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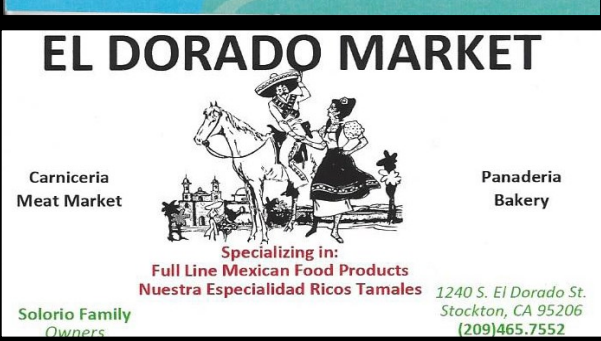


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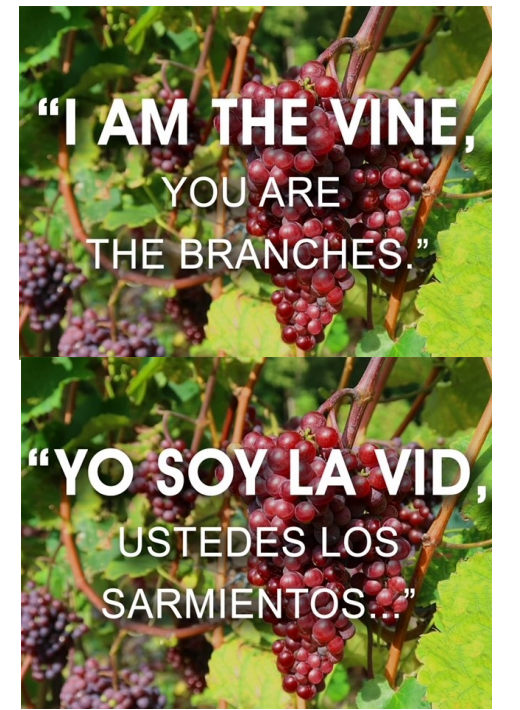
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**Mission Statement:** St. Michael's Parish is a Catholic faith community deeply rooted in the Holy Eucharist. Through our faith and worship, we honor the Lord's commandment to love Him and one another, to proclaim the gospel and bring about fair and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

**Office Hours:**  
Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-12:00 pm & 1:00 pm -4:00 pm  
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### Schedule of Masses

Saturday.....5:00pm  
Sabado.....6:30pm español  
Sunday.....7:30 am & 10:00 am  
Domingo.....12:00 pm español  
Weekdays.....8:00am

### Holy Days

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

### First Friday

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

### Sacraments

Confession Saturday 3:45pm-4:45pm  
Baptism.....1st & 3rd Sat. 11:00 am English  
Bautizo.....2º & 4º 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.

# Confirmation celebration 2021



**Confirmation Day at St. Michaels**

As the Bishop entered into the Father Meyers area, you could feel the Holy Spirit walk with him.

How fortunate for the candidates to be able to experience this Sacrament with their families and fellow members of St. Michael.

Bishop Cotta greeted the crowd and made every one feel welcomed and relaxed. In the process of speaking to the audience, his message was of HOPE. This brought me back to my confirmation, and what the Holy Spirit gives us... Hope!

I have confidence that these confirmed candidates will know the power of the Holy Spirit and that hope is just a good thought away.

Thank you to Sister Angelia and her teachers for being the shepherds leading these blessed souls.

A Big Congratulations to our 40 new confirmed candidates!!!

God Bless you!!!



Please join us as we remember and honor our Precious Souls on Sunday, May 23rd after the 10:00AM Mass. We will gather at the Memorial in the courtyard. Please join us as we remember and consecrate them to Our Lord's loving heart.

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Weekly Collection	\$ 7,494.47
Online Giving (April)	\$ 609.10
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**Divine Mercy**

"O Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Pure crystal for my heart, You are my strength, O sturdy anchor! You are the weak heart's "shield and protection." (Diary161) St. Faustina could not refrain from proclaiming her love, thanksgiving, and admiration for (Mary) the one who faithfully trusted that what God told her would come true. "Let it be done unto me according to Your Word. (Luke 1:38) "O Mother, Virgin, purest of all lilies, Your heart was Jesus' first tabernacle on earth." (Diary St. Faustina, looked to Mary as a role model, a pure, disciple of Jesus, shining out from the pages of the bible. "When I was left alone with the Blessed Virgin she instructed me in the interior life... "The soul's true greatness lies in loving God and in humbling oneself in His presence, completely forgetting oneself and believing oneself to be nothing: because the Lord is great, but He is well-pleased only with the humble... "(Diary 1711) We will not be full of grace if we are full of ourselves. "The more I imitate the Mother of God, the more deeply I get to know God." (Diary 843) O sweet Mother of God, I model my life on you; You are for me the bright dawn: In you I lose myself enraptured. O Mother, Immaculate virgin, You the Divine ray is reflected, Midst storms, 'tis You who teach me to love The Lord. O my shield and defense from the foe." (Diary 1232)

**Formation Corner:**

IMPERFECTION - Have you ever noticed that life just doesn't go your way? Seriously. At every juncture there is resistance, challenge, difficulty, that nothing ever really goes "as it should?" Have you ever tried to make things go or be "perfect," because if whatever you were connected to was considered perfect, then you could view yourself as perfect?" I can tell you that when I was younger, pre-40 years, give or take 5-10 years, I really believed that if I did the right things, the right way,

did what was expected of me as a wife, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, mother, and friend, that somehow my life would be "successful, accomplished." But, the Lord has (and continues, because I certainly do not make it easy for Him!) been trying . . . and trying . . . and trying to teach me "His way, His truth, and His life." c I really thought that if I strived for perfection on every level, that I could see myself in a more positive light, in my own eyes! How wrong I was!!!

If there is one thing I have learned, it is that God's consistency is superb. He NEVER gives up on his own . . . thankfully. And so, everything in my "perfect world," kept falling apart. Timing wouldn't be right, children would not cooperate, husband would be challenging, and of course, that was their fault, I was just wanting their lives to be happy, holy, and show God how good a job I was doing. The more I aimed for perfection, the more challenges I met with, the more frustrated I became. Come to think of it, that was about the time I had the most difficulty saying the Rosary. And I believed that I was doing much in the name of God!!! I was not as self-aware as I thought I was at that time. But God kept giving me the rope of choice, He kept allowing me to "fall under my chosen crosses." See that PRIDE sneak in? A whole lifetime's worth, thank-you very much.

I wish I could tell you that I have learned to handle things going wrong in my life, I haven't . . . not yet. But I have learned something. I have learned that it is precisely those obstacles, those challenges, those frustrating difficulties, the tragedies, the events in our lives that leave us feeling broken or broken-hearted; these are the things of life that allow the false notion of Perfection, to be perfectly broken in order that we come to accept the imperfection within ourselves. I think this may be the first step in becoming more authentic, in being more real toward ourselves and others. This is when we can be authentic toward God, who already knows who we are anyway. This, I believe is the moment of true humility. So, there you have it, life is truly full of struggles, and honestly, if God allows my perception of difficulty to pass through His hands, and if I want a relationship with God, then I must accept my crosses, my imperfections. I am realizing that embracing the struggles with God is better than life without God. So, I am saying "No" to Perfect, and "Yes" to just me, good and bad, strong and weak, right and wrong, and a super "Yes" to God. So, go ahead, be okay, really okay with your imperfections, because then God can create us to be His perfect. That imperfection is the best perfection.

Blessings, Roz.

***Fifth Sunday of Easter/ Quinto Domingo de Pascua***

**The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.**

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**Mass Intentions for the Week Year B:**

**Saturday May 1st**

**8:00AM** Fructosa Sanchez Bacus †  
Carmel Gozum †

**5:00PM** Cruz Lopez †  
Pete Pimentel †  
Mae Bertroch †  
Sam Orlando †

**6:30PM** Mass for all the People

**Sunday May 2nd**

**7:30 AM** All Souls In Purgatory

**10:00AM** Mary Ghio †  
Dorothea Batch †

**12:00PM** Mario Valverde †

**Monday May 3rd**

**8:00AM** Tom Bielejeski †

**Tuesday May 4th**

**8:00AM** Rosa Origone †  
William Van Fields †

**Wednesday May 5th**

**8:00AM** For all the Forgotten Souls  
in purgatory

**Thursday ..May 6th**

**8:00AM** All Souls In Purgatory

**Friday May 7th**

**8:00AM** Greta Hermann †  
Glorifino Juan Sr. †

**Saturday May 8th**

**8:00AM** All Souls In Purgatory

**5:00PM**

Miguel Bernardo †  
Masako Bertroch †  
Oliver & Rose Pellegrini †  
Andrew Magnasco †  
Christina Marie Aguada †  
Joao & Maria Ferreira †  
John & Margarida Cotta †

**6:30PM**

**Mass for All People**

**Readings for the week:**

**Monday Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles**  
1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

**Tuesday** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;  
Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12;  
Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:25-26; 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4;  
1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17



"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la lucha. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y acechanzas del demonio. Que Dios manifieste sobre él su poder, es nuestra humilde súplica. Y tú, oh Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, con el poder que Dios te ha conferido, arroja al infierno a Satanás, y a los demás espíritus malignos que vagan por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

### **Parish updates:**

**04-24-2021- Congratulations** to our newest parish member: **Camila Martinez-Gaona**; who was **baptized** into our faith. **Parents are Eduardo and Maria Martinez**

**04-22-2021- Congratulations** to all of our **jr. high-school and young adults** who were confirmed on **Thursday, by Bishop Myron Cotta and Msgr. Gus as con-celebrant. The mass was bilingual.**

Prior to the Confirmation Celebration, **Msgr. Gus and Msgr. Ryan hosted Most Reverend Bishop Cotta** to a prime-rib dinner, generously prepared by **Denise, Michael, and Gina Pennisi**. Hosts and guests enjoyed their dinner on the newly finished patio behind the Rectory.

**04-27-2021- THANK-YOU!!!!!! MUCHAS GRACIAS!!!!!! THANK-YOU!!!!** To **Carmilla Brink, Praxedes Demesa Bernabe, Mr. & Mrs. Ricardo and Jocelyn Cruz** who all donated very generously to the replacement of our church carpets.

**04-29-2021- Bishop's Ministry Appeal** -Please keep up the good work!!! We have **increased** our Pledges and One-Time Donations from **\$40,317.00 to \$42,000.00.**

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*Thank you to all our parishioners who join us in person or live in Facebook in our Sunday Mass. Your presence is a true blessing. A special thank you to all who continue to give your weekly offertory during this hard time.*

### **Actualizaciones Parroquiales:**

**04-24-2021- Felicitaciones** a nuestra nueva miembro parroquial: **Camila Martínez-Gaona**; que fue **bautizada** en nuestra fe. **Los padres son Eduardo y María Martínez**

**04-22-2021- Felicitaciones** a todos **nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos** que fueron confirmados el jueves. Tuvimos la bendición de que el **obispo Myron Cotta celebrara con monseñor Gus** en inglés y español.

Antes de la celebración de confirmación, **monseñor Gus y monseñor Ryan** recibieron al reverendo Obispo Cotta en una cena de primera, generosamente preparada por **Denise, Michael y Gina Pennisi**. Anfitriones e invitados disfrutaron de su cena en el patio recién terminado detrás de la Rectoría.

**04-27-2021- GRACIAS!!!!!! MUCHAS GRACIAS!!!!!! GRACIAS!!!!** A **Carmilla Brink, Praxedes Demesa Bernabe, Mr. & Mrs. Ricardo y Jocelyn Cruz** que todos donaron muy generosamente al reemplazo de nuestras alfombras de iglesia.

**04-29-2021- Ministerio del obispo** -Por favor, mantenga el buen trabajo!!! Hemos aumentado nuestras Promesas y Donaciones únicas de **\$40,317.00 a \$42,000.00.**

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*Gracias a todas las personas que nos acompañan en persona o virtual- mente en Facebook a nuestras Misas del domingo. Su presencia es una verdadera bendición. Un agradecimiento especial a todos los que continúan dando su ofrenda semanal durante estos difíciles momentos.*

### **Gospel Reflection:**

*John 15:1-8*

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when

we undertake them in his name.

### **Family Connection**

The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us. Our life of prayer and our union with Jesus will lead us to fruitful service to others.

Place a plant in your gathering space. Invite everyone to look at the plant, noting the connection between the plant and its leaves. Talk about the integral connection between all the parts of a healthy plant. Introduce today's Gospel by saying that Jesus talked about his relationship to his disciples using this metaphor. Read today's Gospel, John 15:1-8. Talk about the ways in which we are invited to relate to Jesus as his disciples today—prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, and so on. When we do these things, Jesus promises to remain with us and to lead us to serve others well. Pray together that we will continue to be attentive and open to Jesus as he works in our lives today. Pray together the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love.

**Dear Lord, we lift to You our concern for people who are more likely than others to become severely ill from COVID- 19— the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty and, for many, preventive isolation from loved ones.**

*Querido Señor, te elevamos nuestra preocupación por las personas que tienen más probabilidades que otras de enfermarse gravemente por el COVID-19 de los ancianos y las personas con enfermedades crónicas. Protéjalos del daño y sea su consuelo en este tiempo de incertidumbre y, para muchos, aislamiento preventivo de sus seres queridos.*

**Prayers for the Sick** Crystal Garcia, Christopher Luis Salcedo, Jaime Kerr, Teresa Brown, Valerie, Angela McCrady, Ramon Ochoa, Izzy Lowndes, Martha Gelsomini, Efrain Gonzalez Perez, Agustin Fua, Ma Lourdes Q. Fua, Ian Brodie, Juan Silva, Cynthia Diaz, Jim Ptack, Ruth Huber, Sharon Lemos, Robert Ortega, Fakava Liuaki, Rosa Denoso, Maria Fuentes de Ponce, Juanita Bague, Cody Bruner, Valdo Lopez, Sr., Kristi Martin, Bob Foppiano, Skip Bowe, Dieter Grabis, Anthony Gonzalez, Lillian Bava, Helen Leismer, Jim Perkins, Duke T., Pedro Galagn, Ruth Hawley, Martin Olivas, Avery Piacentini, Lolo Murry, Rosa Maria Santos, Merle Bowmen, Marie Parra, Cali Vanni, Harold "Gi" Raggio, Mark Fernandez, Corey Bowerman, Estela Flores, Vanessa Sanchez, Cathy Westphal, Pedro Alvarez, Valeti Fakava, Linda Bosche, Lourdes Parada, Matt Lemos, Jose Fuentes, Raymond Fuentes, Kasandra Nicole Valenzuela, Stella Mia Baez, Kelly Roddy, Pat Harris, Tom Seesing, Lynda Ripley, Shawn Arnell, Louis Rivera & Sal Castellon, Angela Montion, Yolanda Salazar Gomez, George Midwin, Julianna Mandalotti-Midwin, Tina Mandalotti-Rouse, Harold Rouse, Tony Infantino, Lil Bova-Ayrton, David Ayrton, Bob Hermann, Susie Tunkle, Enrique & Lucille Olivares, **Please call the office to add or remove your loved ones name .**