



St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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Dear Parishioners,

From a certain point of view one can say, "Once a mother *always* a mother." Mothers are famous for having a very resilient love and concern for their children. This is reflected in nature among the irrational animals. But it finds a more beautiful expression in our mothers who in word and action reveal the fire dwelling in their hearts for their husband and children.

A mother's love encompasses the whole family. Femininity has potentialities within it that blossom with new life. A husband sees in the love that his wife has for his children an eloquent expression of her love for him. A husband's love for his wife grows when he witnesses how a wife's love becomes a maternal love.

Spring offers us the refreshing resurgence of beauty and fruitfulness in field and forest. So, it is particularly fitting that in this season when nature buds forth with new life, we honor those who have had the wonderful experience of carrying a new beating heart so near to their own. What is experienced in our gestation and growth in the womb becomes a face-to-face attachment at birth when we first see with our own eyes the face of our mother.

The relationship at that point has only begun! The years ahead are a fuller expression of what it means to be a mother. Mom teaches us who we are by her unconditional love for us, our first words are an attempt to sound just like her lovely voice and how we are to treat others is silently observed in how she treats us with such loving concern. With great care she teaches us how to pray to the Lord who made us by her own prayer and her encouragement for us to trust in God.

With all of that in mind, we honor and remember the Blessed Virgin Mary as well. She, who opened her heart to the plan of God, received the Word who became her little child so near to her Immaculate Heart. She has been such a wonderful Mother to us and we give thanks to God for her, too!

Mother of God pray for us! Fr. Martin Flum

MAY CROWNING OF OUR LADY

On May 13th, at 7 PM, we will joyfully honor our heavenly Mother with a May crowning lead by the "Flowering Buds of Mary," a group of young adult women. You can participate from your vehicle in the parking lot (weather permitting, we will be crowning one of the outdoor statues) or you can pray with us via live stream on our Facebook page @stmichaelbaden - the event will include a talk by Fr. Flum, the crowning ceremony, and the rosary. We hope to see you there!

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

On Wednesday evenings, we have been processing with the Holy Eucharist outdoors. This is in imitation of Pope Gregory who in 590 AD organized a procession to call on the Lord to bring relief from a prolonged plague. St. Michael appeared to him during the event and the plague came to an end. This Wednesday our outdoor Eucharistic procession beginning at 8 PM, after the May Crowning. If you would like to stay for the procession, all the occupants in your car will receive a blessing as Fr. Flum passes by with the Holy Eucharist.



MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Happy Mother's Day!! The offering of the Mass will be joined to our personal prayers, composing a Spiritual Bouquet on Mother's Day. Please see the attached documents for the names on our Mother's Day list of intentions. May God bless all our moms! Thank you for the gift of life and for all of the maternal love you have shared with us!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR OUR PARISH AND MISSION?

Please participate in our Perpetual Rosary! The idea is to have someone praying the Rosary throughout the day for the growth of our parish and mission. The prayer of the Rosary will help you understand Sacred Scripture, draw your heart closer to Jesus and help you understand the role of our Lady in your life. You can add your name to the list on-line or call the parish secretary to add your Rosary to the effort: <https://stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com>.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Joe Aviles, Angela Farmer, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Jackie Chapman, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Michael Mohun, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Dawn Russo, Lucille Shanks, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS

Only one Sunday Mass is being offered for Parishioners, the other Sunday intentions will be moved to future dates.

Sunday	05/10/20	Parishioners & Families ~ <i>Mother's Day Intentions</i>
Monday	05/11/20	Evelyn Head +
Tuesday	05/12/20	Alex Boik, Jr.
Wednesday	05/13/20	Ann Proctor +
Thursday	05/14/20	Lula Proctor +
Friday	05/15/20	Ann Proctor +
Saturday	05/16/20	Hedy Pirner +

VISITS TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thank you so much to all who have been coming to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Michael. We have some empty slots on our Adoration schedule; if you haven't already signed up for a recurring weekly hour, please consider it! The hours we are particularly in need of committed weekly adorers are:

Wednesdays: 10-11AM

Thursdays: 1-2PM

Fridays: 10-11, 11-12PM

Saturdays: 1-2PM, 3-4PM

Sundays: 7-8AM

You can sign up on our website or using the link below.

Thank you, and God bless you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4eaeaf2aabfa7-adoration>

Sew face coverings- Catholic Charities is on a mission to collect 1,500 sewn face covers. The goal is for each of their staff members who are working directly with vulnerable people to have at least 3 face coverings: one to wear today, one to wear tomorrow and one to wash. Completed face coverings can be mailed to Catholic Charities, 924 G Street NW Washington DC 20001. There are instructions on how to make them on their website:



<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/>

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

5-3-2020

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 5175.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 975.00

We want to thank everyone who has been mailing their weekly tithe or dropping it off at the office or using electronic means. You can see above the generosity of our parish members and friends. May the good Lord reward all of you! With electronic banking, your regular contribution can be issued by your bank as a check to be mailed directly to us. This method of "direct pay" avoids the fee associated with credit card transactions.

Go on Retreat from Home!

The Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Los Angeles are offering virtual retreats to help all Catholics use this time at home as a means of deepening our relationship with Jesus. These sisters are fun and uplifting to be around, even virtually, and the priests who give their retreats have so much to offer us. Visit the sisters' website to sign up for a retreat:

<https://sacredheartretreathouse.com/>

The next retreat is: [May 15-17: Peace in the Home](#)

NEW FLOOR IN HALL

You will be happy to know that the church hall is being refurbished. It was painted by the parish staff and volunteers who also repaired damaged wall tiles, repaired electrical outlets, etc. The floor tiles were coming up in many places (duct tape had been employed to hold some of them down). The whole floor has now been replaced and we are waxing it this week. We hope you will like it!

MAIN AISLE ACCESS DURING FUNERALS

At St. Michael when we have funerals, it has been difficult for those who come to receive Communion because the main aisle is not a lot wider than the standard casket. People had to squeeze by the casket, often pulling the casket pall (covering) off to one side. So, this past week parish volunteers did a masterful job of shortening the front panels so that we can now get past the casket with ease. We are so grateful for this significant improvement.

Stay up to date— Check our parish website for updates and sign-ups, to view recent bulletins, to make your contributions, to contact us at the parish office, to connect with us on Facebook and Youtube, and even more!