



Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church

A Tithing Community

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Parish Office Hours

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

Parish Staff

Reverend Peter Heasley, S.Th.D.,
Administrator
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Parochial Vicar
Deacon Thomas Tortorella

Brian Freeman, Parish Secretary
Sarah Glassman, Music Director

Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Mon.-Sat.):
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigil:
5:00 PM

Sunday:
8:30 AM
10:00 AM
11:30 AM (Spanish)
1:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Fridays: 9:30-11:30 AM

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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020



Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple — amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

Welcome back! The celebration of the Eucharist together as a parish family is what we do best as Catholic Christians. There are, of course, some adjustments we need to make in order to worship together, and these details are on Page 3 of the bulletin. The biggest change is that we have opened the accordion wall into the Meeting Room, effectively doubling our capacity.

There are other things to note:

We have added **Saturday daily Mass at 9:00am**. It is good to have a Saturday daily Mass, but I am thinking especially of those who might be afraid to join in with the (socially-distanced) crowds on Sunday, and who want to make weekend Mass.

I would like to share the very happy news that Cardinal Dolan has appointed me **Pastor of St. Michael's**. Up to now, I have been Administrator. Being Pastor gives me a six-year term and the possibility of renewal, with which we can continue in our good work of spreading and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ here in Co-op City. It has been a great joy to serve all of you so far, so being made your pastor is a real blessing.

We are almost finished **renovating the bathrooms**, kitchen, and vesting sacristy. We discovered the source of the water leak last month and have had to remove a significant portion of the walls.

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard this past Tuesday to make NYS primary **voting** a success here at St. Michael's. The ballot box is still the best way to make our voice heard in these troubling times.

Please be patient with all the adjustments we may need to make regarding our celebration of Sunday and daily Mass here at St. Michael's. Your patience, so far, is a testament to the faith that God has placed in your souls.

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.

REFLECTIONS FOR EXTRAORDINARY TIMES

Though we are back to public celebration of Mass, I would like to continue, for a time, adding some homiletic reflections here, especially for those who cannot yet come back to Sunday Mass.

There are different ways of thinking about the Church. In popular terms, some consider Catholicism a "belief system," because there are a certain number of things we believe about God, ourselves, and this world contained in our Creed and in the canons of the councils of the Church. In more churchy language, we talk about the "sacramental economy," or our life as ordered to the reception of the seven sacraments, beginning with Baptism and concluding with Anointing of the Sick. In spiritual terms, we talk about the Mystical Body of Christ, for we are all joined to Christ through our baptism and reception of his Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

As true as each of these descriptions are, when taken on their own, they can become too abstract and remove us from the essence of our life as baptized Christians: being united with the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was born into this world to become one of us, suffered and died for sins, and rose again to open for us the way to heavenly paradise. If we are ever in doubt about this, lost in more abstract thoughts about the Church, let us remember his words to us in the Gospel today: "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me... whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." There are few descriptions of our Christian life more radical than this.

Over the past three months, our regular access to the sacraments has been reduced, but our participation in the sacramental economy has not. We are still baptized into the death of Jesus. We are still sealed with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. We still live out the sacrament of Marriage and Holy Orders. The graces of our reception of Holy Communion remain with us. This is because, essentially, the sacraments put us into real, gracious union with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Even outside the doors of the church, we are with them personally and immediately. They, of course, have never left the doors of our souls. Let our time away from regular participation in the sacraments make us see all the more clearly how effective they are in uniting us to Christ Jesus in prayer, suffering, faith, hope, and love.

Aunque volvemos a la celebración pública de la misa, me gustaría continuar, por un tiempo, agregando algunas reflexiones homiléticas aquí, especialmente para aquellos que aún no pueden regresar a la misa dominical.

Hay diferentes formas de pensar acerca de la Iglesia. En términos populares, algunos consideran que el catolicismo es un "sistema de creencias", porque hay un cierto número de cosas que creemos acerca de Dios, nosotros mismos y este mundo contenidos en nuestro Credo y en los cánones de los consejos de la Iglesia. En un lenguaje más religioso, hablamos de la "economía sacramental" o de nuestra vida según lo ordenado para la recepción de los siete sacramentos, comenzando con el bautismo y concluyendo con la Unción de los enfermos. En términos espirituales, hablamos del Cuerpo Místico de Cristo, porque todos estamos unidos a Cristo a través de nuestro bautismo y recepción de su Cuerpo y Sangre en la Sagrada Comunión.

Tan cierto como cada una de estas descripciones son, cuando se toman por sí mismas, pueden volverse demasiado abstractas y sacarnos de la esencia de nuestra vida como cristianos bautizados: estar unidos con la persona de Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios, que nació en este mundo para ser uno de nosotros, sufrió y murió por los pecados, y resucitó para abrirnos el camino al paraíso celestial. Si alguna vez tenemos dudas sobre esto, perdidos en pensamientos más abstractos sobre la Iglesia, recordemos sus palabras hoy en el Evangelio: "el que no toma su cruz y me sigue, no es digno de mí... el que pierda [su vida] por mí, la salvará." Hay pocas descripciones de nuestra vida cristiana más radical que esta.

En los últimos tres meses, nuestro acceso regular a los sacramentos se ha reducido, pero nuestra participación en la economía sacramental no. Todavía estamos bautizados en la muerte de Jesús. Todavía estamos sellados con el Espíritu Santo en la Confirmación. Todavía vivimos el sacramento del matrimonio y las órdenes sagradas. Las gracias de nuestra recepción de la Sagrada Comunión permanecen con nosotros. Esto se debe a que, esencialmente, los sacramentos nos ponen en una unión real y amable con el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo. Incluso fuera de las puertas de la iglesia, estamos con ellos personalmente e inmediatamente. Ellos, por supuesto, nunca han dejado las puertas de nuestras almas. Permita que nuestro tiempo alejado de la participación regular en los sacramentos nos haga ver con mayor claridad cuán efectivos son para unirnos a Cristo Jesús en oración, sufrimiento, fe, esperanza y amor.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 28th Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, June 29th Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Tuesday, June 30th The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Wednesday, July 1st -St. Junípero Serra; Canada Day (Christian Meditation Group 1:30pm) -Cancelled
Thursday, July 2nd
Friday, July 3rd -St. Thomas; First Friday
Saturday, July 4th -Independence Day; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary



Saturday 27th-28th

5:00pm Stephen Perry
8:30am Antonio Baptiste
10:00am Christina Nevers
11:30am Rosaura Cruz
1:00pm Stephen Perry

Cardinal Dolan has ordered the reopening of NYC parishes for Sunday and Daily Mass, as well as Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals, at 25% capacity.

Daily Mass resumes at St. Michael's on Monday, June 22. We will have daily Mass every Saturday, from now on. All daily Masses are at 9:00am.

Sunday Mass resumes, per our regular schedule, the week-end of June 27-28:
 Saturday, 5:00pm
 Sunday, 8:30am; 10:00am; 11:30am (Spanish); 1:00pm
 The Sunday 1:00pm Mass will continue throughout the summer.

There remains **no obligation** to attend Sunday Mass. If you are over 65 or have underlying health conditions, you are cautioned not to come to Mass.

Once inside, please obey all instruction from the ushers, the priests, and the deacon. Wear a mask. Maintain a six-foot distance. There will be no physical Sign of Peace or Presentation of the Gifts. Communion may be received on the tongue or in the hand, but not on gloves. Singing will be limited, as we have removed the missalettes.

If you cannot walk forward to receive Holy Communion, you must sit in the first row of pews. The priests and deacon will not walk back to you.

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday, June 28th
 8:30am Pro-Populo
 10:00am John & Anna Shilbroski
 11:30am Jose Rios
 1:00pm Pro-Populo
Monday, June 29th
 9:00am Ryan Diaz (Special Intention)
Tuesday, June 30th
 9:00am Cristian Diaz (Special Intention)
Wednesday, July 1st
 9:00am Johnny Rodriguez
Thursday, July 2nd
 9:00am Pro-Populo
Friday, July 3rd
 9:00am Pro-Populo
Saturday, July 4th
 5:00pm Pro-Populo
Sunday, July 5th
 8:30am Pro-Populo
 10:00am Pro-Populo
 11:30am Fabian Gomez & Maria Amelia Ovalle
 1:00pm Pro-Populo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;
 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17;
 Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
 Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;
 Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR JUNE 21:

Sunday, June 21: \$3,327
 Building Fund: \$260
 WeShare June 15-21: \$815

We are back for the public celebration of Sunday and daily Mass! We will take up the collection during Sunday Mass as we have been. For those who are unable to make it to the church, please continue to support your parish, as you have been so generously during the lockdown, by handing or mailing in your donation. Please also take advantage of giving online through WeShare; visit our parish website for instructions and links