

# 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

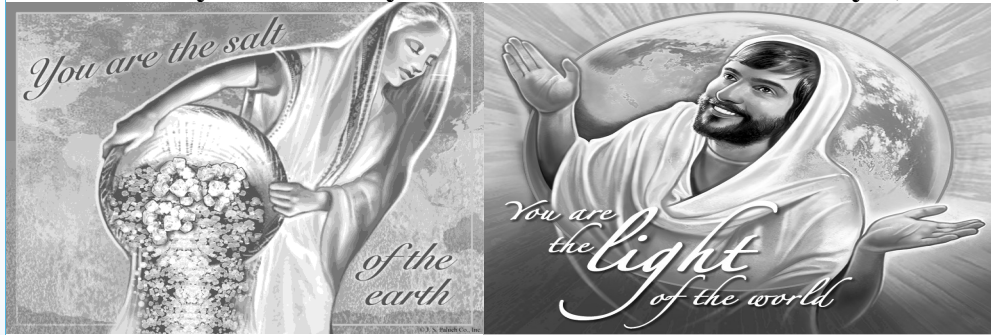
Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

### Baptism and Marriage

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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 9, 2020**



### OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

Today, February 9, is **World Marriage Day**, part of National Marriage Week (February 7-14). It is perhaps no accident that it comes one week after the World Day for Consecrated Life, celebrated last Sunday, for both consecrated life and marriage are blessed with vows. Vows are solemn, lifelong promises that carry exceptional graces, as well as serious responsibilities.

God has entrusted mankind with the power to create new life with whom he endows immortal souls. With this power comes the responsibility of nurturing that life from conception until natural death. That responsibility is borne in the family, and the family is made by marriage. Marriage, therefore, is a serious undertaking, one that the Church raises to the dignity of a sacrament. God himself enters the marriage just as he enters into the soul at baptism and the Eucharistic Host at Holy Mass. God is there to support the married couple in their duties toward each other and toward their children.

Many do not marry today because of the difficulties associated with it, emotional and financial difficulties, but still choose to live together as if they were married. This is true in the Church as well. Living together outside of marriage is still a serious sin for three reasons: 1) it is a sin against each other, a way of saying that I do not need to make a lifelong commitment to you in order to enjoy the intimacy of your life and body; 2) it is a sin against the Church, a way of saying that I do not need or believe in the Church's sacraments, nor am I responsible for representing the Church in my manner of life; 3) it is a sin against God, who has promised us his grace, his very own life, in the sacrament of marriage and who takes nothing from us without also promising us eternal life with him. For this reason, those who are living together outside of marriage may not present themselves for Holy Communion, nor may they present themselves as sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation. Now is the time to meet with one of the priests to set things right.

Each of us Catholics has a responsibility to represent the Church in our manner of life and live in accord with its teachings, for in so doing, we reflect the very image of God – in himself as a family of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and as our Creator, giver of life. Just like consecrated persons give us the image of our life in heaven, married persons give us the image of the relationship between God and his Church.

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 16: THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

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

After the death of Moses, his appointed successor, Joshua, takes over. Whereas God forbade Moses from entering the Promised Land, Joshua would lead the Israelites in to take possession. There are many parallels between Moses and Joshua, between the lawgiver and the military enforcer.

LAW	
Pentateuch	Historical Books
Genesis	<b>JOSHUA</b>
Exodus	Judges
Leviticus	Ruth
Numbers	I and II Samuel
Deuteronomy	I and II Kings
	I and II Chronicles
	Ezra–Nehemiah

### THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

Josh 1–12:	Conquest of the Land
Josh 13–21:	Division of the Land
Josh 22–24:	Dismissal by Joshua

The military victories continue. Joshua captures various parts of the land of Canaan (Jos 7–11), and chapter 12 lists the captured kings. In chapters 13–19, Joshua divides the land among the tribes. The asylum cities and Levitical cities are set up (recall that the Levites have no share in the land) (Jos 20-21). After dismissing the tribes (Jos 22), Joshua takes his turn giving a final discourse.

As his own death approaches, Joshua, like Moses, summons the tribes to encourage them again to follow the Lord. If the Israelites take to lawlessness and idolatry, God will take the land away (Jos 23). Joshua tells the story of their salvation again, as he renews the covenant with them before God (Jos 24). Shechem is established as the first sanctuary of God’s law, being the place where Joshua is also buried, along with the bones of Joseph.

It will not be long before the people forget the law. God will send them judges to save them, in a cycle of faithlessness and violence that will spiral out of control until he allows them a king.

The Book of Joshua picks up right where Deuteronomy leaves off. The theology and its language is the same, what scholars call “Deuteronomistic theology.” This school of thought records its words in expressions like “observe the law/decrees/commands” and “keep the law on your lips,” and in themes like the land, success, and the name of the Lord. It is here in the Book of Joshua that the land once promised is given, and so it is here that the covenant is renewed.

As the book opens, Joshua is firmly established as the successor to Moses. First, the Lord reminds the people through him to do all that he had told Moses, especially keeping the law (Jos 1:1-11). The trans-Jordan tribes, those that will dwell east of the Jordan, promise to obey Joshua just as they obeyed Moses (Jos 1:12-18). Thereupon the action begins.

The first campaign is made possible by the intervention of Rahab, an innkeeper or possibly a prostitute. The Israelites will cross the Jordan and lay siege to Jericho. She welcomes their spies (2:1-24), for which she is rewarded when Jericho falls (6:20-27). In between, the Israelites cross the Jordan just like they did the Red Sea, on solid ground. The Ark of the Covenant, held aloft by the priests in the middle of the river, causes the stream to halt (3:1–4:24). After the circumcision of this new generation, they take the city (5:1-6:19). Saint Matthew records Rahab as being an ancestor of Jesus.

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, February 9th** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Marriage Day

**Monday, February 10th** St. Scholastica

**Tuesday, February 11th** Our Lady of Lourdes;  
World Day of the Sick

**Wednesday, February 12th** Lincoln's Birthday  
(Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm)

**Thursday, February 13th**—No Events

**Friday, February 14th** Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day

**Saturday, February 15th** Blessed Virgin Mary



### Saturday February 15th-16th

(5:00 pm)	Stephen Perry
8:30 am	Michael Kaplan
10:00 am	Christina Nevers
11:30 am	Nelly Rodriguez
1:00 pm	Keith Thomas

### 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.

## Mass Intentions For The Week



### Sunday, February 9th

8:30am Clarice Frierson ( Special Intention )  
 10:00am Tomas Pena  
 11:30am Berta Arauso  
 1:00pm Alfrieda Davis

### Monday February 10th

9:00am Rossana Cruz ( Special Intention )

### Tuesday, February 11th

9:00am Our Lady of Lourdes

### Wednesday, February 12th

9:00am Lorraine Alexander ( Special Intention )

### Thursday, February 13th

9:00am Michael Tedeschi

### Friday, February 14th

9:00am The De Leon Family

### Saturday, February 15th

5:00pm Antonio Anaya Brene & Juanita Miranda Anaya

### Sunday, February 16th

8:30am Vilna Halls  
 10:00am Vincent Mc. Donnell ( Special Intention )  
 11:30am Alicia & Florencio Suarez  
 1:00pm Juanita Davis

### Sanctuary Lamp

Maria J. Rivera & Ana A. Alicea

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;  
Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;  
Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;  
Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;  
Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;  
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10  
 Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;  
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

### WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 2:

Sunday, February 2:	\$5,800
Building Fund:	\$1,272

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