



# St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Dear friends:

My lost sheep are still wandering out there in the world, missing Mass, still distant from the fountain of purification in Confession and seemingly unaware of the Real Presence of Jesus in the church at St. Michael and St. Dominic. Please pray hard for all the missing souls who are no longer joining us for Mass and the Sacraments. And for all those who do not have the relationship with Jesus that moves us to adore Him in the Eucharist. How sad a situation we see all around us – the Lord has drawn so close to us and how far away are so many hearts!

The psalm response for this Sunday is deeply moving if you allow it to be. The Book of Psalms has all of the deepest longings of man expressed in Hebrew poetry. The psalmist calls out, *“My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.”*

In an election year when politics has such a strong pull on our attention, it is even more necessary to listen to the deepest longings of our hearts. The habits we have fallen into as a techno-people draw our attention away from the good Lord who speaks to us with a small still voice in the sanctuary of the heart.

In fact, the reason why so many are addicted to their cell phones and chat rooms and music is because our souls have a thirst. The soul thirsts. When a person experiences this thirst and knows not that only God can quench it, they go about searching for satisfaction in ways that are personally harmful.

However, as Catholics YOU know that only God can satiate that thirst. For that purpose, He has provided Sacraments and ceremonies for us so that we can be drawn up into His life on high even while we are here on pilgrimage. These realities have been disputed in every generation by those who have lost the Faith. But we know that what God has established in the Church through Jesus Christ is eternal and unchanging. Our needs are real because He has made us for Himself. And the avenues of grace remain the same today as they were when the Lord established the Sacraments two thousand years ago. No theologian, scholar, preacher or disgruntled Catholic can refute the power and necessity of the grace that satiates our thirst by His sacraments. The early martyrs remind us of a faith that risks all so as to satiate that thirst.

*Lord, help us to recognize your voice! Fr. Martin Flum*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	11/07/20	5 PM	Michelle Lao
Sunday	11/08/20	8 AM	William Stewart +
Sunday	11/08/20	10 AM	Rev. Thomas Morrow
Sunday	11/08/20	11:30 AM	PARISHIONERS
Monday	11/09/20	7 AM	Msgr. James Lockman +
Tuesday	11/10/20	8 AM	Carl Guy +
Wednesday	11/11/20	7 AM	Rev. Charles Green +
Thursday	11/12/20	8 AM	Colin Turvey/Turvey & Hemp families
Friday	11/13/20	7 AM	Stanley Basak +
Saturday	11/14/20	8 AM	Cee Cee Roberts +

**“With the riches of a banquet  
shall my soul be satisfied.”**

*(Psalm 63:6)*

*You know where to find Him – on the altar at St. Michael!*  
Committed adorers are STILL needed (most urgent hours are marked in red):

**Mondays:** 8-9 PM

**Tuesdays:** 8-9 PM

**Thursdays:** 5-6 PM

**Fridays:** 2-3 PM, 5-6 PM

**Saturdays:** 2-3 PM, 6-7 PM

**Sundays:** 4-5 PM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM

Once you have signed up for a weekly holy hour, you are committed to having at least one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for the entirety of that hour. If you would like to be on our **substitute list**, call the office at (240) 681-3551. *Your guardian angel will rejoice!*

## YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Nov. 1, 2020

**St. Michael** Offertory Collection \$ 4271.00

**St. Dominic** Offertory Collection \$ 1291.00

*May God reward your generosity!*

*Please Pray for  
the Souls of the Faithful Departed  
Deacon Don Cummins, Msgr. Kazista, Patricia Gray,  
Claude Boswell,  
Felicia Johnson, Benedict Fisher  
Let Perpetual Light shine upon them.*

## Last day of National Vocation Awareness Week

The focus of this important celebration is to raise awareness of God's personal call to each soul. Today is the last day of this special week, but throughout the year we can always continue to pray for and encourage religious vocations!

### Walking with MOMS in need

Monthly intention: "May each expectant mother making an adoption plan receive the support and care of the Christian community as she makes a loving choice for her child."

Pray: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflect: To a woman facing an unexpected pregnancy in difficult circumstances, adoption is sometimes felt to be worse than aborting her child. In reality, placing a child for adoption is a loving, generous, and sacrificial option that demonstrates a woman's profound, long-term motherly care. In considering and choosing whether to place her child for adoption, a mother seeks what is *best* for her child, making a selfless act of love. Still, a woman considering adoption may experience a number of conflicting emotions. It is essential that she be supported throughout and after the process, whether she decides to place her child with another loving family or to raise her child herself.

By grace, we are made children of God through adoption and can call him, "Abba, Father!" (Rom. 8:15). This spiritual adoption also makes us brothers and sisters in the Lord. In this month that we celebrate all the saints, let us call on the intercession of our brothers and sisters in heaven. Through our united prayers, may expectant mothers making an adoption plan receive support and care of the Christian community as they make a loving choice for their child.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - RETIRED PRIESTS

We have a 2nd Collection this weekend for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. There are four ways you can support the Retired Priests Collection:

**Text:** Text "Priest" to (301) 231-1816. A secure link will be sent back to you to complete your gift.

**Phone:** Call (301) 853-4575 to make a gift over the phone.

**At Mass:** Envelopes will be provided on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for you to enclose your support by cash, check or credit card.

**Online:** visit [adw.org/rpc](http://adw.org/rpc) to support the collection.

## **Clothes Closet**

**Update #1:** Old jeans! New jeans! Could you use some slightly used jeans? If so, we have got them and would love for you to take them home for working on the farm, in the garden, around the house, or wherever you wear them! We will have them available for you, free of charge as always, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, **Nov 14th** from 9am-1pm. Please wear a mask and we will greet you with our masks on too! If you can't make that date: call Cheryl at 240-304-9351 and we'll make arrangements to meet you at the closet.

**Update #2:** We are once again accepting donations! We would appreciate getting winter clothing, boots, shoes, mittens, hats and scarves. You have been more than generous in your giving, and we are happy to have space once again for the items you so generously provide.

### **Please PRAY for our SICK**

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Jayne Cassella, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Ann Clifford, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence

Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Mr. Maida, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Traci Renner,

Dawn Russo, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Tom & Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Skip Wilson, Terry Wilson, Belinda Windsor, and Cheryl Young. Lord Jesus, heal and console us!

*Closeness to the Eucharistic Christ in silence and contemplation does not distance us from our contemporaries but, on the contrary, makes us open to human joy and distress, broadening our hearts on a global scale. Through adoration the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the gospel. Anyone who prays to the Eucharistic Savior draws the whole world with him and raises it to God.*

-Pope St. John Paul II

**BEAR HUGS FOR HEALING** is back and needs your help! To give a sick child a bear hug this Christmas, please drop off your donated stuffed bears in the drop box located in the foyer of St. Michael's and St. Dominic's churches Nov. 14th thru 29th. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be newly purchased and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached. For any questions contact, Patricia DiSandro at 240-681-3606.



God Bless you in advance for your help!