



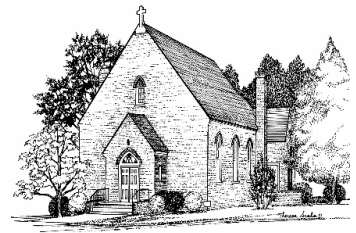
St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23rd, 2022

The Readings at Church

In the readings this Sunday, there are two accounts of liturgical ceremonies that have significance for us today. The first reading shows the priest scribe Ezra who reads from a portion of the Old Testament. As Ezra reads the Scriptures, all the people listened attentively to the book being read. When Ezra blesses the Lord God, the people acclaim "Amen, Amen!" At a particular moment, the people bow down and prostrated themselves before the Lord. Many of us can probably relate this experience of liturgy of the Mass. We hear the readings proclaimed by the lector or the priest and listen attentively. We make the communal acclamation of praise, "Thanks be to God." We even at times quiet our inner selves in holy fear and worship when we hear a particularly meaningful passage. How similar we are to our brothers and sisters who worshiped so many ages ago!

In the Gospel, we observe Jesus reading in the synagogue from the Book of Isaiah. While reading, the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He proclaims to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus has been sent to redeem us and set us in right relationship with God and with others. His words bring "liberty to captives" who are under Satan's yoke. His powerful hands "let the oppressed go free" from the slavery to sin and malice. Jesus is the answer to so many prayers and he comes to soothe the troubled heart. When we gather today at Mass, we rejoice that we are listening to Jesus' voice once again. Through God's powerful and living Word, we are set free from the snares of Satan and the domain of death. We hope that by listening to Christ's voice today we will be strengthened and be delivered from all dangers.

God bless you,
Fr. Cusick



Our Lady of Guadalupe is Finally Up at St. Michael's for Our Veneration!

*In case you missed this last time,
read and learn about the miraculous
image of 1531:*

- **Eyes** - Contain images of the scene with Juan Diego and the bishop that are visible only with modern technology. In the 1970s, a Japanese optician who was examining the eyes fainted. When he recovered, he said that "the eyes were alive and looking at him."
- **Hands** - United in prayer, the left hand is darker than the right, representing both prominent races in Mexico at the time, European and indigenous.
- **Ribbon** - A symbol of virginity. Additionally, its placement indicates that she is with child.
- **Flower** - These patterns are glyphs of the native language, containing various intricate messages.
- **Temperature** - the temperature of the Tilma is constant at 98.6 degrees, the same as that of a living body.
- **Endurance** - The colors of the image are miraculously fresh and bright for being more than 500 years old. The fabric that the image appears on normally disintegrates in 15 – 30 years, yet the Tilma shows no sign of fading or cracking.
- **Resilience** - The Tilma has survived a bomb attempt, and also miraculously reconstituted itself after nitric acid solvent was spilled on it.
- **Stars** - The stars on Our Lady's mantle are accurate to the actual constellations that would have been in the Mexican sky on December 12, 1531, the day the miraculous image appeared.
- **Heartbeat** - A stethoscope placed below the black band detected rhythmic beats of 115 per minute, the same as a baby's in the womb.
- **Origins** - No sign of paint, brush strokes, or underdrawings have been found, the image is irreproducible; if attempted, the image disappears.
- **Moon** - Our lady stands above (crushes) a snake-skinned moon, a symbol of an Aztec serpent god of human sacrifice.



Changing Sides: How a Pro-Life Presence Changed the Heart of a Planned Parenthood Director

Can hearts really be changed on the issue of abortion?

This film tells the powerful true story of the conversion of a dedicated Planned Parenthood director to a leading Pro-life Activist. Abby Johnson was the director of the abortion facility that was the launching pad of the bold new pro-life effort - 40 Days for Life.

Abby believed that she was helping women by working for the nation's largest abortion operation, Planned Parenthood. She quickly rose in the ranks to become the director of an abortion facility and was even given an "Employee of the Year" award.

But one Fall morning, everything changed. Abby suddenly she found herself on the other side of the fence, facing the truth about abortion. The real question now was, in her time of crisis, what would she do and who would help her? This film reveals what happens when people pray, fast, sacrifice, love their enemies and take a stand on the most controversial issue of our time - abortion. Fences come down, hearts change, and the love of God shines light in the darkest, most unexpected places. And the evil of abortion is exposed and defeated.

The film includes exclusive interviews with those Abby encountered while she was on both sides of the fence including - the activists who prayed for her daily, the secular media who broke the big story of her conversion, the attorney who won the massive lawsuit that Planned Parenthood tried to silence her with and more.

Sign in to Our Parish FORMED account at formed.org. Click "sign up" in the top right corner, and then "sign up as a parishioner." Search for "Brandywine, MD" and select St. Michael's Catholic Church from the drop down menu.

Don't Wait to Start – Do Your Part!

Sign up for Adoration Today!

Committed Weekly Adorers are needed for the following days and hours:

Mondays: 9-10 AM, 7-8 PM

Tuesdays: 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM

Fridays: 10-11 AM, 3-4 PM, 4-5 PM

Saturdays: 10-11 AM, 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM, 4-5 PM



Please call the office at (240)681-3551 or visit stmichaelbaden.org/eucharistic-adoration to sign up.

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM St. Michael
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:30 AM St. Michael
10:00 AM St. Dominic

Weekday Mass

Tues - Sat 8:00 AM St. Michael
1st Friday: 7:30 PM, 8:30 PM Guided Holy Hour

Confession Times

Sunday: 7:30 AM
Wednesday: 7:00 PM
Saturday: 4:00 PM
or by appointment

Adoration daily; visit our website for the full schedule.



Please PRAY for our SICK

(Please notify us if you or your family member should be removed)

Jeanette Asrace, Joanne Butler, Gavin Birl, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Grayson Bowling, Madison Brady, James Brown, Keith Brown & Family, Lynn Brown, Ann Canter, Larry Canter, Sr., Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Mary Connick, Donnie Deuvall, Diane DiSandro, John DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Robert Flum, RoseMary Flum, Gerald Gray, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Crystal Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Margaret Kramer, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Shirley Ann Lucas, Ida Makle, Patricia Makle, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Vaughn Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Lorrie Riess, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Preston Savoy, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Dave Spadaro, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, Pat & Thomas Stuart, Joanne Sweeney, George Thomas, Wanda Valiante, Christopher Wallace, Marion Walzel, Elizabeth Watson, Shirley Watson, Jackie Weaver, Jim Williams, Juanita Wilson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Beverly Windsor, Joseph Yashinski, Carmelita, Cheryl Young, Dean R. Young, Lewis Young, Theodore Young.

Jesus, Divine Mercy, heal and console us! Jesus, I trust in You!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	01/22/22	5 PM	Parishioners
Sunday	01/23/22	8 AM	Louis Wimbush +
Sunday	01/23/22	10 AM	Pro Life
Sunday	01/23/22	11:30 AM	DiSandro Family
Tuesday	01/25/22	8 AM	Rev. John Wintermyer +
Wednesday	01/26/22	8 AM	Louis Wimbush +
Thursday	01/27/22	8 AM	Msgr Paul Langsfeld +
Friday	01/28/22	8 AM	Rev. Frances X Russo +
Saturday	01/29/22	8 AM	Paul Segreti +

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Jan. 16, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 4330 .00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 1040 .00