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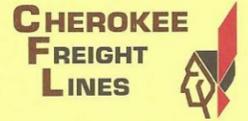


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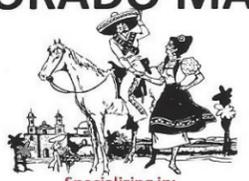
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December 5th, 2021

443rd Edition

**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:**  
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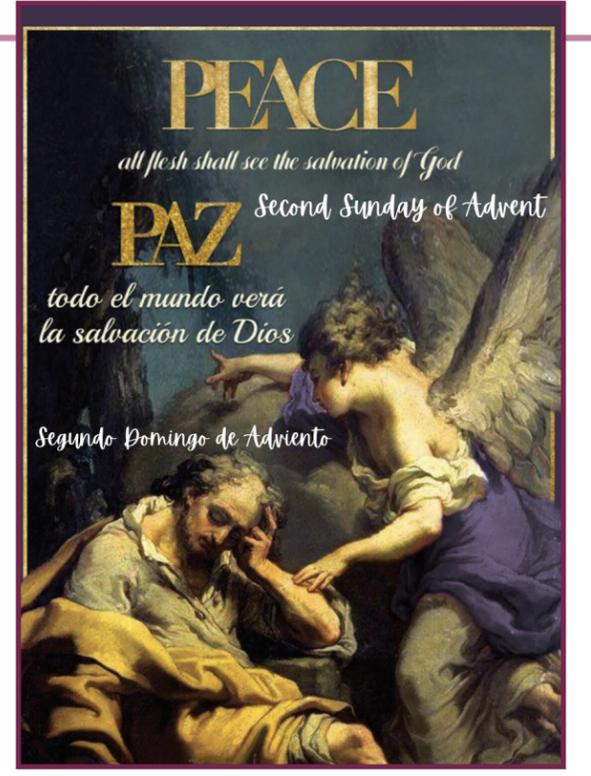
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**Schedule of Masses**

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.....	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

**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

**Immaculate Conception**  
**Inmaculada Concepción**  
 Wednesday, December 8, 2021  
 8:00AM-English  
 6:30PM-Bilingual



**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**



**Saturday, December 11, 2021**  
**mañanitas a las 5:00AM**  
 followed by mass/ misa siguiendo



**Parish Events**  
**Pictures!**



**Advent Family Prayer**  
 Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. **Lord God**, we adore you because you have come to us in the past.

**Oración Familiar de Adviento**  
*Ayúdanos a caminar en ese amor durante las semanas de Adviento, mientras esperamos y nos preparamos para su venida. Oramos en el nombre de Jesús, nuestro Salvador. Señor Dios, te adoramos porque has venido a nosotros en el pasado.*



**When Margie Smiles**  
 How do the chickens dance?  
 Chick to Chick  
 Chick to Chick

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Deadline to contribute please is Friday, December 10th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.  
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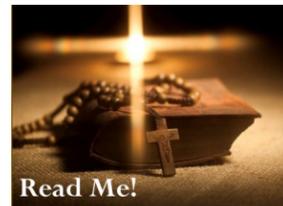
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**Save the Dates:** December 9 and 16: A spiritual adventure thru a Biblical Walk thru the mass, Discover the Beauty, the Riches, and the Profound Meaning of the Mass. An invitation to all our parish ministries for an ongoing formation that will serve our Advent Retreat. Your attendance and participation are highly appreciated.

**Nativity Scene Blessing, Sacramento, Saturday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m.**

Please join the Knights of Columbus Council 11052, Monsignor Gus, and the Sacramento Nativity Scene Committee at the northwest corner of the state Capitol building on Saturday, December 18 at 3pm. For the sixth straight year we will be displaying the Nativity Scene in front of the Capitol building as a public statement of our faith and belief in Christ this Christmas season. Knights from multiple local councils will be providing an honor guard to Fr. Gus while he blesses the Nativity scene. We will then join in singing Christmas carols and conclude around 3:30 with hot chocolate and cookies.

The Nativity will be on Display from December 18 through 26 in front of the Capitol building. This is one of 32 such displays at state capitols nationwide, a project spearheaded by the American Nativity Scene Committee (<https://www.americannativityscene.com/>). For more information please email SacramentoNativity@gmail.com



**Nov. 6th-Dec. 8th: !!!RETREAT NEWS!!!**

For everyone attending the Consecration to St. Joseph 33-Day Retreat, there will be a gathering and sharing meeting on Monday, Dec. 6th at 6pm, Rm. 9-10 in the Lucchetti Ministry Center. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and answer questions, share insights, and deepen our relationship with St. Joseph. Hope to see you there!! Please contact Jose Amezcua at 209-670-5531 or Roz Rine at 209-401-5668 for more information.

**!! NOTICIAS DE RETIRO!! Del 6 de Nov. al 8 de Diciembre**

Para todos los que asistan al Retiro de 33 días de consagración a San José, habrá una reunión para compartir el lunes 6 de Diciembre a las 6 p.m., Rm. 9-10 en el Centro de Ministerio Lucchetti. El propósito de la reunión es discutir y responder preguntas, compartir ideas y profundizar nuestra relación con San José. ¡¡Espero verte allí!! Comuníquese con José Amezcua al 209-670-5531 o con Roz Rine al 209-401-5668 para obtener más información. Comuníquese con José Amezcua al 209-670-5531 para inscribirse en este Retiro.

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Francisco R. Cruz & Juanita D. Cruz**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Bruno & Frances Malucchi**

Our parish bulletin is available for viewing at [www.stmichaelparish.net/bulletins](http://www.stmichaelparish.net/bulletins)

**Our Gifts to the Lord**

Weekly amount needed for Ordinary operations	\$ 10,700.00
<b>November 2021</b>	
Weekly Collection	\$ 8,342.93
Online Giving (Oct.)	\$ 625.40
Budgeted Offertory (Oct.)	\$ 30,000.00
Oct. month to date	\$ 38,384.03
Difference (month)	\$ 8,384.03

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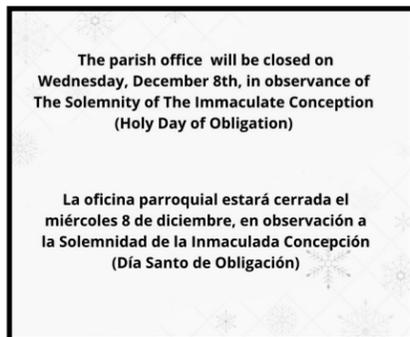
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**Weekly Collection**

Offertory	\$	8342.93
Online Giving	\$	625.40
Candles	\$	211.00

**Thanks for your generous offerings!**

**Please continue to use your church envelopes.**



**Respect Life Ministry:** "Christ bestows His forgiveness abundantly, and God's grace will assist us, for we are all in need of conversion in various ways. This repentance is the first step in healing for everyone involved, for the mother to be sure, but also for all others who are guilty. Only when we as individuals and as a society see evil for what it is, and acknowledge our culpability and seek conversion, can we begin to heal. I exhort, I beg my fellow Catholics who are guilty of this grave offense to turn to God in the sacrament of Reconciliation, receive His forgiveness and do penance. This message of conversion is at the heart of the Gospel and the Church's mission." *Before I formed you in the Womb I knew You*, by Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco

**Ministerio de Respeto a La Vida:** "Cristo otorga su perdón abundantemente, y la gracia de Dios nos ayudará, porque todos necesitamos la conversión de varias maneras. Este arrepentimiento es el primer paso en la curación para todos los involucrados, para que la madre esté segura, pero también para todos los demás que son culpables. Sólo cuando nosotros, como individuos y como sociedad, vemos el mal por lo que es, y reconocemos nuestra culpabilidad y buscamos la conversión, podemos comenzar a sanar. Exhorto, y ruego a mis compañeros católicos que son culpables de esta grave ofensa que se vuelvan a Dios en el sacramento de la Reconciliación, reciban Su perdón y hagan penitencia. Este mensaje de conversión está en el corazón del Evangelio y de la misión de la Iglesia". *Antes de formarte en el vientre te conocí*, por el Reverendísimo Salvatore Cordileone, Arzobispo de San Francisco

**Faith Formation Corner:**

**Tuesday** morning, November 30, 2021, a morning quote in the Magnificat speaks to me; **"Fear not, beloved, you are safe; take courage, and be strong."** (Dn 10:19) I need this scripture . . . desperately. It is the first Tuesday of Advent, and I see Advent as a time of waiting, similar to when I was pregnant waiting to give birth to my children. Right around the end of the eighth to the ninth month of pregnancy, I would begin to experience many different "pains" and discomfort. These pains would alert me and remind me

that this pregnancy would be coming to fruition. This is how I view Advent.

The pains and discomfort of these 25 days alert me and remind me that time is of the essence, we, the Church are about to be "re-birthed" toward the coming of our Christ. In pregnancy, the last one to two months are, typically, when a mother starts "nesting;" she doesn't want to go anywhere because there is much to do in preparation for the infant soon to be here in the world. Likewise, the season of Advent occurs during "pre-winter," a time given to us to "move into ourselves," to prepare the "nests" of our hearts to receive this precious newborn savior who will transform our lives, much like new parents whose lives will be totally transformed in the caring of their child. How wonderful it is to me that the pain of labor and birthing brings such joy and hope.

How sad it is to me that we live in a world which has forgotten this truth; that there truly is no joy without pain; one cannot live without the other. Our Lord modeled this for us; from his birth, he was sought after, as he matured he was questioned, mocked, ridiculed, tortured, and finally, crucified because he sought to bring love. I wonder if the above scripture, "Fear not, beloved, you are safe; take courage, and be strong," was whispered into Jesus' ear by our Father, during the crucifixion. Or if the angels whispered the same message into the ear of our Blessed Mother as she was giving birth to the Savior. Whatever the case, I believe this scripture is also for me, for us, in those times when we just don't know, when times are dark, when we can't see the light, when all that we have left is our faith, which feels dry and emotionless, when letters coming together in words and a statement are the only thing we have to cling to. I remain grateful, and in hope. I know, without a shadow of a doubt that the evil one would NEVER whisper words of love toward me or anyone else. So, I know these words are from my Savior who carries me through this pregnant dark time of my life, of my Advent. In these words, I find the sprinkles of life-giving grace to carry on, to push on, to keep my eyes focused upward so that I can let go and be carried, like a new baby to my God. May this week bring you HOPE, and may next week bring you more FAITH and PEACE. Blessings, Roz

**Forming the Faith by Kennedy:**

Make your own Advent wreath! It's a fun activity and a great reminder that Christmas and the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ is coming.



Light Advent candles to mark the passing of time until Christmas. Use five candles in total, three of which should be purple. One candle should be pink, which signifies joy. The final candle should be white. It's customary to place the candles in an evergreen wreath. Each Sunday of Advent, light the following candles:

**The first Sunday**, light one purple candle, to symbolize hope.

**The second Sunday**, light the first purple candle and an additional purple candle.

This second purple candle reflects the faith of the season.

**The third Sunday**, light the first two purple candles and the pink candle, which signifies joy.

**The fourth Sunday**, light the first two purple candles, the pink candle, and the remaining purple candle, which signifies the last week before Christmas, which is marked by prayer and expectation.

**On Christmas Eve**, light all the candles, including the white one. This is the "Christ candle," and its color reflects the purity of Jesus Christ.

**Second Sunday of Advent/Segundo Domingo de Adviento**

**Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"**

*Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios creen que Dios, quien ha empezado esta buena obra en ellos, la llevará a cabo hasta su terminación. En palabras y obras, ellos pueden cantar con el Salmista, ¡ "El Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por nosotros, estamos llenos de alegría!"*

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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 4th</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>All Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sam Orlando † Lisa Lee † Joseph Sappington †</b>
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Mass for the People (Missa Pro Populi)</b>

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 11th</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>All Souls In Purgatory</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Andrew Magnasco † Andy Machiwalla † Joseph Sappington †</b>
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Mass for the People (Missa Pro Populi)</b>

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday Saint Nicholas, Bishop**  
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**  
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday Our Lady of Loreto**  
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday Saint Damasus I, Pope**  
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 5th</b>
<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Margarida Cotta † Joao &amp; Maria Ferreira † Marlene A. Juan (Thanksgiving) Anabelle De Asis-Juan (Thanksgiving)</b>
<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Lenore &amp; Pete Peccole † Guillermo &amp; Herminia Martins †</b>

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 6th</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Tom Bielejeski †</b>

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 7th</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Joaquin Costa †</b>

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 8th</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Christina Marie Aguada †</b>

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 9th</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Shari Anderson (Special Intention) Lisa Lee † Julia B. Kerr (Birthday)</b>

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 10th</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Greta Hermann † Loretta Demesa †</b>

**Sunday Third Sunday of Advent**  
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



## Parish Updates/Actualizaciones Parroquiales

**11-28-2021- Congratulations to Gabriela Carranza and Emanuel Ruiz** who received their **Confirmation** this day!!!

Please pray for our “newbies” who have only begun their faith journey as sealed gifts in the Holy Spirit!!

**11-28-2021- Felicitaciones a Gabriela Carranza y Emanuel Ruiz** que recibieron su Confirmación este día!!! ¡Por favor, oren por nuestros "novatos" que solo han comenzado su viaje de fe como dones sellados en el Espíritu Santo!

**12-03-2021- Thank-you to the following parishioners who have generously donated to the Church Flooring Project:**

**12-03-2021- Gracias a los siguientes feligreses que han donado generosamente al Proyecto de Pisos de la Iglesia:**

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As we have seen, there has been a heightened flurry of activity to complete the renovation of our Church. While A-1 Construction has certainly been hard at work, we also have some very devoted and generous “male angels” who have come forward to offer their time, talent, and treasures to ensure that the Church’s completion happened as Msgr. Gus planned.

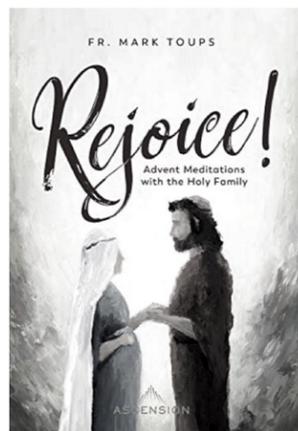
We would like thank Martin Garcia, his crew, and A-1 Construction for their commitment to our Church project. And . . . we would **also** like to thank the “**male angels**” for their labor of love in giving of themselves (at no cost to St. Michael’s) in honor of St. Michael and St. Joseph, but more importantly, to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Additionally, we would also like to thank our “Marthas” spearheaded by Chila Amezcua, who provided ongoing sustenance for our workers.

May God shower blessings on these individuals and the families they represent, and may we, the parishioners of St. Michael’s say a prayer of thanksgiving for the privilege of having a safe and beautiful place of worship, brought about by these devoted individuals.

*Como hemos visto, ha habido un incremento de actividad para completar la renovación de nuestra Iglesia. Si bien la Construcción A-1 ciertamente ha estado trabajando duro, también tenemos algunos “hombres ángeles” muy devotos y generosos que se han presentado para ofrecer su tiempo, talento y tesoros para garantizar que la finalización de la Iglesia ocurriera como Monseñor Gus planeó.*

*Nos gustaría agradecer a Martín García, su equipo y A-1 Construcción por su compromiso con nuestro proyecto de la Iglesia. Y... también nos gustaría agradecer a los “hombres ángeles” por su trabajo de amor al darse a sí mismos (sin costo para San Miguel) en honor a San Miguel y San José, pero lo que es más importante, a nuestro Señor y Salvador, Jesucristo. Además, también nos gustaría agradecer a nuestras "Marthas", encabezadas por Chila Amezcua, quien brindó sustento continuo a nuestros trabajadores.*

*Que Dios derrame bendiciones sobre estas personas y las familias que representan, y que nosotros, los feligreses de San Miguel, digamos una oración de acción de gracias por el privilegio de tener un lugar de culto seguro y hermoso, provocado por estas personas devotas.*



This Rejoice! journal is a prayer resource with daily meditations that will enrich your celebration of Advent. It invites you to experience the very first Advent with Joseph and Mary, as they await the birth of their son, the Savior of the world. Together with the guided meditations found on [rejoiceprogram.com](http://rejoiceprogram.com), this journal will help you to see the marriage of Mary and Joseph in a new light. You will ponder what was in their hearts and minds as they awaited the birth of Jesus- and you will be invited to reflect on and deepen your own relationships with others. Rejoice! will help you open your heart to the peace and joy of the Holy Family as you prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas.

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## Gospel Reflection:

*Luke 3:1-6*

John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apos-

tlés as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

## Family Connection

During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out this sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Together as a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Pray together the Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.

**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.”**

*Deja que se llenen de paciencia y alegría en tu presencia mientras esperan tu toque sanador. Por favor, restaura a tus siervos a la salud plena, querido Padre. Quita todo temor y duda de sus corazones por el poder de tu Espíritu Santo, y que tú, Señor, seas glorificado a través de su vida, Amén”.*

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