

**BULLETIN BITES**

**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

**"I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus."**

Many scholarly treatises have been speculated about the identity of "Theophilus" the person to whom St. Luke addresses his Gospel. The Greek name means "Friend of God." Was Theophilus a friend of St. Luke, a powerful government official, or a pagan seeking to know more about Jesus? Was St. Luke addressing his record of the life and teachings of Jesus to every person who seeks to be a friend of God? Is it possible that St. Luke was cleverly saying "God is a Friend of all of us?" Or was Theophilus all of the above? Does it really matter. Whoever Theophilus was to St. Luke, we are all friends of God and God is our Friend. It was our Friend God who gave Isaiah the Word that a messiah would come to save us. It was that Word of our Friend God that Jesus read in the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth and announced that the Word had been fulfilled in their midst. The people of Nazareth rejected the Word of our Friend God; they rejected Jesus. Do we accept the Word of our Friend God? Do we accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord; as the Messiah? Do we believe the Word became Flesh and dwelt amongst us?

**\*\* Please take note, parking on the grass is NOT ALLOWED**

**\*\* Parents please take note, Children are NOT ALLOWED in the hall during mass or to be in the classrooms after CCD Classes.**

There are blue boxes in the back of the church for different items we are collecting for charities in our community. Please consider donating these items:

- Flip tops from soda cans,
- Cancelled postage stamps,
- plastic bottle tops from 16/20oz soda bottles, used Christmas cards, Old eyeglasses and cases.

If you have not picked up your 2019 envelopes please do. We are trying to determine the numbers still in use. We have many new families in the parish requesting envelopes, so with that said, if you are leaving St. Michael please let us know so we can update the records. A call or a note in the collection basket is the easiest way.

**Blessed Mother Gift Store**

*In search for some volunteers to help in the store. All we need is 1-2 hours a week. Please pray about it.*

**Silver Angels**

**Will be meeting on February 1st at 1:30pm at the Sunshine Café on Ft. Campbell Blvd.**

**2018 Tax Statements**

Tax statements are available. If you would like a tax receipt please put your name and envelope number on the sign up sheet in the back of the church

**Youth Valentine Craft**

**RSVP due No later than February 3rd**

**ADVERTISING RATES**

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Supervisor for All Parish Volunteer Workers

Help Needed Faith Formation Staff Trainer/Safe Environment Coordinator: Help Needed Certified Director of Rel. Ed. Faith Education,

**Parish Council**

Chairperson, Joe Schmitt (931) 237-8430 Vice-Chairperson, Peter Robbins (931) 551-6694 Secretary, Emma Hockaday (270) 874-7070 Members, Bernadette Crisostomo (931) 206-8929 Peter Robbins Roger Richey (270) 887-5716 Jason Kumiyama (931) 206-0551 Dee DeJesus (931) 905-0233 Mary Johnson (419) 215-9486 Fundraising Committee,

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Wednesdays 7pm Sep-May

Mass Schedule : Weekend Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:30 & 11:30 am Weekday Mon., Thurs., Fri. 9:00 am Wed. 6:00 pm

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

**St. Michael the Archangel CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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**PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

*St. 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, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

**Celebration of the Sacraments**

**Baptism-** takes place every 3rd Sunday, during or outside of Mass. Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom, or Wayne to set a meeting to prepare for the Sacrament and set a date. Baptism for older youth and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil.

**Confession-** Saturdays, 4:30 pm, before or after any Mass or by appointment with Fr. Julian. Communal services during Advent and Lent.

**First Reconciliation-** is celebrated during Advent.

**First Eucharist-** is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade or older.

**Confirmation-** for youth is conferred by the Bishop. Adults receive the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil or before Marriage by Fr. Julian.

**Holy Orders-** Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack or Tom if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious.

**Marriage-** Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack or Tom for any Marriage and Annulment need.

**Anointing of the Sick-** Anyone who is seriously ill or going to surgery should request anointing by contacting Fr. Julian.

**Opportunities for Life Hotline** Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

**Nationwide Mass Times** Automated Church Lookup: (1858) 207-6277 or log on to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

**SINCERE WELCOME TO ALL FRIENDS VISITING US TODAY**

*To register with the parish, please stop at the Office after Mass to fill out the form.*

**Mass Intentions \$5**

**Sanctuary Candle \$10**

Please put your donation in an envelope and indicate († if deceased). Please give your name, phone and the date wanted in the collection basket. If the exact time and date you requested is not available, the closest available Mass time and date will be assigned.

**\*\*Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday**  
Contact Angela Pineda (907)-687-3840 or email at pinedaaml@yahoo.com  
**\*\*Advertisement in Bulletin Contact Mary Johnson at (419) 215-9486**

**WEBSITE**

St. Michael's new WEBSITE is now available at [www.stmichaeloakgrove.church](http://www.stmichaeloakgrove.church)  
Please check it out for more information.

**Blessed Mother Bookstore**  
Open: Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 am

Come by and check us out.

**Reading for this week 01/28-02/03**

<b>Monday:</b>	HEB	9:15,24-28
	PS	98:1-6
	MK	3:22-30
<b>Tuesday:</b>	HEB	10:1-10
	PS	40:2,4,7-8,10-11
	MK	3:31-35
<b>Wednesday:</b>	HEB	10:11-18
	PS	110:1-4
	MK	4:1-20
<b>Thursday:</b>	HEB	10:19-25
	PS	24:1-4b,5-6
	MK	4:21-25
<b>Friday:</b>	HEB	10:32-39
	PS	37:3-6,23-24,39-40
	MK	4:26-34
<b>Saturday:</b>	MAL	3:1-4
	PS	24:7-10
	HEB	2:14-18
	LK	2:22-40
<b>Sunday:</b>	JER	1:4-5,17-19
	PS	71:1-6,15,17
	ICOR	12:31-13:13
	LK	4:21-30

**3rd Sunday of the YR C**

1st Reading Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10. After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, Ezra sought to re-establish the Jewish religion. Here he reads the Book of the Law of Moses to the people.

2nd Reading 1COR 12:12-20. St. Paul tells us that "just as the human body is one though made up of many parts, so the church, though composed of different members with different gifts, forms a unity in Christ".

Gospel Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21. God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus, the long awaited Savior of the poor and the oppressed.

When the Jews returned home after the exile in Babylon, the nation had to be rebuilt. The Persians entrusted this task to Nehemiah and Ezra the priest. Ezra brought back with him from Babylon the Book of the Law of Moses which he solemnly read to the people, (the 1st reading of today). Thus, he called upon the people to re-dedicate themselves to God.

The Gospel also shows Jesus too proclaiming the word of God. In the synagogue at Nazareth, He makes His own a passage from Prophet Isaiah, and uses it to announce a program for His ministry. He is sent not to the wealthy or the powerful, but to the poor and the lowly, the oppressed and the suffering. Here we see St. Luke's concern for the poor and the afflicted. Here we ask the question:

Who are the poor? The poor are all the dispossessed of this world, all those who are waiting for liberation. The good news must not be limited to spiritual blessings only. But the poor are also those who live on bread alone and who never hear the word of God.

**Reflection Theme: The church as the Body of Christ**

St. Paul tells us in the 2nd Reading today (1COR 12:12-30) that we though many form one body in Christ; By means of our baptism we have become members of the Body of Christ, the church. Some might wish to go it alone, independent of the community. But there can be no such thing as an isolated Christian. Those who deliberately cut themselves off, wound the community. We are part of one another and must not try to go it alone.

Community makes demands on us. For this reason, the temptation to go it alone, to seek salvation independent of others, is strong. But this cannot be. We need each other, just as the parts of the body need each other. And the church needs all of us. We need to have a sense of belonging to one another and to Christ. We have to get involved even when we would rather just look after ourselves.

Belonging to a community has obvious benefits. Take reeds or brooms for example. Individually, they are weak and easily broken. But tie a bundle of them together and they are virtually unbreakable. So it is with people. Great strength results from togetherness. People take courage from knowing each other, encouraging each other, and from standing together. Great things can be done when people work together.

The emphasis on community comes from Jesus Himself, only He used a different image to describe it. He used the image of a vine and its branches. "I am the vine, you are the branch; those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing" (JN 15:5). It is simple but profound illustration of unit and interdependence. It is obvious that the branches need the vine. But the vine also needs the branches, because it is the branches that produce the fruit.

This is how Jesus wanted it to be between Him and His disciples. This is the way He wants it to be between Him and us. He is the vine, we are the branches. Simply, put in Pauline language: "Jesus is the head of the body, we are the limbs of the body", without a sense of belonging together, of caring for one another and being responsible for one another, one is not really a Christian. The fruit which Jesus desires from us is primarily that of unity among ourselves. By this all will know that we belong to Him-by the bond that exist between us and the care we show for one another.

Have a Blessed Sunday!

Father Julian Ibemere



**\*\*We will be purging our sick list at the end of January. Please let us know who needs to remain on it by placing the name in the collection basket.**



Dear Lord, please wrap your arms around those who are hurting today, and let them feel how much You love them.

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| Al Acuna         | Joe Gibbons       | Rudy Sheriff            |
| *Teresa Arevalo  | Cheryl Hines      | *Linda Stogdale         |
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| Baby Fresca      | Ron & Janice Gill | Andrew Reyes            |
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| Nia Crisostomo   | Ken & Carol Lytle | Preston Weimer          |
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| Mike Del Monaco  | George O'Conner   | Bob Whelan              |
| Tony Derbolt     | Jeannie O'Conner  | Nancy Wojeik            |
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**Please Pray for our Sick:**

**Gifts for God**

Regular Collection:	\$	1824.64
Mass Intentions	\$	
Votive Candle	\$	17.50
Sanctuary Candle	\$	
Parish Maintenance	\$	
Opportunity for Life	\$	
Hall Rental	\$	
Zumba	\$	
Belk	\$	
Flowers	\$	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1842.14</b>

January 19-20, 2018  
Total Attendance - 247

**Second Offertory Collection**

- February 3 - Our Parish Maintenance
- March 3 - Our Parish Maintenance
- March 6- Diocese of Manderville, Jamaica
- March 10 - Easter Flowers

**Every First Friday of the Month is**

Anointing of the Sick and Adoration

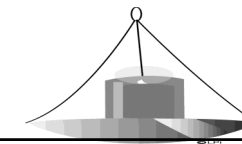
**4th Saturday of the Month Activities**

**5 Cent Bingo**  
10:00am-Noon

**Martha's Ministry (after Bingo)**  
12:30PM until 2:30pm

**Need a place to hold an event or a family gathering with friends, then why not rent the Parish Hall by contacting Dave Tilley at 931-237-5013**

**Sanctuary Candle Intention**  
January 27, 2019  
**St. Michael the Archangel**



**Activities/Meetings this Week:**

<b>Saturday, 01/26:</b>	
Confessions	4:30pm
MASS	5:00pm
<b>Mass Intention: Dixie Tilley †</b>	
<b>Sunday, 01/27:</b>	
MASS	8:30am
<b>Mass Intention: Tim Snyder</b>	
CCD Class	10:00am
MASS	11:30am
<b>Mass Intention: Sharon Smidt</b>	
<b>Monday, 01/28:</b>	
MASS	9:00am
<b>Mass Intention: Vicente Babauta</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 01/29:</b>	
NO MASS	
St. M. Prayer Group	8:30am
<b>Wednesday, 01/30:</b>	
MASS	9:00am
<b>Mass Intention: Francisco &amp; Regina Atoigue, Victoria Atoigue, Jesus Atoigue, Jose Atoigue, Manuel &amp; Felicita Mantanona</b>	
RCIA	7:00pm
Choir Practice	7:00pm
<b>Thursday, 01/31:</b>	
MASS	9:00am
<b>Mass Intention: Poor souls in Purgatory</b>	
<b>Friday, 02/01:</b>	
MASS	9:00am
<b>Mass Intention: Children of St. Michael</b>	
St. M Prayer Group	9:00 am
(All are welcome!)	
<b>Saturday, 02/02</b>	
Confessions	4:30pm
MASS	5:00pm
<b>Mass Intention: Suni Robbins †</b>	
<b>Sunday, 02/03:</b>	
MASS	8:30am
<b>Mass Intention: Robyn Scheller †</b>	
CCD Class	10:00am
MASS	11:30am
<b>Mass Intention: Sharon Smidt</b>	

**Youth 2000**  
March 8-10, 2019

Brescia University Campus  
Registration due by Feb. 21. More information see Emma Hockaday

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**  
would like to wish **Father Julian a**  
**Happy Birthday!**  
(January 22nd)

**Bulletin Board**

Have you stopped and checked out all that is going on here at St. Michael the Archangel! It is updated weekly by Lori Snodgrass. If you need anything added she can be reached at 931-919-2794.

**\*\*Clothing Ministry\*\***

We are now accepting WINTER clothing. Clothing may be left in the Fellowship Hall Atrium. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. This is another program through Martha's Ministry.