



## St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Reflection by St. Michael's Parishioner,  
Benjamin Hellerman*

"Turning to the disciples in private He said. 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.'" (Luke 10:23-24)

The disciples walked with Jesus on this earth. They saw Him in person. The prophets and kings of old had hopes and dreams of seeing their savior, but the disciples were privileged to walk and talk with Him and share their lives with Him.

We also have this privilege! In a different, but just as real, way, we too can see what they saw: Who they saw. We can see Jesus right in front of us in the Eucharist in Adoration: the same Jesus whom the disciples saw preach, heal, forgive sins, exorcise, feed multitudes, the same Jesus who suffered in agony on the cross for our sins, who rose victoriously from the grave and reigns co-eternal with the Father and Holy Ghost! We have the opportunity to sit with the very same living God and give Him our hearts, worries, hopes, and dreams. We can adore Him in Eucharistic Adoration as Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds did on the first Christmas. We can praise and thank Him for all the blessings of our lives and beg Him to perform the same miracles again for us that He has been doing since the beginning of time.

A couple of my favorite Bible verses I find very pertinent to my time in Adoration are:

"Trust in the Lord and do good that you may dwell in the land and live secure. Find your delight in the Lord who will give you your heart's desire." (Psalm 37:3-4)

I **entrust** everything to Jesus in Adoration: my freedom, my memory, my understanding, and my will. I trust He will guide me and draw me closer to him.

By coming to Adoration I am **doing good**; worship of the one Triune God is a necessary and proper thing to do. I am also letting Jesus strengthen and prepare me for all the good that He will ask me to do once I step back outside.

I **trust** that after my time spent listening to Him and doing the good works He asks me to do, He will be pleased to reward me with blessing in this life and more importantly, the gift of eternal life with Him in Heaven.

I **delight** in my time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as in time with a friend. I am always glad to be with Him, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. Every minute, even the distracted ones, is worth it.

Time in Adoration helps me to realize my **heart's true desire**, which is to be with Jesus for eternity in paradise, and He gives me a foretaste of this in Adoration. Each time I pray before Jesus on the Altar he forms and molds me a little bit more to be like Him, turning my thoughts to be like His thoughts, making my heart's desire to be His heart's desire.



### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL CONTINUES

#### Coffee, Donuts, and Miracles THIS WEEKEND!

Join us December 10<sup>th</sup> after the 8 and 11:30 AM Masses for coffee, donuts, and a display on one of the many Eucharistic Miracles.



### Blessing of the Playsets – December 17<sup>th</sup>



Thank you so much to everyone for your generous donations toward a new play set for our parish children! We exceeded our goal, and were able to buy not just one, but TWO play sets, so that there is room for

both little ones and big kids.

Please join us for a blessing of the playground! All are invited to celebrate on Gaudete Sunday, December 17, after the 11:30 Mass and before caroling. There will be hot cocoa and popcorn for everyone, and plenty of room to run around and enjoy our new playground. Thanks be to God!

### Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> CAR-oling! 1:30 PM

We're going to take our Christmas Carols on the road again this year on Gaudete Sunday, stopping at the homes of our homebound

parishioners to bring them love and joy in preparation for Christmas. We will be leaving after 11:30 Mass on Sunday,

December 17<sup>th</sup> at about 1:30 PM. Lunch will be provided at the hall for those coming straight after 11:30 Mass. Please RSVP by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> to Joanna at [joanna@stmichaelbaden.org](mailto:joanna@stmichaelbaden.org), and also please let us know if you know someone who is homebound and would appreciate being caroled to. We hope many can join us!



### Daily Gospel Readings for this Week



Monday – Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday – Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday – Mt 25:1-13

Thursday – Lk 14:25-33

Friday – Mt 11:16-19



## The Incredible True Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Chris Stefanick Show

From Chris Stefanick: You've heard about the New Evangelization. But it's really nothing new. You could say it kicked off back in the 1530s.

That's when Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared.

Even though it was hundreds of years ago, the world was eerily similar to today: thousands of people leaving the Church, and cultures practicing human sacrifice (not unlike modern-day abortion). But when Our Lady of Guadalupe showed up, she changed everything.

My buddy Eddie Cotter from the Dead Theologians Society is here to help us honor her feast day this year.

Hold onto your seats as we unpack this incredible true story! (Plus, Eddie runs a ministry for teens and young adults, so he's got plenty of insights from that angle too!)

## ADVENT

### Crockpots and Compline

This Advent, the parish will be hosting **Tuesday evening suppers (Dec. 5, 12, and 19)** at the hall from 6:30 – 7:30 PM prior to praying Compline (Night Prayer) together at the Church at 7:45 - 8 PM. An email will be sent out asking parishioners to RSVP by the Thursday prior each week so we can give the volunteer chefs a headcount. You can also RSVP by calling the office and speaking to a staff member. The office number is (240)681-3551. We are also in need of three volunteer chefs each week to bring crockpot (or other) dishes to share.

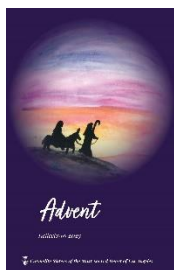
Please note: If you didn't RSVP for this coming Tuesday, Dec. 12, feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, you may still join us! We hope to see you there.



## Advent Booklets

We still have plenty of the day-by-day Advent companion booklets from the *Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles* available for you! You can find them in the back of the Church and Mission.

Please take some for family and friends!



## Mass Times

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

Tues - Fri 8:00 AM, 1st Fri 7:30 PM,  
First Sat 9:00 AM, all at St. Michael

## Confession Times

Sunday: 7:30 AM  
Wednesday: 7:00 PM  
Saturday: 4:00 PM

## Daily Adoration

Visit our [website](#) for the full schedule



## Please PRAY for our SICK

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

Brenda Baden-Ritter, Joe Bauer, Joanne Butler, Gavin Birl, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Grayson Bowling, Madison Brady, Flossie Brown, James Brown, John Brown, Jr., Lynn Brown, Thomas Canavan, Ann Canter, Larry Canter, Sr., Richard Canter, Sr., Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Andrew Catterton, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Christine Clontz, Mary Connick, Terri Cox, Stacey Danielson, Judy Dement, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Shaun Donnelly, Kathy Fisher, Rosemary Flum, Foley Family, Gloria Foley, Bert Hall-Foxwell, Mike Frisby, Jerry Frisby, Don Gardiner, Gerald Gray, Glenn Hale, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Randy Herriott, Larry Horton, Crystal Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Margaret Kramer, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Jackie Markam, Mike & Elaine Mohun, John Martone II, Teddy Miller, Neal Myers, Ralph & Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Thomas Pancamo, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Lena Pettit, Joyce Pickeral, Donald Prather, Michael Proctor, Betty Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Paul Richards, Ann Bowie Rice, Lorrie Riess, Bonnie Robertson, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Garrett Sawall, Sylvia Scott, Thomas Scott, Jr., Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Dave Spadaro, Suzanne Stuart, Robin, Patricia & Thomas Stuart, Fr. Larry Swink, George Thomas, Bernard Torreyson, Cecelia Turner, Doug Walker, Raymond Washington, Jackie Weaver, Joseph & Patricia Welch, Jim Williams, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Cheryl Young, Dean R. Young, Lewis Young, and Theodore Young.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Friday	12/08/23	7:00 PM	Dave Mason
Saturday	12/09/23	5:00 PM	Sarah & Andrew Larsen
Sunday	12/10/23	8:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	12/10/23	10:00 AM	Paul Basak +
Sunday	12/10/23	11:30 AM	Evelyn "Nancy" Hedrick +
Tuesday	12/12/23	8:00 AM	Richard Dufresne +
Wed	12/13/23	8:00 AM	Rev. Richard Richardson +
Thursday	12/14/23	8:00 AM	Richard Hutson +
Friday	12/15/23	8:00 AM	CDL 4 Less Staff

## YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS - Dec. 3, 2023

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 5117.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 1045.00

May God reward your generosity!