



# Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church

*A Tithing Community*

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**Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday :  
9:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
Friday:  
9:30 AM-1:30 PM

### Parish Staff

Reverend Peter Heasley, S.Th.D.,  
Pastor

Reverend Benedict Paul, Ph.D.,  
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Thomas Tortorella

Reverend Akram Javid  
Reverend Luis Saldaña  
Sunday Associates

Brian Freeman, Parish Secretary  
Sarah Glassman, Music Director

### Mass Schedule

#### **Weekdays (Mon.-Sat.):**

9:00 AM

#### **Saturday Vigil:**

4:00 PM

#### **Sunday:**

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

11:30 AM (Spanish)

1:00 PM

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 5:00-6:00PM  
First Fridays: 9:30-4:30PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM

### Baptism and Marriage

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 15, 2020



### OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

The **Saturday schedule** now looks as follows:

9:00am	Daily Mass
3:00-3:45pm	Confessions
4:00pm	Vigil Mass
5:00-6:00pm	Eucharistic Exposition

We have changed the missalettes we use for Mass, from *The Heritage Missal* to *Breaking Bread*. Since we are still unable to have them in the pews, and we are not yet at our normal capacity, we will do for the English-language Mass-goers what we have been doing for the Spanish Mass, selling the missalettes for \$5. This means that, for the next liturgical year 2020-2021, you keep your own missalette and bring it to Mass with you. *Breaking Bread* has some different hymns, and by bringing yours with you, we'll all be able to sing together. They will be available for sale in the office between Masses on Sunday and during the week.

The Vatican has extended the time in which we can obtain a **plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory**. Normally this is November 1-8 but is now the entire month of November. To obtain a plenary indulgence, we can visit a cemetery, church, or oratory and pray one Our Father and the Creed. Those who cannot leave their home can also obtain the indulgence by praying for the deceased or reading a Gospel passage for the Mass for the Dead before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or by performing a work of mercy. All of the other normal conditions apply (detachment from sin, going to confession, receiving the Eucharist, praying for the pope's intentions, and being spiritually united with the faithful).

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.*

Saint Augustine (354-430 AD) lived near the end of the Roman Empire and watched as barbarians invaded his native North Africa. In his *City of God*, he reflects on what makes an earthly kingdom and how it ought to be oriented toward the kingdom of heaven.

From Augustine's *City of God*, Book XIX, Chap. 24

The definition which must be given of a people and a republic, in order to vindicate the assumption of these titles by the Romans and by other kingdoms.

But if we discard this definition of a people, and, assuming another, say that a people is an assemblage of reasonable beings bound together by a common agreement as to the objects of their love, then, in order to discover the character of any people, we have only to observe what they love. Yet whatever it loves, if only it is an assemblage of reasonable beings and not of beasts, and is bound together by an agreement as to the objects of love. it is reasonably called a people; and it will be a superior people in proportion as it is bound together by higher interests, inferior in proportion as it is bound together by lower. According to this definition of ours, the Roman people is a people, and its weal is without doubt a commonwealth or republic. But what its tastes were in its early and subsequent days, and how it declined into sanguinary seditions and then to social and civil wars, and so burst asunder or rotted off the bond of concord in which the health of a people consists, history shows, and in the preceding books I have related at large. And yet I would not on this account say either that it was not a people, or that its administration was not a republic, so long as there remains an assemblage of reasonable beings bound together by a common agreement as to the objects of love. But what I say of this people and of this republic I must be understood to think and say of the Athenians or any Greek state, of the Egyptians, of the early Assyrian Babylon, and of every other nation, great or small, which had a public government. For, in general, the city of the ungodly, which did not obey the command of God that it should offer no sacrifice save to Him alone, and which, therefore, could not give to the soul its proper command over the body, nor to the reason its just authority over the vices, is void of true justice.

To rephrase what Saint Augustine is saying here, we can only exist as a people so long as we love something beyond our individual selves. Divisions within society, civil wars, and the weaknesses that lead to the invasion and destruction of a civilization come from the unfortunate reality that many seek to take the goods of their society, goods that belong to everyone, what we call the 'common good,' for themselves. We can only be one people so long as we love something beyond ourselves. As Christians, we believe that common good, first and last, is the kingdom of heaven. Our Lord Jesus teaches us care for the poor and perseverance under persecution precisely to unite our love with his own love for us.

In a few weeks' time, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Political leaders come and go, assuming office on the promises they have made to a certain segment of society. None of them can please everybody, though they can harm some. Only Christ can please his people, because he is the only perfect object of our love, the only one who can unite society in perfect peace. In the end, only the kingdom of heaven will endure, and those who dwell in it, that is, those who forsake their own well-being now for the sake of all whom God loves.



# Pray for ...

- We pray** for mutual understanding in our country and an end to violence.
- We pray** for our front-line workers during this pandemic: our doctors and nurses, our police officers, EMTs, and firefighters, our teachers and caregivers, our grocery store clerks and restaurant workers, and all exposed to the risk of contracting Covid-19.
- We pray** for the members of our parish who are living alone, especially Eula Burton.
- We pray** for the members of our parish serving in the military, especially SFC Lamont Cleare.
- We pray** for the protection of the unborn, of children, the sick, and the elderly.
- We pray** for the members of our parish who are homebound, especially Maria Santiago
- We pray** that the peace of Christ soon fill the earth.



## Lectors

Saturday–Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup>

- 4:00pm Stephen Perry
- 8:30am Stephen Perry
- 10:00am Maria Lorenzana
- 11:30am Yony Sanchez
- 1:00pm Cedric Hyde

Those who are over 65 or have underlying health conditions 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.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 8:

“Due to Publishing deadlines, the collection count will be listed next week “

Thank you to those who continue to send in their weekly tithe even though they are unable yet to return to Sunday Mass. All of us might consider using WeShare to make our donations online; please visit the parish website for links and information on how to do so.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:30am: Dolores DeJesus
- 10:00am: Alexander Lukose ( Special Intention )
- 11:30am: Liliana Diaz
- 1:00pm: Pro populo

**Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude**

- 9:00am: Pro populo

**Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

- 9:00am: Pro populo

**Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne**

- 9:00am: Pro populo

**Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>: No Events**

- 9:00am: Frank Santiago

**Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>: No Events**

- 9:00am: Pro populo

**Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 9:00am: Pro populo
- 4:00pm: Pro populo

**Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

- 8:30am: Pro populo
- 10:00am: Pro populo
- 11:30am: Benson Koenig
- 1:00pm: Rosa Maria Peña

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

## Sanctuary Lamp

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Saint John Paul II*



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