



3rd Sunday OF ADVENT

A Bridge between the Past, Present & Future

December 15, 2024

St. Michael Parish

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Father Frank's Fire

In today's second reading St. Paul tell us, "*Have no anxiety at all.*" St. Paul obviously does not realize that there are only 10 days until Christmas. Many people are filled anxiety this week. We are trying to finish our Christmas cards and Christmas shopping. What is another trip to the mall with the pushy crowds and traffic? We need to make sure that our homes are properly decorated and that our Christmas dinner is planned and bought. Have no anxiety? Please we are filled with anxiety and worry.

The words of John the Baptist in today's gospel should cause us all anxiety: "*His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.*" Again, the scriptures remind us of a judgment day and a separation of the good from the evil. We are given the opportunity to look at our lives and make the necessary changes to make sure we are living the way Jesus taught us.

The people asked John, "*What should we do?*" His answer was not only directed to them, but to us. What we should do is love each other, care for each other, and forgive each other. Where there is love, compassion and forgiveness – God is present.

This Sunday is *Gaudete Sunday*, which means Rejoice. The rose candle on the Advent wreath is lit and the circle of light is almost complete. The prophet Zephaniah calls us to rejoice and not to be discouraged because God is in our midst. Yes, we rejoice for we know that Emmanuel has come – God with us.

Advent is one of those strange seasons where we prepare for the coming of Christ. We acknowledge that Jesus was already born into time so we prepare for his coming into our hearts, lives and world anew this Christmas. When Christ is the center of our lives, the rest falls into place and into proper perspective. We also need to prepare for the coming of Jesus in glory. We should get ourselves prepared for judgment by living the life of a child of God. If you have not taken advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a while, I urge you to do so. What better way to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming than to be free from sin? Confessions will be heard on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

So let us rejoice this weekend and try to put St. Paul's words into action. It will be difficult, but if we are truly joyful, there is no need for anxiety, worry or fear. Jesus is our mighty savior and, as the word implies, Emmanuel has come to save us! Rejoice and do not be afraid, for Christ is in our midst. Let us awake from our slumber and find peace in our faith!

Jubilee Year

Pope Francis has designated the Jubilee of Hope, a Holy Year, to begin on Dec. 29, 2024 and end Dec. 28, 2025. The Pope wants the coming Jubilee Year 2025 to be lived as a year of hope, which is very symbolic in times when the world's wars seem to be unending and multiplying.

Most of the Jubilee Year events will occur in Rome. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops are expected to designate sites as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.



St. Michael has been designated a Jubilee Pilgrimage Site. This is truly an honor for us. As part of the observance of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence. One of the means for obtaining the Indulgence is that the faithful make a pilgrimage to a parish or shrine designated as a Jubilee Pilgrimage Site. At these sites, the faithful experience and obtain the indulgence by spending time in prayer, adoration before the tabernacle, or participating in the celebration of the Eucharist or Reconciliation (as well as by making a profession of faith and praying for the Holy Father's intentions). You will have many opportunities to obtain the plenary indulgence just by coming to your parish home. Let us listen to the Holy Father and commit to living 2025 in hope.

I invite you to pray often the Jubilee Prayer:

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and
the whole cosmos in sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*

Pilgrimage to Poland and Prague

I was approached last year by a dear friend of mine, Sr. Sue Paweski, who is a Sister of Providence, about hosting with her a pilgrimage to Poland and Prague. We have contracted with Trans World Travel, Inc. to begin the process of planning a 12-day journey to Poland and Prague from Sept. 14 - 25, 2025. This pilgrimage is open to all, but the number of participants will be limited to 27. Brochures and registration forms are available in the Narthex and also on the parish website at <https://saintmike.com/poland-and-prague-parish-pilgrimage-2025/>. I am planning an informational meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025, for those interested.

In Christ, our past, present and future,

Fr. Frank

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

There will be one daily Mass on
Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 8:00 a.m.

There will not be a 6:30 a.m. daily Mass

Christmas Eve -- Tuesday, Dec. 24

4:00 p.m. — Church — English

4:00 p.m. — MPR — English

6:00 p.m. — Church — English

10:00 p.m. — Church-English

(Carols begin at 9:40 p.m.)



Christmas Day -- Wednesday, Dec. 25

7:30 a.m. — Church — English

9:30 a.m. — Church — English

9:30 a.m. — MPR — English*

11:30 a.m. — Church — English

11:30 a.m. — MPR — English*

1:30 p.m. — Church — Spanish

*** If needed, Masses will be offered in the MPR at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.**



Please Pray For The Sick

We continue to remember the sick, the infirm, and all those recommended to our prayers; and especially the following, that they may experience the healing and power of Christ:

Jennifer Bailey, John Baker, Dorothy Basta, John Basta, Bernie Bittner, John Blouin, Donna Boddy, Keith Thraen Borowski, Kathy Bruss, Vince Candeler, Patricia Chuchla, Eileen Cocco, Aileen Collura, Mary DiFilippo, James Dunne, Marge Duszynski, John Dzielski, Robert Foster, Diane Gneda, Dolores Gobely, Jack Handley, Carole Holding, Lisa Johnston, Rose Kessen, Celeste Koszut, Joan Krasneck, Sylvia Krepton, Robert Levinthal, Mark Lunn, Fr. Robert Mair, Tom Mallon, Bill Marich, Lizette Masters, Rich McCasland, Donna Micun, Patricia Minogue, Art Morgan, Dennis Noga, Alice Prendergast, Joseph Raftery, Debbie Rogers, AJ Rother, Maria Rzonca, Cara Scanlon, Joseph Skeen, Jennie Vaccarell, Mary Pat Walsh, Aleksandra Waresiak, Donna Wilczek, Lawrence Wojcik
and those injured in service to their country.

Please Pray For

Those who have died and their families

**Linda Graca, wife of Mark and mother of JoLynn Tweedie
Alfred J. Michuda, father of Christopher and Robert Jimmy Sabbia, brother and brother-in-law of Mike and Michelle
Robert (Bob) F. Smitko, husband of Judith
Daniel Waterous, father of Michael and Meaghan**



This is a very special time of year. Advent's stories tell us about God's miracles. Part of the reason why many of us love Christmas-time is that it can feel very magical. There seems to be this glow in the air that many people feel. I really do believe that when we prepare for Jesus, it allows our minds and hearts to feel the Love and Light that is within each and every one of us.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most amazing miracles that God has ever given us. God was with Mary in a special way that helped her to do only good. She was born without sin and that kept her from making bad choices. That made her a really good mom for Jesus. The angel Gabriel was sent to Mary from God to bring the news that God has chosen her to be the mother of our savior Jesus Christ. God has many different ways of bringing us news – it is up to us to listen to his calling.

It has been a very long time since God sent his son through the Blessed Virgin Mary, but God still needs messengers to spread the Good News. This year, as we celebrate our Savior's birth, won't you be God's messenger and share the Good News of Jesus with others? Celebrate by lighting a candle for Mary when you light your candle for the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

Jesus birthday is coming soon! Are your hearts prepared? Have you been doing good deeds, praying more or keeping Jesus in your minds? It is never too late to change for the better. Use this holiday season to become the best version of yourself.

Let's pray: Jesus, help us to remember how very special this time of year is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are many who do not know about Jesus. Help us to be your messengers and share the Good News. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Readings for the Week Dec. 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Saturday, Dec. 14

- **Men's Scripture Sharing**-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- **Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting**-8:45 a.m.—Small Gym
- **Pick Up Poinsettia Orders**-9:00-11:00 a.m.-Small Gym
- **Christmas Sharing Tree**-before and after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex
- **Poinsettia Sale**-after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex

Sunday, Dec. 15

- **Christmas Sharing Tree**-before and after all Masses—Narthex
- **Poinsettia Sale**-after all Masses—Narthex
- **Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)**-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- **Hispanic Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word/Liturgia de la Palabra de los Jóvenes (YPLW)**-durante la Misa de la 1:30 p.m.—Ministry Rooms

Monday, Dec. 16

- **Women in Faith English & Spanish**-6:30 p.m.—Commons

Tuesday, Dec. 17

- **Holy Hour with Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction**-3:30 p.m.—Church
- **Senior & Older Adult Activity Ministry**—6:30 p.m.—Commons

Wednesday, Dec. 18

- **St. Michael Mental Health Awareness Monthly**
- **Gathering**—7:00 p.m.—Chapel
- **Bible Study**-7:00 p.m.—Commons

Thursday, Dec. 19

- **Knights of Columbus Christmas Party**-6:30 p.m.—Papa Joe's

Friday, Dec. 20

- **Hispanic Bible Study/Estudio Bíblico Hispano**-7:00 p.m.—Ministry Room East

Saturday, Dec. 21

- **Men's Scripture Sharing**-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- **Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting**-8:45 a.m.—Small Gym
- **La Posada**-6:00 p.m.—MPR

Sunday, Dec. 22

- **Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)**-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- **Hispanic Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word/Liturgia de la Palabra de los Jóvenes (YPLW)**-durante la Misa de la 1:30 p.m.—Ministry Rooms
- **Simbang Gabi Mass**-4:30 p.m.—Church



All are invited to participate in **Simbang Gabi**, a Filipino Catholic tradition of celebrating a novena of Advent Masses in preparation for the grace-filled celebration of Christmas and the coming

of our Savior. Below is the schedule of the South-west Simbang Gabi evening Masses that begin this Sunday, Dec. 15.

- ♦ Sunday, Dec 15 – 7 p.m. -- St. Francis of Assisi, Orland Park
- ♦ Monday, Dec 16 -- 7 p.m. – St. Gerald Parish, Oak Lawn
- ♦ Tuesday, Dec. 17 – 5 p.m. -- St. Fabian Parish, Bridgeview
- ♦ Wednesday, Dec. 18 – 7 p.m. – St. Veronica Parish, Flossmoor (*formerly Infant Jesus of Prague Parish*)
- ♦ Thursday, Dec. 19 -- 7 p.m. – St. Damien Parish, Oak Forest
- ♦ Friday, Dec. 20 -- 7 p.m. – St. George Parish, Tinley Park
- ♦ Saturday, Dec. 21 -- 7 p.m. – St. Albert the Great Parish, Burbank
- ♦ **Sunday, Dec. 22 – 4:30 p.m. -- St. Michael Parish, Orland Park**
- ♦ Monday, Dec. 23 -- 7 p.m. – St. Julie Billiart Parish, Tinley Park



Join us for
Eucharistic Holy Hour
This Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 3:30 p.m.
In the Church

Fr. Geoffrey will lead all gathered in Eucharistic Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Please join us for this beautiful time to receive God's grace, healing, mercy and comfort, as we lift our spirits up to Jesus!

Thank You Worship, Hispanic and Art & Environment Ministries For Our Advent Inspiration



Thank you to the dedicated members of our Worship, Art & Environment and Hispanic Ministries for preparing the church, Narthex and our hearts for the season of Advent. We are grateful to each of you for sharing your gifts with the St. Michael Parish community.



**St. Michael
Mental Health
Awareness Ministry
DECEMBER
PRAYER
GATHERING
This Wednesday,
Dec. 18
7:00pm in the Chapel**



*St. Dymphna
Patron Saint for
those with Mental Afflictions
Pray for Us*

All are welcome to come and pray at our Mental Health Awareness Ministry's monthly gathering on **Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

For more information, visit <https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/>.

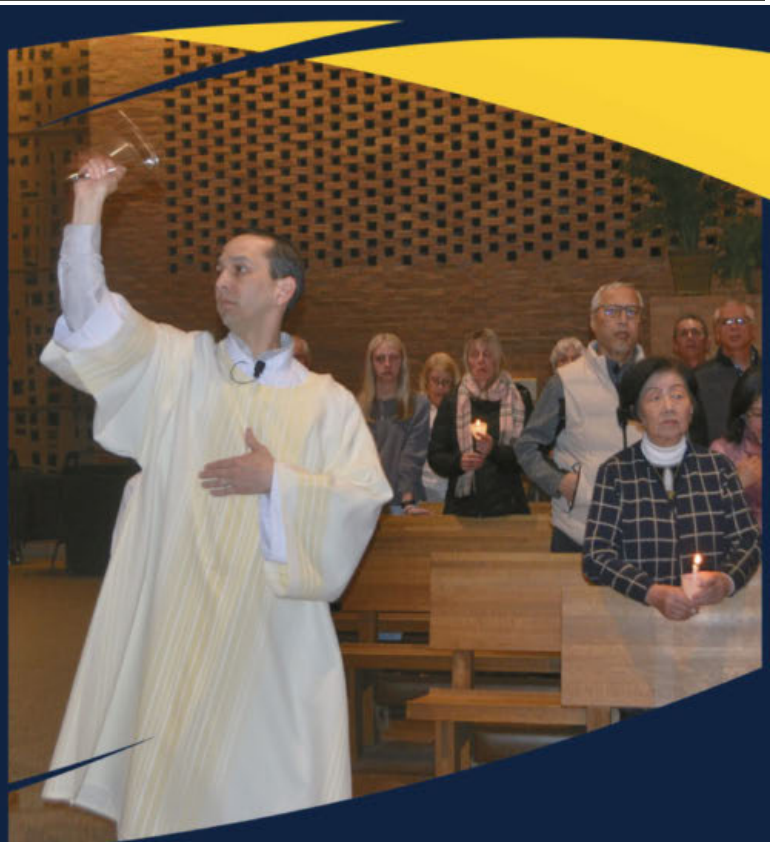
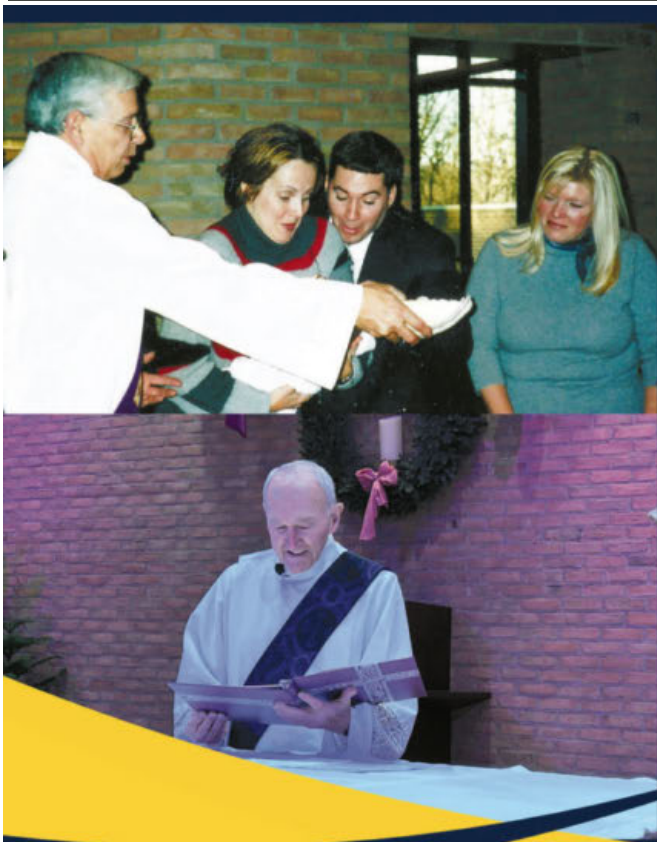
**Senior and Older Adult Activity Ministry
at St. Michael**

Enjoy fellowship, guest speakers and activities such as painting and games with seniors and older adults this **Tuesday Dec. 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Commons. **All Seniors and Older Adults are welcome.**



**Ministerio de actividades para personas
mayores y adultos
en St. Michael**

Ven a participar de Charlas, juegos, artes y demas actividades para adultos mayores — **Martes, Diciembre 17 — 6:30 pm a 8:30 pm** en la Common. **Todas las personas mayores y adultos son bienvenidos**



HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

Join Us For Diaconate Inquiry Night

Monday, Jan. 27, 2025

7 p.m.

St. Michael Ministry Room East

Men ages 30 to 59 are invited to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate at a meeting **hosted by the St. Michael Diaconate couples**. Come to learn more about the important role of the deacon in the Catholic Church, what's involved in being ordained as a deacon and have all your questions answered. Wives are encouraged to attend!

For more information, please contact:

Michael and Donna McDonough -- 708-403-2122 or dkncpl@aol.com

or

Abel and Yolanda Trujillo -- 773-557-8340 or 773-552-9652



¿CÓMO TE LLAMA DIOS A SERVIR?

Únase a nosotros para la noche de consultas sobre el diaconado

Lunes, 27 de enero de 2025

7 p.m.

St. Michael Ministry Room East

Se invita a hombres de entre 30 y 59 años a aprender más sobre el Diaconado Permanente en una reunión organizada por los matrimonios del Diaconado de St. Michael. Venga a aprender más sobre el importante papel del diácono en la Iglesia Católica, lo que implica ser ordenado diácono y obtenga respuestas a todas sus preguntas. ¡Se anima a las esposas a asistir!

Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto:

Michael y Donna McDonough -- 708-403-2122 o dkncpl@aol.com

Abel y Yolanda Trujillo -- 773-557-8340 o 773-552-9652



As we approach the beautiful season of Christmas, we delight once again in our ability to bring joy to others through gift giving. Every year at this time, a spirit of excitement and generosity permeate our Narthex, as people choose ornaments from the Sharing Tree. We are a blessed people, and we bless others with our goodness.

The Christmas Sharing Tree is now located in the Narthex and on the tree are numerous Christmas ornament tags with specific gift information for a person in need. We invite you to:

- ♥ Select an ornament from the Sharing Tree.
- ♥ Buy the gift requested on the tag.
- ♥ Some tags have several choices.
- ♥ You may choose what to give.
- ♥ Please include gift receipts if appropriate.
- ♥ Do not wrap the gift unless specified on the tag.
- ♥ TAPE THE TAG securely to the outside of the gift.
- ♥ If you are giving a gift card, please place it in the collection basket or turn it in to the Parish Office.

**All gifts must be returned THIS WEEKEND - Dec. 14 & 15.
They will be delivered on Monday, Dec. 16.**

This year you will notice that there are many gift cards on the tree. We realize this isn't as much fun for you if you want to purchase a gift, but the children who receive the card do something they do not often have the opportunity to do – buy something they would really like to have for themselves. We are told that they get very excited to be able to choose from a number of their wishes.

*May God fill your hearts and home with joy this Christmas Season. Thank you for your generosity and goodness.
St. Michael Social Concerns Ministry*

The Good News from St. Michael School

Congratulations to the St. Michael School Virtue winners for November. The Virtue for November was **stewardship** and these students were chosen by their teachers as true examples of stewardship in their classroom by taking care of God's earth, people and animals.



Our 3rd Grade students learned about stewardship, as each of their classrooms read "The Giving Tree" and discussed how the tree in this story showed stewardship by taking care of a friend and giving him what he needed. The classes then discussed what they can do to show stewardship in their everyday lives. They wrote their stewardship examples on hand cut-outs and decorated their own "Stewardship Tree" in the school hallway. Each student also wrote down their stewardship examples on a sheet paper and then decorated it. Every student is trying their best to be good stewards of the earth God has given us.

POINSETTIA ORDER PICK UP THIS SATURDAY

9am to 11am

Small Gym (brown doors)
on Highland Ave.



Poinsettia Sale After Masses This Weekend

Saturday, Dec. 14 & Sunday, Dec. 15
for \$10 and \$20.

*Thank you for your support of
St. Michael Youth Ministry.*

**Hey, Kids! "Lamb Of God"
Gift Basket Raffle**



Advent is here and we are giving away a "Lamb of God" gift basket to any young person from 2- to 22-years old. All you have to do is submit your response to the following: **"I feel the presence of God during Advent when I ..."**

To enter: Go to the "Hey, Kids!" table in the Narthex, write your response on the paper provided, along with your name and phone number, and drop it into the box or basket. The winner will be selected on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Your phone number will not be shared but, if you win, your name will be highlighted in the bulletin. Good luck!

Help Us Prepare a Manger for Baby Jesus



When God sent His Son upon the earth, Mary and Joseph did their part. Now God asks us **"How will you prepare for the birth of Jesus?"**

Please help us build a bed for Jesus in the Narthex. Let Jesus know how you are preparing for his birth. Do you pray more or donate your time and talents? Please write your Advent plan on the paper strips provided in the Narthex so we can use them to help build a soft, cozy bed for Jesus.



Oplatki
Christmas
Wafers

Available in the Parish Office

Oplatki, the thin wafers with four beautiful Christmas images stamped into them, are available in the Parish Office for a free will donation. A Polish tradition, Oplatki is typically shared amongst families right before the Christmas Eve meal and shadows the Eucharistic meal that Catholics share at each Mass. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Taizé Prayer
ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT

Taizé Prayer is to help people rest in God by experiencing the depth and simplicity of the Word of God which conveys a sense of PEACE. The repetition of short songs and chants creates a meditative environment that gradually moves prayer from the head to the heart.



Singing, Chanting,
Silent Reflection
Scripture Reading
Prayers of Intercession
Praise

**Wednesday,
December 18, 2024
7:00-8:00 pm**

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH
9300 W. 167TH ST., ORLAND HILLS, IL

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Please follow St. Michael Parish and School on these Social Media Platforms:

St. Michael Parish Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/saintmikeparish?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

St. Michael School Facebook Page: <https://m.facebook.com/smsorland?mibextid=LQQJ4>

St. Michael Moms Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/yEQfMPvV4pac82iC/?>

And introducing the **QUEST Instagram Page**
Scan the QR code



El Espiritu del Padre Frank

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo nos dice: *“No se preocupen por nada”*. Obviamente, San Pablo no se da cuenta de que faltan solo 10 días para Navidad. Muchas personas están llenas de ansiedad esta semana. Estamos tratando de terminar nuestras tarjetas navideñas y las compras navideñas. ¿Qué es otro viaje al centro comercial con las multitudes y el tráfico que presionan? Necesitamos asegurarnos de que nuestras casas estén decoradas adecuadamente y que nuestra cena navideña esté planeada y comprada. ¿No tienen ansiedad? Por favor, estamos llenos de ansiedad y preocupación.

Las palabras de Juan el Bautista en el evangelio de hoy deberían causarnos ansiedad a todos: *“Su aventador está en su mano, y limpiará su era, y recogerá el trigo en su granero, y quemará la paja en fuego que nunca se apagará.”* Una vez más, las Escrituras nos recuerdan un día de juicio y una separación de los buenos de los malos. Se nos da la oportunidad de examinar nuestras vidas y hacer los cambios necesarios para asegurarnos de que estamos viviendo de la manera que Jesús nos enseñó.

La gente le preguntó a Juan: *“¿Qué debemos hacer?”* Su respuesta no sólo estaba dirigida a ellos, sino a nosotros. Lo que debemos hacer es amarnos unos a otros, cuidarnos unos a otros y perdonarnos unos a otros. Donde hay amor, compasión y perdón, Dios está presente.

Este domingo es el *domingo de Gaudete*, que significa Regocijo. La vela rosa de la corona de Adviento está encendida y el círculo de luz está casi completo. El profeta Sofonías nos llama a regocijarnos y a no desanimarnos porque Dios está en medio de nosotros. Sí, nos regocijamos, porque sabemos que Emmanuel ha venido: Dios con nosotros.

El Adviento es una de esas temporadas extrañas en las que nos preparamos para la venida de Cristo. Reconocemos que Jesús ya nació en el tiempo, por lo que nos preparamos para su venida a nuestros corazones, vidas y mundo de nuevo en esta Navidad. Cuando Cristo es el centro de nuestras vidas, el resto encaja en su lugar y en la perspectiva adecuada. También debemos prepararnos para la venida de Jesús en gloria. Debemos prepararnos para el juicio viviendo la vida de un hijo de Dios. Si no ha aprovechado el Sacramento de la Reconciliación durante un tiempo, le insto a que lo haga. ¿Qué mejor manera de prepararnos para la venida de Cristo que estar libres del pecado? Se escucharán confesiones el sábado 21 de diciembre, de 3:00 a 4:00 p.m.

Así pues, alegrémonos este fin de semana y tratemos de poner en práctica las palabras de San Pablo. Será difícil, pero si estamos verdaderamente alegres, no hay necesidad de ansiedad, preocupación o miedo. Jesús es nuestro poderoso salvador; como lo implica la palabra, ¡Emmanuel ha venido a salvarnos! Alegrémonos y no tengamos miedo, porque Cristo está en medio de nosotros. ¡Despertemos de nuestro letargo y encontremos paz en nuestra fe!

Año del Jubileo

El Papa Francisco ha designado el Jubileo de la Esperanza, un Año Santo que comenzará el 29 de diciembre de 2024 y terminará el 28 de diciembre de 2025. El Papa quiere que el próximo Año Jubilar de 2025 se viva como un año de esperanza, muy simbólico en tiempos en los que las guerras del mundo parecen no tener fin y se están multiplicando.

La mayoría de los eventos del Año Jubilar se llevarán a cabo en Roma. Para los peregrinos que no puedan viajar a Roma, se espera que los obispos designen sitios especiales de oración para los peregrinos del Año Santo, ofreciendo oportunidades de reconciliación, indulgencias y otros eventos destinados a fortalecer y reavivar la fe.

San Miguel ha sido designado como Lugar de Peregrinación Jubilar. Esto es realmente un honor para nosotros. Como parte de la celebración del Año Jubilar, el Papa Francisco ha otorgado una indulgencia plenaria. Uno de los medios para obtener la indulgencia es que los fieles hagan una peregrinación a una parroquia o santuario designado como Lugar de Peregrinación Jubilar. En estos lugares, los fieles experimentan y obtienen la indulgencia dedicando tiempo a la oración, la adoración ante el sagrario o participando en la celebración de la Eucaristía o de la Reconciliación (así como haciendo una profesión de fe y rezando por las intenciones del Santo Padre). Tendrán muchas oportunidades de obtener la indulgencia plenaria simplemente viniendo a su parroquia. Escuchemos al Santo Padre y comprometámonos a vivir el año 2025 con Esperanza.



Los invito a rezar a menudo la Oración del Jubileo:

*Padre celestial,
que la fe que nos has dado en tu hijo Jesucristo, nuestro hermano,
y la llama de la caridad encendida en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo,
despierten en nosotros la bendita esperanza en la venida de tu Reino.*

Que tu gracia nos transforme en incansables cultivadores de las semillas del Evangelio.

*Que esas semillas transformen desde dentro a la humanidad
y al cosmos entero en la segura espera de un cielo nuevo y una tierra nueva,
cuando, vencidos los poderes del Mal, tu gloria brille eternamente.*

*Que la gracia del Jubileo despierte en nosotros, peregrinos de la esperanza,
el anhelo de los tesoros del cielo.*

*Que esa misma gracia difunda por toda la tierra la alegría y la paz de nuestro Redentor.
A ti, Dios nuestro, eternamente bendito, sea la gloria y la alabanza por los siglos. Amén.*

En Cristo nuestro pasado, presente y futuro,

P. Frank



Ministerio Hispano St Michaels



Misa de Navidad Miércoles 1:30 PM



La Santa Misa de Navidad donde el verbo de Dios se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros. Jesucristo Nuestro Señor. No le falles, El quiere venir a tu vida.

Gracias...

A todos los que colaboraron para la realización de Fiesta de Nuestra Virgencita de Guadalupe les queremos agradecer por su gran trabajo y hermosa celebración que tuvimos. Le pedimos a ella que bendiga sus hogares y les conceda bendiciones en abundancia.



ORACION PARA EL TIEMPO DE ADVIENTO

Padre Celestial, sana mi corazón durante este tiempo de Adviento. Ayúdame a amar más plenamente. A Perdonar más generosamente. A Esperar con más paciencia la Navidad, abrazando cada día y cada hora sabiendo la alegría que nos espera. En Tu nombre te lo ruego por los meritos de tu infancia. Amén.



Posada Navideña 2024

La posada 2024 será el día Sábado, Diciembre 21 a las 6:00 pm. Favor traer comida para compartir. Gracias.



Confesiones en Español

Sábado, Diciembre 21 - 3:00 PM
Aprovecha esta oportunidad para recibir el Perdón de Dios en la Confesión y estar preparado para la Navidad y el año nuevo.



Masses for the Week — December 14 to December 22

Saturday 12/14	8:30 AM	People of St. Michael		
	4:30 PM	Elizabeth Pieczykarak Joseph Finn	James Conlon Mark Zuro	Mary Ann Conlon
Sunday 12/15	7:30 AM	James Rabbit	Richard Marvak	Rita Christensen Beintun
	9:30 AM	Helen Johnson Pat Blumer	Patricia Nebel Peggy Barrett	Roman Salvador
	11:30 AM	Thomas Butkus	John Garcia, Jr.	The Kelly Family
	<i>Spanish</i> → 1:30 PM	Gente de St. Michael		
Monday 12/16	6:30 AM	Sr. Marietta Umlor		
	8:00 AM	Michael Barabasz	Marsha Barabasz	
Tuesday 12/17	6:30 AM	Fr. Paul Burak		
	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory		
Wednesday 12/18	6:30 AM	Fr. Leo Lyons		
	8:00 AM	Joseph Wawro	Robert Demaso	
Thursday 12/19	6:30 AM	Fr. Bill Finnegan		
	8:00 AM	Anita McPolin		
Friday 12/20	6:30 AM	Deacon Jim Janicek		
	8:00 AM	Joseph Dowling	Irene Kercinik	
Saturday 12/21	8:30 AM	Robert Milcarek	Yasmine Ariana Molena	
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Sunday 12/22	7:30 AM	Patrick Sheeran John, Irene & Patricia Radecky		Dolores, Robert & Billy Gorski
	9:30 AM	Anne Celestino Peggy Barrett	Arvid Johnson, Sr. William DeNardo, Sr.	Joan Korpics
	11:30 AM	Paul Koskan	Frank J. Lenti	Gayle Yore
	<i>Spanish</i> → 1:30 PM	Gente de St. Michael		
	4:30 PM	Simbang Gabi - For Peace in the World		

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In celebration of Christmas, the **St. Michael Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25, and Adoration will close immediately following the last Mass on those days.** The Office will re-open at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 26.

May all the blessings of the Christ Savior be with you and your loved ones this Christmas.



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- **Dec. 29 content** is due **Monday, Dec. 16**
- **Jan. 5 content** is due **Friday, Dec. 20**
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