

“But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

Jesus was asked if the Galileans were sinners because they were slaughtered by Roman soldiers as they sacrificed in the temple. Jesus knew people believed a violent or tragic death was a sign of God’s punishment for a sinful life. He mentions the incident of the people killed by the collapse of the Tower of Siloam and ask if they were greater sinners than others who lived in Jerusalem? Jesus then tells the parable of the landowner who ordered his gardener to cut down a non-producing fig tree. The gardener pleads to give it another chance. Jesus is teaching the people, and us, that the manner of our death is not necessarily an indication of the good or evil we have done in our life, and our failure to be all God created us to be does not need to be permanent. We can always choose to use all of God’s gifts to us to the best of our ability. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy we should reflect on the God who created us and who does not condemn us, we condemn ourselves. But our Merciful God wants to forgive us, if we ask.

**** 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.

The Knights of Columbus
 Will be sponsoring their annual Fish Fry on the following Fridays during Lent after Stations of the Cross which are at 5:00 PM. March 15, 22, 29th and April 5th & 12th. The cost will be \$7.00 a plate for either fish or shrimp.

The Knights of Columbus
 Annual Easter Eggs on the Lawn will take place behind the parish hall on Easter Sunday April 21, 2019 at 1:00 PM. For children ages 1 through 12

Lenten Penance Services

Date and Time	Church	Location
Mar 26, 2019 5:30 PM	St Joseph	Central City
Mar 31, 2019 5:00 PM	St Michael	Oak Grove
Apr 8, 2019 6:00 PM	Resurrection	Dawson Springs
Apr 9, 2019 6:00 PM	Christ the King	Madisonville
Apr 11, 2019 9-11:00 AM	Sts. Peter and Paul	Hopkinsville
Apr 14, 6:00 PM	Sts. Peter and Paul	Hopkinsville

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are always welcome. They are always needed to serve in the ministries such as Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lecter, Usher, Altar Server, Choir, Greeter, Church and hall cleaning etc.. If you wish to volunteer for any of these ministries please see FR. Julian or Deacons Tom, Jack or Wayne.

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Adult & Youth Faith Formation

Sundays 10-11am Sep-May

R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for adults.
 Wednesdays 7:00 PM Sep-May

Weekend Mass Schedule :

SAT 5:00PM SUN 8:30 & 11:30AM

Weekday

Mon, Thur., Fri 9:00 AM.
 Wed. 6:00 PM

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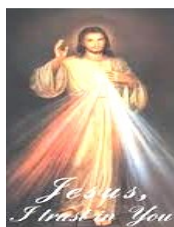
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 call Sofia Craft at (931) 591-8042 or Gladys Douglas at (931) 225-8557
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PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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:
 1(858) 207-6277 or log on to www.masstimes.org

SINCERE WELCOME TO ALL FRIENDS VISITING US TODAY

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ADVERTISING RATES

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Business Card	\$150	\$280	\$540
Single Space	\$45	\$80	\$150
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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. Envelopes for Mass Intentions are in the foyer on the table.

****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
 Please check it out for more information.

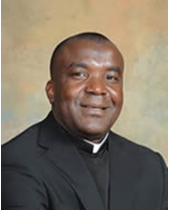
Blessed Mother Bookstore
Open: Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 am
Come by and check us out.

Reading for this week 03/25-03/31

Monday:	IS	7:10-14, 8:10
	PS	40:7-11
	HEB	10:4-10
	LK	1:26-38
Tuesday:	DN	3:25, 34-43
	PS	25:4BC-5AB, 6-7BC, 8-9
	ROM	4:13, 16-18, 22
	MT	18:21-35
Wednesday:	DT	4:1, 5-9
	PS	147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
	MT	5:17-19
Thursday:	JER	7:23-28
	PS	95:1-2, 6-9
	LK	11:14-23
Friday:	HOS	14:2-10
	PS	81:6C-11B, 14, 17
	MK	12:28-34
Saturday:	HOS	6:1-6
	PS	51:3-4, 18-21B
	LK	18:9-14
Sunday:	JOS	5:9A, 10-12
	PS	34:2-7
	2 COR	5:17-21
	LK	15:1-3, 11-32

3rd Sunday of Lent YBC

1st Reading (Ex 3:1-8, 13-15) Tells how God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and revealed His name as (Yahweh) (I am the Existing One). God heard the cries of his oppressed people and sends Moses to liberate them. It is a turning point in the Old Testament. It leads to the Exodus and beyond.



2nd Reading (1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12) What happened to the Israelites in the desert is a warning for us Christians.

In the Gospel of (Luke 13:1-9), we see how Jesus rejected the popular belief that accidents which befall people are inflicted by God as punishment for sin. Still sin calls for repentance, and Jesus tells the Jews that they will lose the promises unless they repent. The barren fig tree symbolizes the barren state of Israel and also we Christians. But God is patient. There is still time to repent, though that time is getting short.

The role of Moses prefigures the role of Jesus. Through Moses God saved His people, Israel, from slavery in Egypt. We are the new people of God, saved through the waters of baptism from the Slavery of Sin, and now enroute under the leadership of Jesus to the promised land of eternal life. We too are fed the food from heaven, namely the Eucharist. But let us not think that just because we have received the sacraments that we are automatically saved.

Reflection Theme: There Is A Call To Repentance.

The fig tree in Jesus' story was a very special tree because it was planted in a very special place - a vineyard. Yet in spite of this the tree was barren. Never the less, it was given another chance. The fig tree stands for Israel planted in the Lord's vineyard. Its barren state symbolized the barren state of Israel before God.

Jesus began his mission with a call to repentance "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". (Luke 10:9, Matthew 10:7) Today through the voice of the church, the same call is addressed to us. The call to repentance is at the heart of the Gospel. Jesus addressed it, not just to sinners but also to good people. In fact, to all Christians without exception. But you may ask: How can this be - that good people should need to repent?

In the case of so - called good people, for them their failing consists in the good they fail to do. This is the main thrust of the parable about the barren fig tree. The fig tree is found wanting, not because it produced poisonous figs, but because it failed to produce any figs at all. What is a fig tree for if not to produce figs?

Christians rarely ask themselves the question, What have I failed to do? The call to repentance is not merely a call to turn away from evil, but a call to produce the fruits of good living. That is why it is relevant for everybody.

Jesus' call to repentance disturbs us and we don't like to be disturbed. We want our quiet life a life which may contain a lot of selfishness, hatred, envy, and wickedness. We may not be guilty of great evil, yet we could be very selfish, very demanding very inconsiderate. We are called from being self-centered, to become other centered and God centered.

Most likely we won't have any big moment of conversion like Moses had. One day he was minding sheep, (Ex 3:1) and the next day he was leading an oppressed people to freedom. (Ex 14:11) But conversion is a joyful thing. It is good news. It is a call away from the Slavery of Selfishness and sin, to a life of fruitfulness. It is a call to enter into the joy Kingdom. It is not something that is achieved once and for all, but it involves a process of conversion.

The parable of the useless fig tree has a lesson for all of us. God's mercy is infinite but man's earthly life, during which he can obtain that mercy, is very finite. God's mercy can forgive sins no matter how grievous, but it cannot forgive even less serious sins unless the sinner is sorry and asks for forgiveness. Christ, our true mediator with God, is continuously interceding for us, but unless we do our part by repenting and changing our behavior, his intercession will be of no avail to us.

Think on this parable of the fruitless fig tree today. If your conscience tells you it applies to you, think also that Christ is interceding for you. He has given you another chance to be fruitful. Use that gift of God with gratitude and you shall obtain the result that God wants, "Reform says the Lord, I will not remain angry with you, for I am merciful". (Jer 3:12) May the Lord help us to be Fruitful. Amen.

Have a Blessed Sunday and a grace filled Lenten Season!
Father Julian Ibemere
Pastor St Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

****We will be purging our sick list at the end of March. 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.

Al Acuna
 *Teresa Arevalo
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Gifts for God

Regular Collection:	\$ 2484.13
Mass Intentions	\$ 5.00
Votive Candle	\$ 30.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$
Parish Maintenance	\$ 68.00
Opportunity for Life	\$
Hall Rental	\$
Zumba	\$
CCD Registration	\$
Easter Flowers	\$ 65.00
Total	\$ 2655.13

March 16-17, 2019
Total Attendance - 423

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

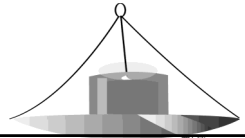
Need a place to hold an event or a family gathering with friends, then why not rent the Parish Hall by contacting Dave Tilley at 931-237-5013

Special Lenten Project
Personal Hygiene items collection from March 3, 2019 to April 14, 2019. This will include toiletries such as body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste & brushes, wipes, mouthwash etc. These items will be donated to TN State Veterans' Home and Manna Café in Clarksville. These items can be brought to any weekend Mass and brought up to the altar during Offertory.

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.

Sanctuary Candle Intention
March 24, 2019
Maria R Garcia



Activities/Meetings this Week:

Saturday, 03/23:	
Confessions	4:30PM
MASS	5:00PM
Mass Intention:	Suni Robbins†
Sunday, 03/24:	
MASS	8:30AM
Mass Intention:	Phero Tuyet Do†
CCD Class	10:00AM
MASS	11:30AM
Mass Intention:	Peace & Love in the Family
Monday, 03/25:	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	Donald A Suiter†
Tuesday, 03/26:	
NO MASS	
Wednesday, 03/27:	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	Donald A Suiter†
RCIA	7:00AM
Choir Practice	7:00AM
Thursday, 03/28:	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	
Fridays	
Adoration of the Eucharist is on the First Friday following Mass until 12:00PM	
Every other Friday after Mass until 11:00AM	
Stations of the Cross during Lent 5:00PM	
Friday, 03/29	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	Donald A Suiter†
Saturday, 03/30:	
Confessions	4:30AM
MASS	5:00PM
Mass Intention:	Pillar T Ojano†
Sunday, 03/31:	
MASS	8:30AM
Mass Intention:	Phero Tuyet Do†
CCD Class	10:00AM
MASS	11:30AM