

Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church

A Tithing Community

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday :
9:30 AM to 4:30PM

Friday

9:30AM-1:30PM

Closed Saturday-Sunday

Parish Staff

Reverend Peter Heasley, S.Th.D.,
Administrator
Reverend Benedict Paul, Ph.D.,
Parochial Vicar
Deacon Thomas Tortorella
Reverend Daniel Sabatos
Sunday Associate
Reverend Akram Javid
Sunday Associate
Reverend Ernest Frimpong
Nursing Home Associate
Brian Freeman, Parish Secretary
Sarah Glassman, Music Director

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 9:00 AM (Monday -
Friday)

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM,
(English)

11:30 AM (Spanish)

1:00 PM (English)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

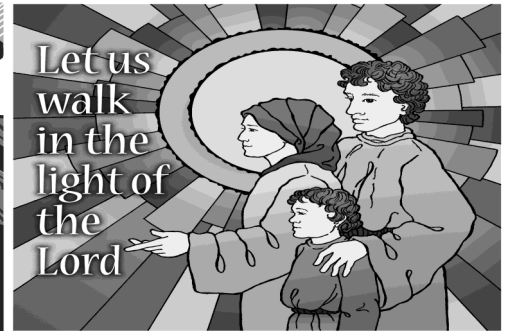
Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

Baptism and Marriage

Scheduled by appointment after meeting with one of the parish priests. Please see the parish website for more details.

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019



OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

The season of **Advent** is upon us, a time of quiet, prayerful preparation for the our celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, the birth of Jesus, at Christmas. Advent is a time full of holiday parties and Christmas music, but the Christmas season does not properly begin until the evening of December 24. From there, it lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 12. In the midst of all of our preparations for Christmas and the New Year, Advent is a time for silent reflection and prayerful preparation. Even though the Church does not require us to give up anything for Advent, traditionally (and currently in the Eastern Churches), it is a good time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Special thanks to Fr. Nikolin Pergjini for leading us in Advent reflection this past Saturday. Every Advent (as during Lent), every parish offers extended time for Confession on what we call **Advent Reconciliation Monday**. This year it is Monday, December 16, from 4:00-8:00pm. The sacrament of Confession is a great way to prepare for Christmas.

The **schedule for Christmas Mass** is as follows: Midnight Mass at 12:00am the night of December 24-25, with caroling beginning at 11:30pm, and Christmas Mass during the day at 8:30am and 10:00am.

Beginning this weekend, we will no longer have music at the Sunday 1:00pm Mass. This is due to Sarah's schedule and to its usual low attendance, which makes singing difficult. Many parishes offer at least one such "low Mass" on a Sunday. Thank you for your understanding.

However, we would like to invite any of those interested in **joining the choir** at the 10:00am Mass to see Sarah, so that we can further fill our church with songs of praise.

Fr. Peter

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Michael the Archangel Church is a multi-cultural Roman Catholic community seeking to live the faith honestly with courage, warmth, trust, love and hope. We are united together in fellowship as a family. The guiding spirit of Christ enables us to serve the needs of others, thereby leading to peace.

BIBLE BULLETIN 8: ISAAC AND JACOB

Rev. Peter A. Heasley, S.Th.D.

We resume this week our tour through the Book of Genesis. Last week, we took a break to look at the biblical notion of covenant. This is important because God establishes a covenant with Abraham, one that promises descendants for Abraham.

The covenant with Abraham promises children, and the descendants of Abraham now feature in the Book of Genesis. Before Abraham dies, we hear the story of Isaac's birth (Gen 21), Abraham's would-be sacrifice of Isaac (Gen 22) – which very famously prefigures the sacrifice of Christ – and Isaac's marriage to Rebekah (Gen 23). After hearing of Abraham's death, we hear about his other sons and daughters, not the least of which is Ishmael, his son through the slave Hagar (Gen 25).

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Pentateuch	Historical Books
Genesis	Joshua
Exodus	Judges
Leviticus	Ruth
Numbers	I and II Samuel
Deuteronomy	I and II Kings
	I and II Chronicles
	Ezra–Nehemiah

THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Gen 1–11: Primeval History

Gen 12–25: Story of Abraham

GEN 25–36: ISAAC AND JACOB

Gen 37–50: Joseph and His Brothers

The first story devoted to Isaac really concerns his twin sons Esau and Jacob (Gen 25:19-34). It is in this story that Esau, the first born, gives up his birthright for a little food. This begins the story of the rivalry of these two brothers, one that continues throughout Israel's history. The only story proper to Isaac himself concerns his relations with the king Abimelech in Gen 26.

Soon, the narrative turns to Jacob exclusively. In Gen 27, we hear of Jacob's deception, pretending to be his older brother Esau in order to obtain Isaac's blessing. Isaac then sends Jacob to his uncle Laban (Rebekah's brother). This story covers several chapters, from 27:46–32:3, and includes a number of incidents. After Isaac send him away, Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching to heaven, where God reiterates his promise to give the land to his descendants (Gen 28:10-22). Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Leah before Rachel, having to work seven years for each wife (Gen 29:14b-30). We then hear of the begetting of eleven of Jacob's twelve sons, a process shaped by the jealousies of Leah and Rachel (Gen 29:31–30:24).

Jacob then flees from Laban (Gen 30:25–32:3), only to find himself trying to escape his brother Esau (Gen 32:4–33:20). Along the way, he wrestles with an angel, who won't reveal his name, and who may be the Lord himself (Gen 32:23-32). The

Jacob Cycle ends with various stories, including the Rape of Dinah (Gen 34) and another revelation of God's promise, along with Jacob and Esau's family descendants (Gen 35–36). Before we hear of Jacob's death, the narrative turns to Joseph. Joseph's story is a lengthy cycle of its own, which we will treat next time.

First Sunday of Advent

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 1st First Sunday of Advent;
World AIDS Awareness Day

Monday, December 2nd

Tuesday, December 3rd St. Francis Xavier

Wednesday, December 4th St. John Damascene
(Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm)

Thursday, December 5th St. Nicholas; First Friday

Friday, December 6th

Saturday, December 7th St. Ambrose; First Saturday;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



December 7th-8th

Saturday

(5:00 pm) Stephen Perry

8:30 am Antonio Bastiste

10:00 am Jennifer Wells

11:30 am Evangelina Gonzalez

1:00 pm Christina Nevers

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

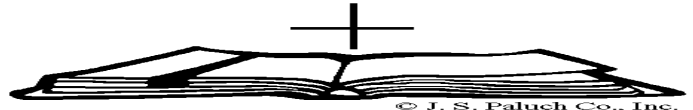
Newcomers are always welcome to join the Christian meditation group which meets every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. This ancient form of prayer seeks God in silence and stillness without words or thoughts. The meeting includes quiet music, an instructional reading and tape, followed by 25 minutes of silent meditation. Discussion is encouraged. Come and find the teacher within. In the silence of the heart He speaks to us.

THE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP WILL NOT MEET ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS

December 18th
December 25th
January 1st

December 1, 2019

Mass Intentions



Sunday, December 1st

8:30am Pro-Populo

10:00am Muriel Baisden

11:30am Rolando Perez

1:00pm Manuel Garcia

Monday, December 2nd

9:00am Maria Cidea Dorea

Tuesday, December 3rd

9:00am Marc Anthony & Jacqueline (Special Intention)

Wednesday, December 4th

9:00am Paul Saur

Thursday, December 5th

9:00am Aley & Kuriacko Kalladanthiyil

Friday, December 6th

9:00am Deceased Members of the Kalladanthiyil & Kalayil Family

Saturday, December 7th

5:00pm Teresa Viera

Sunday, December 8th

8:30am Frank Santiago

10:00am Thanksgiving Mass Immaculate Conception

11:30am Robert E. Zeller

1:00pm Pro- Populo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Due to publishing constraints, this collection will be recorded in next week's bulletin.

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