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January 17th 2021 397th Edition

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 St. Michael's Parish is a Catholic faith community deeply rooted in the Holy Eucharist. Through our faith and worship, we honor the Lord's commandment to love Him and one another, to proclaim the gospel and bring about fair and just world for all people.

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" - which is translated Peter.
 Mt 16:17




Jesus fijando en él la mirada, le dijo: "Tú eres Simón, hijo de Juan. Tú te llamarás Pedro" (que significa Pedro, es decir "roca").
 Mt 16:17

2º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Schedule of Masses

Saturday.....8:00am 4:00pm
 Sabado..... 6:00pm Español
 Sunday..... 10:30 am
 Domingo..... 12:00 pm Español
 Weekdays.....8:00 am

Holy Days

English.....8:00 am
 Español.....6:00 pm

First Friday

Holy Hour.....4:00 pm
 Mass.....5:00 pm

Sacraments

Confession.....by appointment only
 Baptism.....1st & 3rd Sat. 11:00 am English
 Bautizo.....2do & 4to Sab. 11:00 am Español
 Marriage.....6 months advance notice

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Exposicion del Santisimo: Due to the pandemic we are no longer exposing the Blessed Sacrament till further notice. / Debido a la pandemia el Santisimo no estara expuesto hasta nuevo aviso.

Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina/Veneracion a la Reliquia de Sor. Faustina: The 3rd Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm in the parish's courtyard. / Cada 3er Jueves de cada mes en el patio de la parroquia.



Hello parishioners,
I hope this message finds you well. I recently found a beautiful statue of St. Michael that I would like to purchase for the altar of our church. It's the perfect representation of our patron saint and our faithful Catholic community. Everyone will be able to enjoy it once we return to having mass indoors. We are gratefully accepting donations for this stunning statue.

Please contact the office at 209-931-0639 for further information. Thank you

January-Respect Life Month

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides resources to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual Catholics participate in this important day of prayer and penance.

Enero-Mes del Respeto a la Vida

En todas las Diócesis de los Estados Unidos de América, el 22 de enero (o el 23 de enero) será observado como un día particular de oración por la plena restauración de la garantía legal del derecho a la vida y de la penitencia por violaciones a la dignidad del persona humana cometida mediante actos de aborto. Como individuos, estamos llamados a observar este día a través de las prácticas penitenciales de oración, ayuno y / o limosna. La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE. UU. Proporciona recursos para ayudar a las parroquias, escuelas, familias, ministerios y católicos individuales a participar en este importante día de oración y penitencia.



Prayer

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

When Margie Smiles-- Jokes for Sunday!

What is a New Year's resolution?

Something that goes in one year and out the other.



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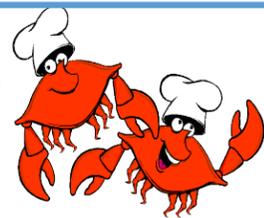
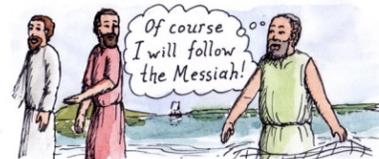
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Be Ready to do God's Will

In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?



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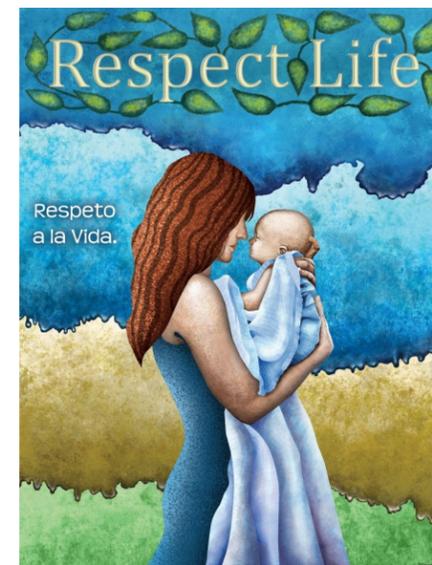
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Divine Mercy, St. Faustina Quotes:

ST. FAUSTINA-UNITING HER WILL WITH THE WILL OF GOD

“Today during meditation, God gave inner light and understanding as to what sanctity is and of what is consists...Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God...My sanctity and perfection consists in the close union of my will with the will of God” (Diary 1107)

“My Jesus, penetrate me through and through so that I might be able to reflect You in my whole life. Divinize me so that my deeds may have supernatural value. Grant that I may have love, compassion and mercy for every soul without exception...Glorifying Your Mercy is the exclusive task of my life.” (Diary 1242)

Children’s Faith Formation:

Please call Sister Angela at (209)-931-2696. if you have any questions.

Children’s Faith Formation (Catecismo):

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Please contact Elena Molina at: (209) 931-5390 if you are interested in Signing up for either of our classes. Also feel free to call If you have any questions for additional information.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER:

FEAR! Not FIRE! Fear has been the buzzword most of 2020. With the Covid pandemic, fear of not receiving facts, social media running amok, election chaos, hatred, misunderstanding, and refusal to listen on both sides of the political spectrum, our churches having to close, friends and family members dying, isolation from each other, I can assuredly say that I kept looking ahead with hopes for 2021. But FEAR became our motivating emotion to move or not move. How does one reconcile one's fear of life in all circumstances (especially now) with ones' faith? Scripture tells us emphatically that “Fear is NOT (emphasis mine) of God, that He has given us a spirit of courage and strength.” (Loosely translated 2 Timothy 1:7). So what to do with such extremes, FEAR and FAITH? 2020 has been a difficult year, at best, but I believe the true coping mechanism, for me, is my faith.

Not the faith of my own making, but rather the faith that can only come from movement, such as attending daily Mass, attending evening Retreat meetings (with appropriate precautions in place), attending Sunday Mass, and daily prayer with our Blessed Mother through the rosary. For this I have been allowed the grace of peace, the peace that only Jesus can give; that our Catholic Faith invites us to every moment when we let down our pride of “I-can-do-it-all-by-myself” and admit “Lord, I need you so much because I can't do anything by myself.” So, yes, there has been fear, but our Lord promises great peace in the face of fear if we only call on him. This invitation is open to EVERYONE!!!! So, as my 4-yr. old nephew Ryze once said on a beautiful summer day to my 30-yr-old son-in-law, Tyler, with the openness of Christ, “Come-on, have a seat!” The invitation of our Lord, is to “Come-on, take some time with me, have a seat, be at peace!” Bring it on 2021!!!

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits—the miracle at Cana re- minds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo les dice a los Corintios (y a nosotros) que todos nuestros dones vienen de Dios y que nos son dados, no para nosotros solamente, sino para el bien común. ¡Pero la generosidad de Dios no tiene límites — el milagro de Caná nos recuerda que cuando hacemos fielmente lo que Dios nos pide, Él puede cambiar nuestros regalos de agua en vino!

Mass Intentions for the Week Year B

Saturday Jan.16th

8:00AM Mireya Sanchez (Intention)
 Angelita Lina †
 Celestina Alandydy †
 4:00PM Andrew Magnasco †
 Joseph Huynh Nguyen †
 6:00PM All souls in Purgatory

Sunday Jan.17th

10:30AM Ramon Cervantes †
 Ernesto Cervantes (Birthday)
 Daniel Paira †
 Angelita Lina †
 Celestina Alandydy †
 Joseph Huynh Nguyen †
 12:00PM Mass for the People

Monday Jan.18th

8:00AM Tom Bielejeski †
 Joseph Huynh Nguyen †
 Angelita Lina †
 Celestina Alandydy †

Tuesday Jan.19th

8:00AM Angelita Lina †
 Celestina Alandydy †
 Joseph Huynh Nguyen †

Wednesday Jan.20th

8:00AM Angelita Lina †
 Celestina Alandydy †
 Joseph Huynh Nguyen †

Thursday Jan.21st

8:00AM Angelita Lina †
 Celestina Alandydy †
 Joseph Huynh Nguyen †

Friday Jan.22nd

8:00AM Greta Hermann †
 Gody Demesa †
 Joseph Huynh Nguyen †

Saturday Jan 23rd

8:00AM All Souls in Purgatory
 4:00PM Eugene Sbragia †
 Joseph Huynh Nguyen †
 Louis & Lois Casale †
 6:00PM Juan Zapata Nava †

Readings for the week:

Monday Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr
 Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
 Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
 Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



Parish Updates:

* January 9 & 10, Saturday & Sunday: Our parish celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord at the Jordan river, signaling the last day for Christmas celebration in the whole world. Our four masses were well attended; to end all those joys and merriments of the Holy Season, and prepare ourselves again in a new journey for the year 2021 as a community of faith

* January 12, Tuesday: It was the special day designated for removing all the Christmas decorations around the complex. Claudia Mall organized and led all volunteers to do the job their best. Those were Lauren Casale, Carol Bielejeski, Gloria Vios, Cathy Westphal, Cathy Formosa, Chila Amezcua, Elvira Meza, Froylan Tinoco, Ed Valenzuela and Ron Schall. As a token of our appreciation for their hard-work, Vesenia offered them a delicious pizza for lunch. A big thanks to all of them.

* January 14, Thursday: Was the schedule of the Kick Off Workshop of the Bishop Ministry Appeal 2021, where the pastors and the chairpersons were asked to participate. Msgr. Gus, Kevin Rine and Froylan Tinoco took part in the training by Zoom.

Adoration for Life

The Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco which St. Michaels supports will most likely be completely cancelled. We are offering an alternative to participate with Adoration, the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for life. It will be on Friday, January 22nd, the anniversary of Roe V. Wade, from 8:30am to 4:00pm in the church. Please come and follow the guideline of Covid-19.

Actualizaciones Parroquiales:

* 9 y 10 de enero, sábado y domingo: Nuestra parroquia celebró la fiesta del bautismo de nuestro Señor en el río Jordán, señalando el último día para la celebración de Navidad en todo el mundo. Nuestras cuatro misas fueron bien atendidas; para poner fin a todas esas alegrías del Tiempo Santo, y prepararnos de nuevo a un nuevo camino para el año 2021 como comunidad de fe.

* 12 de enero, martes: Fue un día especial designado para remover todas las decoraciones navideñas alrededor del complejo. Claudia Mall organizó y llevó a todos los voluntarios a hacer el trabajo de la mejor manera. Eran Lauren Casale, Carol Bielejeski, Gloria Vios, Cathy Westphal, Cathy Formosa, Chila Amezcua, Elvira Meza, Froylan Tinoco, Ed Valenzuela y Ron Schall. Como muestra de nuestro agradecimiento por su arduo trabajo, Vesenia les ofreció una deliciosa pizza para el almuerzo. Muchas gracias a todos ellos.

* 14 de enero, jueves: Fue el programa del Taller de Inicio de la Apelación del Ministerio Obispo 2021, donde se pidió a los pastores y a los presidentes que participaran. Mons. Gus, Kevin Rine y Froylan Tinoco participaron en el entrenamiento de Zoom.

Adoración por la vida

El Walk for Life West Coast en San Francisco que St. Michaels apoya muy probablemente será completamente cancelado. Ofrecemos una alternativa para participar con la Adoración, el Santísimo Sacramento y las oraciones de por vida. Será el viernes 22 de enero, el aniversario de Roe V. Wade, de 8:30am a 4:00pm en la iglesia. Por favor, venga y siga las directrices de Covid-19.

Gospel Reflection:

John 1:35-42

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

Prayers for the Sick

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We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for

and what do we find in Jesus?

Family Connection

In today's Gospel we learn about one of at least two family relations that appear among Jesus' first disciples. Andrew is the brother of Simon, whom Jesus renames Peter. In next week's Gospel, we will learn about the brothers James and John, the sons of Zebedee. We know from the letters of Paul and other witnesses to the early Church that it was a common occurrence for an entire household to be baptized together. From the very beginning of the Church, families helped one another to know and follow Jesus. We hope and pray that this continues to be true in our family life.

Before your family gathers, look around your house and gather some items that your family might have that remind you of your faith. Perhaps you have a cross or crucifix displayed in your home, a statue of Mary, or statues or other art depicting saints. In today's Gospel we learn about how Andrew led his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Read today's Gospel, John 1:35-42.

In our family life, we also help to lead one another to Jesus. Talk together about the items that you gathered, discussing what these items mean to you and how you might use them during the day for prayer. Pray that your family will continue to help one another grow in our faith in Jesus. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father.