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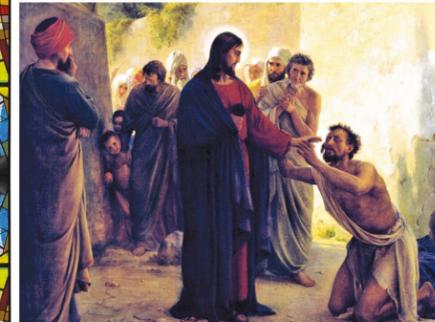
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Exposicion del Santisimo: Due to the pandemic we are no longer exposing the Blessed Sacrament till further notice. / Debido a la pandemia el Santisimo no estara expuesto hasta nuevo aviso.
Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina/Veneracion a la Reliquia de Sor. Faustina: The 3rd Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm @ the FMC. / Cada 3er Jueves de cada mes en el FMC



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."
FR 10:51



Entonces le dijo Jesús: "¿Qué quieres que haga por tí?"
El ciego le contestó: "Maestro, que pueda ver".
FR 10:51

30° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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.....	8:30 am-5:00pm
Mass.....	5:00 pm

Sacraments

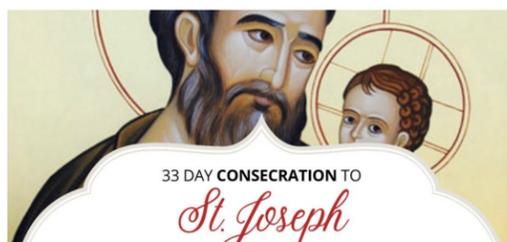
Confession Saturday	3:45pm-4:45pm
Baptism.....	1st & 3rd Sat. 11:00 am English
Bautizo.....	2° & 4° Sab. 11:00 am Español
Marriage.....	6 months advance notice

All Saints Day Mass Schedule

Monday, November 1st, 2021

8:00AM (English)

6:00PM (Bilingual)



33 DAY CONSECRATION TO

St. Joseph

Consagración a

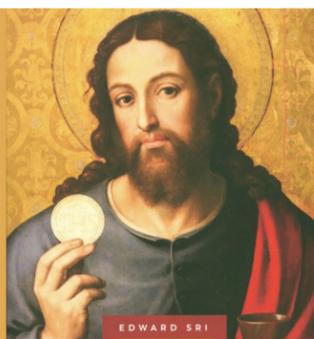
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November 1st, 2021, at 6:00pm

Noviembre 1° 2021, a las 6:00pm

Those who have previously completed a retreat and those who are currently preparing for this consecration are invited to join us.

Se les invita unirse a quienes hayan completado previamente el retiro y a quienes se estén preparando actualmente para esta consagración.



THE MASS

Class Dates: Oct. 26 - Nov. 23, 2021
Class Time: Tuesday, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Location: Lucchetti Ministry Center Room #9
For more information contact:
Diane Crumpacker @ 209-957-0229

We will be following the Bishop's safety protocols

Save the Date!



**ST. MICHAEL'S 2021 GALA DINNER
 IN CELEBRATION OF OUR CHURCH RENNOVATION**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021
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Enhanced Offering Commitment

We have received approximately 58 Commitment cards from our English-speaking Parishioners, and 86 Commitment cards from our Spanish speaking Parishioners. In our obedience to the scriptures: "Your plenty at the present time should supply their needs so their surplus may one day supply your needs, with equality as a result. It is written, "He who gathered much had no excess and he who gathered little had no lack." (2 Corinthians 8: 14-15) Our goal is to have increased and full participation in response to our Lord's call to each and every one of us. Please continue to prayerfully consider your committed and consistent offering to our Parish. You are invited to complete and submit the Commitment card (located in the Parish office). Thank-you so much for your past and continued support; St. Michael's parishioners are the best!!!!

Compromiso de Ofrenda Mejorada

Hemos recibido aproximadamente 58 tarjetas de Compromiso de nuestros Feligreses de habla inglés y 86 tarjetas de Compromiso de nuestros Feligreses de habla hispana. En nuestra obediencia a las Escrituras: "Tu abundancia en el momento actual debe suplir sus necesidades para que su excedente pueda algún día suplir tus necesidades, con la igualdad como resultado. Está escrito: "El que reunía mucho no tenía exceso y el que reunía poco no tenía falta". (2 Corintios 8:14-15) Nuestro objetivo es tener una participación mayor y plena en respuesta al llamado de nuestro Señor a todos y cada uno de nosotros. Por favor, continúe considerando en oración su ofrenda comprometida y consistente a nuestra Parroquia. Se le invita a completar y enviar la tarjeta de compromiso (ubicada en la oficina parroquial). Muchas gracias por su pasado y continuo apoyo; ¡¡¡¡Los feligreses de San Miguel son los mejores!!!!



San José, defensor de la vida, ¡ruega por nosotros!

**Respect Life Ministry:
 November 5th will be First Friday
 Adoration, held in the Fr. Meyer Center
 from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.**

**Ministerio de Respeto a La Vida:
 El 5 de Noviembre será el Primer
 Viernes de Adoración, se llevará a
 cabo en el Centro Father Meyer de
 8:30 A.M. a 5 P.M.**



Childrens Faith Formation

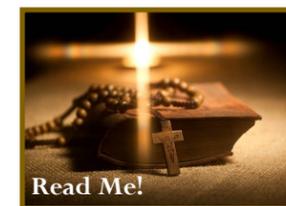
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Will be collecting canned & dry boxed food for families in need, and Catholic Charities, until November 19th. Thank you!

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2 Corinthians 9:7
 You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly.

2 Corintios 9:7
 Cada cual dé según el dictamen de su corazón, no de mala gana ni forzado, pues: Dios ama al que da con alegría."



Read Me!

San Joaquin Catholic Cemetery

All Souls Day Mass on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the Mausoleum at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Larry Machado will be presiding.

Masks are required



Covid - 19 Vaccinations

- *Adults 12yrs and Older
- *Covid Testing will be available
- *Pfizer and Moderna booster shots also available.

Flu Vaccinations

- *Available to ages 4 yrs. and up

When: November 14, 2021

- *Covid-19 Vaccinations 8:00am to 12:30pm
- *Flu Vaccinations 8:00am to 2:00pm

Where: St. Linus Catholic Church; Diego Hall



Vacunas de COVID 19

- *Adultos de 12 años en adelante
- *Pruebas de rapido resultado
- *Pfizer y Moderna vacuna de refuerzo disponible

Vacunas de la Gripe

- *Disponibles de edad 4 años en adelante

Cuando: Noviembre 14, 2021

- *Vacunas de COVID de 8:00am a 12:30pm
- *Vacunas de la Gripe de 8:00am a 2:00pm

Donde: St. Linus Iglesia de católico; Cuarto de Diego

When Margie Smiles



What happened to the guy with the overdue exorcism bills?

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In Loving Memory of
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Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly amount needed for Ordinary operations	\$	10,700.00
October 2021		
Weekly Collection	\$	7,191.70
Online Giving (Oct.)	\$	497.90
Budgeted Offertory (Oct.)	\$	31,000.00
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Second Collection— Fifth Sunday 10/30 & 10/31

Respect Life Ministry:

"Far from being 'pre-occupied' with abortion, the Catholic Church provides a wide variety of medical, social, and educational services. Some say that we should devote our energies solely to "non-controversial" needs and keep quiet about abortion; we should concede that ...this is a "private matter." But it is not. Indeed, the very existence of that growing child is the fruit of communion between two persons, and the mother and father are themselves part of a constellation of human relationships. All of these people are harmed to a greater or lesser degree by the act of ending the unborn child's life. "Before I Formed You In the Womb I Knew You, by the Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco

Ministerio de Respeto a La Vida:

"Lejos de estar 'preocupada' con el aborto, la Iglesia Católica ofrece una amplia variedad de servicios médicos, sociales y educativos. Algunos dicen que debemos dedicar nuestras energías únicamente a las necesidades "no controvertidas" y guardar silencio sobre el aborto; debemos admitir que... este es un "asunto privado". Pero no lo es. De hecho, la existencia misma de ese niño en crecimiento es el fruto de la comunión entre dos personas, y la madre y el padre son a su vez parte de una constelación de relaciones humanas. Todas estas personas son perjudicadas en mayor o menor grado por el acto de poner fin a la vida del niño por nacer. "Antes de formarte en el vientre te conocí, por el Reverendísimo Salvatore Cordileone, Arzobispo de San Francisco

Faith Formation Corner:

Wednesday morning Mass this past week, we were given the Gospel according to Luke, specifically Luke 12:48, ". . . Every one to whom much is given, of him will much be required, and of him to whom men commit much they will demand more." This scripture was in connection to the parable of the watchful slaves who are faithful or unfaithful to their master, who had entrusted to them the care of his kingdom while he is away. For me, the above scripture hit home because it was the scripture that my oldest son believed to be his own, during our scripture memorization mornings, usually done on our way to school.

I am seriously wondering, I have been given much, very much. And I believe that while I may have to endure difficulties, spiritual or otherwise, I know that what I have is all from the grace and blessing

of my heavenly Father. However, since I have been blessed with so very much, I have to question, am I giving what is required of me? On every front? To the Lord? To my husband? To my children, family, and friends? I want to believe I am, but am I? What is "much will be required?"

I recognize I am not perfect, nor do I want to be perfect, at least not as the world encourages. I have to admit that in my early years, I did "need" to be perfect. That was not good, nor was it healthy. Thankfully God (as usual), came to the rescue and allowed me to go through much needed scrutiny, reminding me that while, "giving isn't giving unless it hurts," I needed to understand the motives behind my need to "give until it hurts" mentality.

But what does that scripture really mean? I believe it means that we, who have been given our faith, health, family, work, and friends in that order, have been specifically called to stewardship. We have been called to take care of all we have been given. And I do not think that God is going to ask if I made sure our children had the best food, clothes, or education. Or what sports did my children engage in. I think God might ask me if I shared as many aspects of the faith as possible with my children? Or did I speak up when someone was being treated unfairly, or worse, being abused? I think God may ask if I "wanted" to give my offerings to him, or did I do it out of obligation? I wonder if he will ask why I spent so much time in front of my laptop or television screen instead of praying to him, or speaking to him. Or did I ever really take into consideration the amount of food and money that someone else may be going without in order for me to eat out or purchase some unnecessary item?

Maybe the "things" God requires out of us, are the unrelenting devotion and loving trust in him that surpasses all other things. Maybe that is what he wants of me. Maybe he just wants me to exhibit actions that relay the message of love toward Him, my family, my work, etc. Maybe the "much" is that for as much as he gives me, that I be willing, in my heart, to give him anything and everything. After all, his "much" is he sent his only son to die for me. I pray that if it came down to it, that I would do the same, that I would be granted the courage to die for him. Blessings, Roz

Forming the Faith by Kennedy:

I really want to know why Heaven exists?
(Submitted Anonymously by Mrs. Fila's class)



Heaven exists for us to live with God. We were created by God to Serve Him, Love Him, Obey Him, and to live with him in eternity. We are told in the Gospel of John 14:1-3, "Do not be worried and upset," Jesus told them. "Believe in God and believe also I me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am." This scripture tells us clearly that Heaven exists and is the place that awaits all who believe and follow the life of Jesus.

Blessings! Monsignor Gus

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Trigesimo Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario

Today's psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

El Salmo de hoy dice, "El Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por nosotros; estamos llenos de júbilo." Los buenos administradores demuestran por medio de sus vidas y sus donaciones que comprenden que Dios es la Fuente de todo lo que ellos son y de todo lo que poseen.

Mass Intentions for the Week Year B:

Saturday Oct. 23rd

8:00 AM All Non Catholic Souls in Purgatory

**5:00 PM Alice Fernandez †
Joseph Sappington †
All Forgotten Souls in Purgatory**

6:30 PM Mass for the People (Missa Pro Populi)

Sunday Oct. 24th

**7:30 AM Margarida Cotta †
Joao & Maria Ferreira †
Larry Silveira †
Randy Dale Owen †
Raphel Marie Fua Sinco (Birthday)**

**10:00AM Agustin Alexee C. Santiago †
Manuel Trovao †
David Canclini †
Ellen Filippini †
Nikkarter Sanchez †**

**12:00PM Antonio Munoz †
Jose Pulido Linares †**

Monday Oct. 25th

**8:00AM Tom Bielejeski †
Elpidio Simon (Personal Intention)
All Victims of Violent Crimes**

Tuesday Oct. 26th

8:00AM Elpidio Simon (Personal Intention)

Wednesday Oct. 27th

**8:00AM Judy Green (Intention)
All Priests & Nuns in Purgatory**

Thursday Oct. 28th

**8:00AM Domingo G. Legaspi Sr. †
All Forgotten Souls in Purgatory**

Friday Oct. 29th

**8:00AM Greta Hermann †
All Non Catholics Souls in Purgatory**

Saturday Oct. 30th

8:00 AM Jack & Jeannelle Ospital †

5:00 PM Joseph Sappington †

6:30 PM Mass for the People (Missa Pro Populi)

Readings for the week:

Monday Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16**

Friday Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34**



ST. MICHAEL PROTECT US ALL!

Parish Updates/Actualizaciones Parroquiales

10-16-2021-The Biblical Walk Through the Mass bible study has officially begun!! This Saturday morning gathered approximately 26 participants who are choosing to learn more about the beautiful mystery and gift of the Mass! Please pray for the Divine Mercy and Legion of St. Joseph groups currently enrolled.

10-16-2021- ¡¡El estudio bíblico de la Caminata Bíblica a través de la Misa ha comenzado oficialmente!! ¡Este sábado por la mañana se reunieron aproximadamente 26 participantes que están eligiendo aprender más sobre el hermoso misterio y el regalo de la Misa! Por favor, oren por los grupos de la Divina Misericordia y la Legión de San José actualmente inscritos.

10-16-2021 – Congratulations to Veronica Naomi Cervantes, and her parents, **Juan and Ivonne,** who celebrated her **Quinceañera** this day, with celebrant, **Msgr. Gus!!!** Please pray for Veronica as she enters into a very special stage in her life!!

10-16-2021 – Felicitaciones a Verónica Noemí Cervantes, y a sus padres, **Juan e Ivonne,** quienes celebraron en este día su **Quinceañera,** con el celebrante, **Mons. Gus!!!** ¡Por favor, oren por Verónica mientras entra en una etapa muy especial en su vida!

10-22-2021-Thank-you so very much to the **Anonymous** donor for their **\$7000** donation for the church interior remodel.

10-22-2021-Muchas gracias al donante anónimo por su donación de \$7000 para la remodelación interior de la iglesia.

10-23-2021-Thank-you! Thank-you!! Thank-you to all our parishioners who have responded to the **Box of Joy Program** to provide special gifts of love to needy children in Haiti. Between The Ladies Guild, Gloria Biglieri, and our very generous parishioners across all Masses, our Boxes of Joy will bring a great deal of joy to the 50 children who will receive them!!! Thank-you St. Michael's!!!

10-23-2021- ¡Gracias! ¡¡Gracias!! Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que han respondido al Programa “Box of Joy” para proporcionar regalos especiales de amor a los niños necesitados en Haití. Entre Las Ladies Guild, Gloria Biglieri, y nuestros muy generosos feligreses en todas las Misas, ¡¡¡nuestras Cajas de Alegría traerán una gran alegría a los 50 niños que las recibirán!!! ¡¡¡Gracias San Miguel!!!

Offertory: Make your offertory: Mail check to St. Michael, 5882 N. Ashley Ln, Stockton, CA 95215 or Online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/stmichaelparish/funds>. 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.

Ofertorio: Envíe su cheque a St. Michael, 5882 N. Ashley Ln, Stockton, CA. 95215 o en línea a: <https://www.osvhub.com/stmichaelparish/funds>. Gracias a todas las personas que nos acompañan en persona o virtualmente 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:

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is

absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

Family Connection Today's Gospel offers us a powerful example of faith and persistence in prayer. Those around him rebuked Bartimaeus for his efforts to attract Jesus' attention. When silenced by the crowd, however, Bartimaeus called out all the more. He is persistent and bold in his confidence that Jesus will show mercy on him and do what he asks. His persistence and great confidence that Jesus would help him reminds us of

the confidence with which our children bring to us their needs. In their faith and trust we can find an example of the attitude with which we might approach God in prayer.

As a family, recall a request that has been made repeatedly by one family member to another. Talk about why the request continues to be made if the answer continues to be no. Then read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:46-52. After reading the Gospel, pose questions such as these to your family: Why must Bartimaeus be persistent in calling out to Jesus? (Some people in the crowd are telling him to be quiet.) What does Bartimaeus do when some try to stop him? (He calls out to Jesus all the more.) When Jesus stops and calls for him, what does Jesus do and say? (He restores Bartimaeus's sight; Jesus tells Bartimaeus his faith has saved him.) When we pray, God wants us to be so confident he will help us that we don't permit anyone to keep us from bringing our needs to God in prayer. Invite family members to identify the things they need most from God. Pray these prayers of petition together as a family, confident that God will hear and answer your prayers. Respond to each petition, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on us." Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father.

Let them be filled with patience and joy in your presence as they wait for your healing touch. Please restore your servants to full health, dear Father. Remove all fear and doubt from their hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit, and may you, Lord, be glorified through their life, Amen."

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