season, even when that teaching is inconvenient or when the Gospel's truths run contrary to the directions of the wider society and culture. So, I must point out that our new President has pledged to pursue certain policies that would advance moral evils and threaten human life and dignity, most seriously in the areas of abortion, contraception, marriage, and gender. Of deep concern is the liberty of the Church and the freedom of believers to live according to their consciences.

Our commitments on issues of human sexuality and the family, as with our commitments in every other area — such as abolishing the death penalty or seeking a health care system and economy that truly serves the human person — are guided by Christ's great commandment to love and to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable.

For the nation's bishops, the continued injustice of abortion remains the "preeminent priority." Preeminent does not mean "only." We have deep concerns about many threats to human life and dignity in our society. But as Pope Francis teaches, we cannot stay silent when nearly a million unborn lives are being cast aside in our country year after year through abortion.

Abortion is a direct attack on life that also wounds the woman and undermines the family. It is not only a private matter, it raises troubling and fundamental questions of fraternity, solidarity, and inclusion in the human community. It is also a matter of social justice. We cannot ignore the reality that abortion rates are much higher among the poor and minorities, and that the procedure is regularly used to eliminate children who would be born with disabilities.

Rather than impose further expansions of abortion and contraception, as he has promised, I am hopeful that the new President and his administration will work with the Church and others of good will. My hope is that we can begin a dialogue to address the complicated cultural and economic factors that are driving abortion and discouraging families. My hope, too, is that we can work together to finally put in place a coherent family policy in this country, one that acknowledges the crucial importance of strong marriages and parenting to the well-being of children and the stability of communities. If the President, with full respect for the Church's religious freedom, were to engage in this conversation, it would go a long way toward restoring the civil balance and healing our country's needs.

President Biden's call for national healing and unity is welcome on all levels. It is urgently needed as we confront the trauma in our country caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the social isolation that has only worsened the intense and long-simmering divisions among our fellow citizens.

As believers, we understand that healing is a gift that we can only receive from the hand of God. We know, too, that real reconciliation requires patient listening to those who disagree with us and a willingness to forgive and move beyond desires for reprisal. Christian love calls us to love our enemies and bless those who oppose us, and to treat others with the same compassion that we want for ourselves.

We are all under the watchful eye of God, who alone knows and can judge the intentions of our hearts. I pray that God will give our new President, and all of us, the grace to seek the common good with all sincerity.

I entrust all our hopes and anxieties in this new moment to the tender heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Christ and the patroness of this exceptional nation. May she guide us in the ways of peace and obtain for us wisdom and the grace of a true patriotism and love of country.



**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** for the members of our parish who are homebound, especially Maria Santiago

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



#### Saturday-Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm	Stephen Perry
8:30am:	Antonio Baptiste
10:00am:	Michelle Tapper
11:30am:	Rosaura Cruz
1:00pm:	Cedric Hyde

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 JANUARY 24:

Sunday, January 24:	\$5,242
Building Fund:	\$253
WeShare January 18-24:	\$295

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.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>:** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

8:30am:	Pro populo
10:00am:	Javier Acosta ( Special Intention )
11:30am:	Crisantos Cruz
1:00pm	Pro populo

**Monday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>:** No Saints or Special Observances  
9:00am: Marguerite Hart

**Tuesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; Groundhog Day

9:00am: Lydia Ortiz

**Wednesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats

9:00am: Miriam Cora

**Thursday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>:** No Saints or Special Observances

9:00am: Charles Grant

**Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>:** St. Agatha; First Friday

9:00am: Mercy Jacob ( Special Intention )

**Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>:** St. Paul Miki and companions; First Saturday

9:00am: Thomas V. Herlihy

4:00pm: Giving thanks to God

**Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Scout Sunday

8:30am:	Juliana Mendez Herlihy
10:00am:	Gloria Billups
11:30am:	Eddie Echevarrias
1:00pm:	Pro populo

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

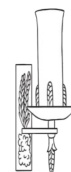
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
*In loving Memory of*  
**Lori Mosby**



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