

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)

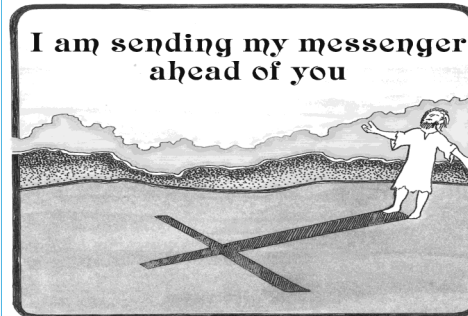
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

Third Sunday of Advent



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December 15, 2019



OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

The birth of Our Lord Jesus was witnessed by many people – Mary, his mother, first of all, along with Joseph, then the shepherds in the field and the Magi from the East. In the unwritten tradition of the Church, the miraculous nature of Jesus' birth and Mary's uninterrupted virginity are also witnessed by the midwife. These eyewitnesses to what otherwise would seem like a normal worldly event, the birth of a baby, each hear about the miraculous nature of the event – Mary and Joseph, first of all, in their visitations and dreams, in the angels' song to the shepherds, in the Magi's own scientific stargazing, and in Anna and Simeon's prophecies.

Those who do not witness the miraculous nature of Christ's birth but who see him for the first time fully grown in the flesh have another to tell them who this otherwise ordinary-looking man is: the prophet John the Baptist. He is born the last of Israel's prophets to point out, in the flesh, what Israel has been promised from the beginning, and what the whole world has longed for. This Third Sunday of Advent, we hear John the Baptist speak of Christ and Christ speak of John the Baptist. They bear witness to each other: John points us to Christ and Christ points us back to John. We need to see John so that we, too, may see in Christ Jesus the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. That way, the whole world longing for salvation may see that God has been willing it for us from the beginning.

The **schedule for Christmas Mass** is as follows: Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00pm – Midnight Mass at 12:00am, with caroling beginning at 11:30pm – and Christmas Day Mass at 8:30am and 10:00am.

Sarah Glassman would like to put together a little **performance by our children** for the Midnight Mass – please see her if you are interested.

We are continuing our **toy drive** this year, so please be generous. Drop off on Sunday is in the Meeting Room, or in the office during the week.

Please take advantage of **Reconciliation Monday – December 16**. From 4-8pm all parishes, including Saint Michael's, will be offering confessions in preparation for Christmas. It is good to do an **examination of conscience** before Confession, for which purpose I have placed a guide on the next page.

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.

AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

In preparation for Christmas this Advent, and in anticipation of Reconciliation Monday (December 16 from 4-8pm), we can ask ourselves the following questions in regard to the Ten Commandments:

The Ten Commandments

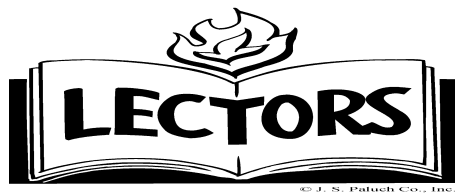
1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.
 - Do I trust in God? Do I test God by demanding signs from him or by putting myself in dangerous situations?
 - Have I read horoscopes, consulted psychics, used a ouija board or engaged in other occult practices?
 - Have I received Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin?
 - Have I told a lie in confession or deliberately withheld confessing a mortal sin?
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
 - Have I used the name of God, of Jesus, or of Mary and the saints in a crude or pejorative way?
 - Have I wished evil upon anyone?
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
 - Have I missed Mass on Sunday or on Holy Days of Obligation?
 - Have I done any unnecessary work on a Sunday?
 - Have I used Sunday for prayer and rest, or for entertainment and laziness?
4. Honor your father and mother.
 - If a child, have I disobeyed or given attitude to my parents or teachers?
 - If an adult, have I spoken ill of my parents or neglected their needs?
 - Have I neglected my responsibilities to my spouse, my children, and my siblings?
 - Have I disobeyed or shown disrespect to my superior or boss?
5. You shall not kill.
 - Have I murdered or harmed anyone?
 - Have I harbored anger or a grudge toward anyone?
 - Have I had an abortion or helped anyone procure an abortion?
 - Have I used IVF or any other fertility treatments condemned by the Church?
 - Have I mutilated by body through sterilization or helped another to do the same?
 - Have I abused drugs or alcohol?
6. You shall not commit adultery.
 - Have I been unfaithful to my spouse in thought or in deed?
 - Have I engaged in sexual activity outside of marriage?
 - Am I married outside of the Catholic Church?
 - Have I practiced any form of contraception?
 - Have I masturbated?
 - Have I looked at pornographic material?
 - Have I looked lustfully at another person?
7. You shall not steal.
 - Have I taken what is not mine?
 - Have I been wasteful with my time at work or in school?
 - Have I gambled with money I cannot afford to lose?
 - Have I shared my resources or my time with the poor and lonely?
 - Have I held back wages or given an unjust wage?
 - Have I failed to pay my taxes, or dues to an organization?
 - Have I supported my parish financially?
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 - Have I lied?
 - Have I gossiped or ruined anyone's reputation?
 - Have I revealed secrets or confidential information?
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
 - Have I been envious of another's spouse or family?
 - Have I consented to impure thoughts?
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.
 - Have I envied the possessions of others?
 - Have I been resentful or bitter over my position in life?

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 15th Third Sunday of Advent
Monday, December 16th Las Posadas begins
Tuesday, December 17th
Wednesday, December 18th
(*Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm*) (Cancelled)
Thursday, December 19th
Friday, December 20th
Saturday, December 21st St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins



Saturday December 21st-22nd

(5:00 pm) Stephen Perry
8:30 am Michael Kaplan
10:00 am Michelle Tapper
11:30 am Aida Gonzalez
1:00 pm Cedric Ayde

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

MASSSES for the **WEEK**

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Sunday, December 15th

8:30am Bill Nunn
10:00am Estella Meredith & Priscilla Murphy
11:30am Angel David Vega
1:00pm Marcela Ramirez

Monday, December 16th

9:00am Everette Hutchins

Tuesday, December 17th

9:00am Miguel Rosado, Jr. & Sr.

Wednesday, December 18th

9:00am Roland Ramirez Rosario

Thursday, December 19th

9:00am Ramon Rosa & Colon Family

Friday, December 20th

9:00am Annette Rosario & Virtudes Rosario
(Special Intention)

Saturday, December 21st

5:00pm Ramon & Catalina

Sunday, December 22nd

8:30am Karmely Paulose
10:00am Benny K Madden
11:30am Ramon Viera & Teresa Acevedo
11:30am Rafael C Abreu
1:00pm Georgina Luciano & Victor Santiago

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 8:

Sunday, December 8:	\$6,700
Immaculate Conception:	\$1,016
Building Fund:	\$566
Christmas Flowers:	\$142

Thank you for your generosity!