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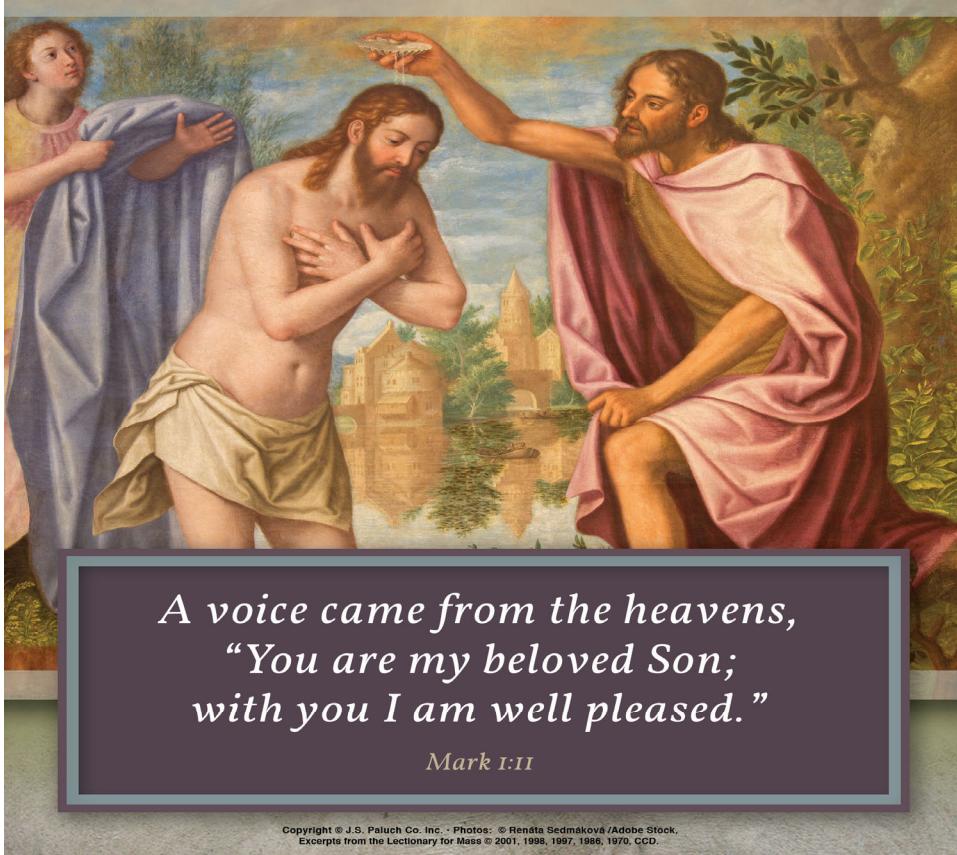
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



*A voice came from the heavens,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”*

Mark 1:11

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MASS

SUNDAY:	7:00 AM	1:00 PM	(Academy/Children's Choir)
	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	(Youth and Young Adult Mass)
	10:00 AM	6:00 PM	(Filipino Mass on 1 st Sunday)
	11:30 AM	7:30 PM	(Jazz Choir on 3 rd Sunday)
Saturday:	5:00 PM (anticipated Mass for Sunday obligation)		
Monday to Saturday:	8:00 AM and 7:00 PM (on Tuesday & Friday)		
Holy Days:	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

CONFESIONS

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Saturday); Fridays at 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

DEVOTIONS

Tuesday, 6:20pm —Rosary for the Culture of Life / 6:45pm—**Mother of Perpetual Help** Novena

First Thursday & Third Thursday, 6:00 PM - **Divine Mercy** Chaplet and Novena

Friday, 6:45 PM—**Santo Niño** Novena

First Friday Devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** (Holy Hour and All Night **Adoration of**

the Blessed Sacrament) is Temporarily Suspended until further notice (refer to Page 10)

First Saturday - **Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament** (suspended until further notice)

Third Saturday - **Our Lady of Peñafrancia** Perpetual Novena (suspended until further notice)

In case of an emergency, or if you need to speak to a priest after office hours, please call (619) 472-2655 and leave a message.
A priest will contact you as soon as possible.

JANUARY 10, 2021

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Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed on weekends and holidays.

BAPTISM

Please make arrangements at least three months in advance with the Ministry Staff.

Pre-baptismal Seminar is required for parents and sponsors.

Today's Gospel Reflection

1st Reading: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 *

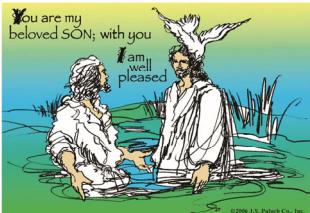
Psalm: Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6*

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 * Gospel: Mk 1:7-11

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

—Isaiah 55:1

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20 |
| Tuesday: | Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 |
| Wednesday: | Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39 |
| Thursday: | Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45 |
| Friday: | Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12 |
| Saturday: | Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17 |
| Sunday: | 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42 |

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Sunday: | The Baptism of the Lord |
| Monday: | First Week in Ordinary Time begins |
| Wednesday: | St. Hilary |
| Saturday: | Blessed Virgin Mary |

REHEARSAL

Psalms are sung in the home and rehearsed in the streets. —St. Ambrose

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me ... I have baptized you with water; He will baptize with the Holy Spirit. - Matthew 2:9

WATER. It may seem obvious that the theme for the Baptism of the Lord is "water," but when one spends time with the readings today, one can see many different connotations for that water and its power. Isaiah calls the poor who are thirsty and tired to come to the water and take the spiritual food and drink that will be provided if we but seek the Lord. Here, God is both destination and consolation. The responsorial psalm follows suit with the image of drawing water from the springs of salvation. 1 John takes us to the reality of Christ as Eucharist: not only Jesus' birth and baptism, but his death, as we hear that Jesus came "by water and by blood." The Gospel depicts John baptizing Jesus with water, and the Spirit baptizing Jesus. We experience both the humanity and the divinity of Christ. Indeed, water has much power to save us.

BEING THE MESSENGER. When we go to a pop music concert, there is often an opening act. Usually they are a young group on their way up, or older musicians who are past their prime and still hanging on in the business. This is indeed a hard job. In the comedy world it is the same thing. You have to warm up the crowd. You are not who they are coming to see, and audiences may be unresponsive, come in late, or not pay a lot of attention. Yet John had no problem being the opening act, the messenger, the harbinger of faith for Jesus. He was very devout in his faith and knew what his role was. Many Jews were actively seeking a messiah, and he was quick to let them know that he was not the one for whom they were waiting. "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Yet he conducted his ministry with faith and hope.

BEING THE MESSAGE. As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Thus Jesus began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded "yes" to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened.

How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fonts are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God's saving action through our baptism and our lives.

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Dear Parishioners and friends,

On March 16, 1521, the Spanish explorers led by Portuguese-born Ferdinand Magellan sighted Samar Island in the Philippines and landed the next day on Homonhon Island, now part of Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

When Magellan arrived in Cebu on April 1521, he was received positively by the local chief, Rajah Humabon, and on April 14, 1521, Rajah Humabon and his wife Hara Humamay, together with their 800 subjects, were baptized to Catholicism. Rajah Humabon took the Christian name, Carlos, in honor of King Charles of Spain (the grandfather of the reigning monarch, King Philip II, from where the name Philippines comes). Hara Humamay was baptized Juana, after King Philip's grandmother, Queen Juana of Castille.

Magellan presented them with three gifts: an Ecce Homo (wooden bust of Jesus), an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Santo Niño, as part of their baptism and as a symbol of their new alliance.

The baptism of Rajah Humabon and Queen Humanay on April 14, 1521 was the beginning of conversion to the Catholic faith in the Philippines. Roman Catholicism remains the dominant religion in the country up to the present.

The image of the Santo Niño de Cebu is the oldest Catholic relic in the Philippines, alongside with the Magellan cross, and was reported to be miraculous.

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of Christianity / Catholicism in the Philippines.

On Saturday, January 16th, 2021, we will celebrate the feast of the Santo Niño or the Holy Infant Jesus. I am inviting you to come and join us in the celebration. A concelebrated Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the church courtyard.

Come and bring the children for blessing during the Mass.

***May the Santo Niño, the Holy Infant Jesus,
be a source of joy and consolation!
VIVA, PIT SENYOR!***

Rev. Fr. Manny Ediza, Pastor

P.S. Do not forget to include St. Michael Catholic Church San Diego in your will.



Greetings St. Michael Academy, Pre-school, and Community!

We hope that you had a great Advent Season bringing in Christmas and the New Year with joy, laughter and positivity. As we shift into 2021, this brings about intentions, new beginnings, new experiences, and hopefully change for the community, the nation, and the world.

St. Michael Preschool welcomed back children on January 4th. We continue to follow all protocols in preventing the spread of this virus and still provide a fun educational, learning, experience for the children. With our ratios cut in half due to licensing policies of the pandemic, we have current limited openings in our mixed age classroom, 2 years old to 3 1/2 years old. Our Pre-K class is currently full. If interested in our younger class, please call 619.472.5437 or reach out to director@stmichaelsandiego.org.

As the cases of COVID-19 are rising, the Academy has taken necessary precautions to have a week of distance learning prior to coming back physically on campus. We are grateful to remain open and welcome students back with strict policies for the well-being, safety and health of our teachers, staff and students.

St. Michael Academy is enrolling with limited spaces. We currently have availability in the following classrooms: Kindergarten, 3rd/4th grade, 5th grade, and 7th grade. To inquire about our Catholic, STEM program please contact 619.470.4880 or admissions@stmichaelsandiego.org.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Remember us, O God;
From age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, season and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year and
fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, Living and reigning,
forever and ever.
Amen.

St. Michael Academy and Preschool prays that this coming year brings to you all that you please. May we continue to come together as a community and lift each other up!

New Years Blessings,

Veronica K. Dayag
 Principal and Director,

We are currently accepting applications for our Preschool program, Kindergarten, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, and 7th grade.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's feast spun off from Epiphany. Originally, a blessing of holy water was an important feature of the Epiphany feast, and in the Greek Church, this was a day for leaping into the sea in grateful recollection of baptism. The gratitude may not be quite as profound among the Orthodox Christians who have to chop holes in the ice to plunge into the waters!

Still, there are few better days to celebrate a baptism, and to plunge our hands into the waters of the font. Jesus found the waters of the Jordan irresistible because of what had been done in those waters: people had confessed their sins, and had acknowledged their need to be forgiven and healed. Today, we are the people in the water, and Christ comes to be with us. You won't have to chop a hole in the ice to celebrate your baptism. A beautiful bowl of water on the table tonight, a toast with sparkling water at dinner, or even a leap into the shower with a sign of the cross and a prayer of thanksgiving will suffice!

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Let's keep the "Blessing Our Future" (BOF) Annual Campaign going strong!

The goal is to **bless** every family with access to a Catholic school and watch them grow toward a promising future.

Thanks to our generous supporters we continue to raise funds for tuition assistance that help make Catholic education more accessible for families in our South Bay parishes, including our Parish.

All registered parishioners received a brochure, pledge card, and envelope in the mail in November. **By donating \$1 day/\$365 year (\$30 month) you can help to ensure a quality Catholic education for the leaders of tomorrow.** If you have misplaced your mailing, please feel free to obtain a brochure and pledge card from our parish office or a new one can be requested via email at info@fiatcatholicschool.com or by calling 610-721-3309. **You can also pledge or donate online at fiatcatholicschools.com/donate.**

GREAT NEWS! Applications for 2021-22 Blessing Our Future Scholarships will soon be available. The application period starts January 2, 2021- February 28, 2021. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship for your child entering grades K-12 in the 2021-22 school year, please remember to visit fiatcatholicschools.com to apply on or after January 2nd.

Wishing you all a blessed New Year!

Reflecciones del Evangelio

LAS AGUAS BAUTISMALES

Cuando se planta un césped nuevo, debe regarse constantemente. Los jardineros dicen que esto "teje" el césped al suelo. Lo mismo sucede cuando se injerta una rama a un árbol: el cataplasma que los une debe estar húmedo en todo momento. El agua es lo que mantiene unidas a las células de nuestro cuerpo. Con razón las religiones de todas las épocas y culturas han usado tanto este símbolo. Cuando Jesús se sumerge en el Jordán para ser bautizado, se "teje" a todo aquello que lo precedía. Al sumergirse en el Jordán, se hizo uno con el pueblo de Israel que había cruzado el río para llegar a su Tierra Prometida. Junto a Juan Bautista, Cristo se tejó a la tradición profética que presagiaba la venida del Reino de Dios. Jesús se había convertido plenamente en humano en las aguas del vientre de María y al participar del rito del Bautismo del arrepentimiento, se sintió identificado con nuestra frágil y pecaminosa humanidad. Por las aguas del Bautismo Cristo continúa injertando nuevos miembros a su Cuerpo, la Iglesia; gracias a nuestro destino de vida eterna, por estas aguas somos limpiados del pecado y recibimos la promesa de la gracia. Para nosotros, como para Jesús, las aguas bautismales también inauguran nuestra misión de proclamar la Buena Nueva.

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Todos ustedes, los que tienen sed, vengan por agua.

— Isaías 55:1

Él los bautizará
con el Espíritu Santo



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Fiesta de la Fe CONVOCADOS POR DIOS

San Ignacio de Loyola enfatizaba mucho la necesidad de encontrar a Dios en todo, no porque Dios estuviera perdido o ausente, sino porque las personas no siempre son conscientes de su presencia en ellas o entre ellas. En la asamblea litúrgica es Dios quien nos convoca a celebrar con él, con Cristo y por medio de Cristo, la nueva alianza, la Pascua misma. Los textos posteriores a la resurrección así lo manifiestan, la preferencia del Señor por revelarse a la Iglesia en asamblea. Curiosamente, somos convocados por Dios y él se hace presente; nosotros somos participantes en este encuentro, más no protagonistas, porque el protagonista es Cristo mismo. No es una reunión cualquiera o reunión con fines meramente sociales, sino la reunión de los hombres y las mujeres libres que se reúnen a celebrar la presencia de Cristo y responden al llamado de Dios. No somos nosotros los que convocamos 'una reunión con Dios', sino Dios quien convoca un encuentro-celebración con nosotros. Por ello, no venimos como individuos aislados, sino como miembros de un solo cuerpo; no comulgamos para vivir la comunión, sino que comulgamos porque vivimos la comunión en medio de nuestra gran diversidad. Somos asamblea convocada, cuerpo vivo y santo que se hará sacrificio de alabanza.

—Miguel Arias, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

UN ANTIGUO BAUTISTERIO

En Roma está uno de los lugares para bautizar más antiguos que ha permanecido a lo largo de los siglos, está en la iglesia de san Giovanni en Fonte. De hecho la iglesia es el bautisterio y ahí está la pila bautismal de la Basílica de Letrán, la catedral de Roma. El emperador romano Constantino patrocino la construcción en el año 315 por lo que lo hace el bautisterio más antiguo del mundo. Su edificación es modelo para todos los bautisterios que se construyeron después, incluyendo quizás la pila bautismal que puede haber en tu propia parroquia.

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AN ANCIENT BAPTISTERY

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — He aquí mi siervo a quien he dado mi espíritu. (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7) o Isaías 55:1-11.

Salmo — Te alabamos, Señor (Salmo 29 [28]) o Isaías 12:2-6.

Segunda lectura — Dios ha ungido a Jesús por el Espíritu Santo y el poder (Hechos 10:34-38)

1 Juan 5:1-9.

Evangelio — Tú eres mi Hijo, el Amado, al que miro con cariño (Marcos 1:7-11).

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ENSAYO

Los salmos se cantan en el hogar y se practican en las calles.

—San Ambrosio



Let us be "protectors" of creation,
protectors of God's plan inscribed
in nature, protectors of one another
and of the environment.

- Pope Francis

IMPOSSIBLE

Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible.

—St. Francis of Assisi

STEWARDSHIP

A STEWARDSHIP RESOLUTION IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC: *Living with Compassion*

Even during this time of uncertainty and stress, January is a time for new beginnings, fresh starts. For the Christian steward, the grace of being given another day, or God willing, a whole new year, stirs our deep gratitude. But it also calls us to ask what a “resolution” should really be. Our first resolve should always be to involve ourselves more intimately in the life of Christ, and how better to do that than by embracing Christ’s call to be compassionate.

This past year our lives have been severely disrupted, admittedly to some more than others. But Jesus himself instructed us, “Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate” (Luke 6:36). Clearly, we strive now to live and give compassionately, as we generally understand the term. We try to be kind, considerate and understanding individuals. We share with others. But Jesus’ words challenge us to embrace a compassion that is much deeper, much more radical than our general understanding.

The word compassion, at its root, means “to suffer with.” This goes beyond merely writing a check, offering a prayer or sending a note. Suffering is not a popular notion in our society and we strive to avoid it. But now we hear Christ instructing us to “suffer with” the poor, the vulnerable, the powerless, the neglected, the weak.

How can we possibly choose such a journey, this challenge to be truly present to those who suffer, especially at a time when we are instructed to keep our distance? All things are possible with God, and it is through a commitment to a life of discipline, a creative discipline in action and discipline in prayer, that we move towards the goal of true compassion. The Christian steward is committed to the Eucharistic life, and it is through this life which Christ offers us that we gain the courage and the will and even the creativity to follow him in his own example of compassion.

Compassion is the doorway to a more responsive stewardship and a committed discipleship. Through our deepening sense of compassion in 2021, may we resolve to be the kind of Christian stewards who bring Christ’s presence to a suffering world.

- International Catholic Stewardship Conference Parish E-Bulletin, Jan.2021)

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

For the New Year

Lord of new life,
Thank you for the gift of a new year.
You have entrusted us with the coming days, weeks and months as stewards of your divine plan; to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever growing confidence in your Kingdom to come. We ask for the humility to reform our lives; the courage to commit ourselves to you no matter the cost; and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others. Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and show us how to share your love so that we may bring hope to a world in need of your justice and peace.

We pray to be a sign of your grace in this new year through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

For the weekend of January 9/10, 2021

On this first weekend after the Feast of the Epiphany, the Gospel reading reminds us of Jesus’ baptism. It gives meaning to our own baptism into Christ Jesus. Jesus’ baptism is a reminder that he is not only our Lord but also our brother. He was baptized, just as we are. He shares in our humanity. Good stewards recognize that their baptisms call them to conform their daily lives to Jesus’ teachings, and to live their lives as Jesus did. Through their baptism, they have been given the necessary gifts to share with others the new creation that Christ brings. The stewardship question is whether we can recognize our own baptismal gifts, and like Jesus, use those gifts to bring the hope of Christ to the lives of others.

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STEWARDSHIP: A Way of Life *With All Your Heart*

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with nothing that you have received—only what you have given.” - St. Francis of Assisi



St. Michael Parish
Youth Group
Arla Sigarlaki: (619)470-2298
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Join a group of high school students who come together to celebrate faith, fun, and friendship in a safe Christian atmosphere. A few times a month they come together to give praise, worship, learn, play, pray, and discover Christ through and with each other. How to join? No sign-up necessary. Just come on by and make a friend! All high schoolers are welcome to the Youth Group. Get to know other youth within our parish and bring a friend! For more information and to keep up-to date on our current events, find our calendar on the parish website and join our Youth Group Facebook page: St. Michael Parish Youth Group. You can also follow us on Twitter @SMPYOUTHGroup and Instagram @SMPYG.

During these times when we can't regularly meet in person, **Youth Group meets every other Tuesday via Zoom.** Come hang out with your YG friends, play games, and enjoy our faith together. Email Ms. Arla Sigarlaki for more information, asigarlaki@stmichaelsandiego.org.

Young Adults

(18 years and up and out of high school)

Arla Sigarlaki: (619)470-2298 asigarlaki@stmichaelsandiego.org



Young Adult Ministry: (YAM) Although we may be separated physically, **YAM has been gathering virtually every week.** Join us for Faith

Sharing, prayer, and our various other online events.
For more information, email smpyam.sd@gmail.com

The beautiful Nativity Scene in the church courtyard is a gift from the family of Socorro Tañada and her son, Dante.

To the Tañada family,
THANK YOU!



Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.
Psalm 72

LIVING GOD'S WORD

At baptism, the Spirit came upon you in the presence of the Christian community, claiming you in Jesus' name, and God said, "You are my beloved son/daughter." Spend some time praying over these words. What do you say to God in return? How does it affect what you do in life?

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD **IF NOT NOW, WHEN?**

At the beginning of Advent we heard the words of John the Baptist, proclaiming the promised Messiah. Now, at the end of the Christmas season, he appears again in the Gospel story. John was a surprising person. He had taken on the dress and role of a prophet, wandering the desert surviving on locusts and wild honey. He drew large crowds, declaring to them that it was not enough to be born Jewish; everyone—men and women, rich and poor, tax collectors and prostitutes—needed to repent and be washed clean. When he baptized Jesus (Mark 1:7-11), the appearance of the Holy Spirit was not of John's doing and showed who Jesus really is. It marked the new reality that Jesus brings.

To go into the waters of baptism is a symbol of death and rebirth to a new life, while the baptism of the Holy Spirit gives an inner spiritual power to live as a child of God. After Jesus' death and resurrection the apostles continued to baptize new believers in water, and laid hands on them to confer the Holy Spirit.

For many of us, baptism and confirmation occurred when we were too young to realize their true meaning. Think about it now! **God has given us grace and power to live as God's own sons and daughters**, with the hope of eternal life. But we can't just sit back. The life of grace we are called to requires effort, persistence, sacrifice, and selflessness. The enemy of the life of faith, which constantly lurks in the background, is not unbelief but apathy. We get tired of trying, we want to take it easy, we fall prey to the idea that someone else can do it. But a **life with Christ says if not now, when? If not you, who else?**

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FEAST OF FAITH **THE SIGN OF THE CROSS**

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say "in the names," but "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

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**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



JANUARY 2021

09 Sat	5:00pm	† Luisa Legaspi
10 Sun	7:00am	† Ceferino Marcelino / STO. NIÑO NOVENA
	8:30am	† Irma Rubio Flores—40th day of death
	10:00am	† Rosalinda Gines
	11:30am	† Marcelina Francisco
	1:00pm	† Tiburcio Apostol
	4:30pm	† Lenie De Jesus
	6:00pm	Raymund Frigillana—thanksgiving
	7:30pm	PARISHIONERS OF ST. MICHAEL (Living and Deceased)
11 Mon	8:00am	† Raul Del Rosario / STO. NIÑO NOVENA
12 Tues	8:00am	†Ariston Zamora & †Dionisia Pagadvan STO. NIÑO NOVENA
	7:00pm	† Lenie De Jesus
13 Wed	8:00am	The Mendoza Family Thanksgiving STO. NIÑO NOVENA
14 Thurs	8:00am	Blanca Rzayen & Family Thanksgiving STO. NIÑO NOVENA
15 Fri	8:00am	† Josie Alaysa / STO. NIÑO NOVENA
	7:00pm	† Edmund Esguerra
16 Sat	8:00am	† Raul B. Del Rosario
	10:00am	FEAST MASS—STO. NIÑO (Holy Infant Jesus)

If you are unable to get Mass intentions on the day you desire, have a CANDLE lit at the shrines of the "Divine Mercy" or "Our Lady of Guadalupe" inside the church. You may have a candle lit for 7 days, or 42 days. Your candle intentions, posted on the wall, will be included in the Mass. You may also write your intentions in the "Book of Intentions". Call the parish office for details.

CANDLE INTENTIONS (also offered at Mass)

(January 6th to January 12th)

DIVINE MERCY SHRINE:

For Protection of: Fr. Manny Ediza & Msgr. Jun Cinco
In Thanksgiving of: Mercedita Mamaril
For Healing & Comfort of: Ryan Martinez; Joseph Lipa
For the Souls of: †Catalina Bisco; †Godofredo Lao,
 †Rodelio Vale Cruz, Sr.;
 †Edward Zapp—10th year of death



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE:

For Protection of: Fr. Manny Ediza & Msgr. Jun Cinco
For the intentions of: Francis, Paul, John Torrevillas,
 and Reshil Torrevillas-Dukes
For Birthday Thanksgiving and Protection of:
 Neolita Torrevillas Kirkland & Family
For Healing & Comfort of: Eric Vale Cruz & family

**To light a candle for someone indicates one's intention
 to say a prayer for another person,
 and the candle symbolizes that "prayer."**

Pray for the Sick

Let us keep in our prayers our parishioners, relatives and friends who are ill or home-bound: Fr. Julian Hernando, SJ * Charles Moore * Cecilia Paligutan * Joseph Lipa * John Avery * Severo Santos Sr. * Cesar Cortez * Martha Mexia * Josefina Camarena * Amor Castro * Maria Castro * Edmundo Gobaton * Vic Bianes, Sr. * Bea Bianes * David Richter * Brandon Davis * Linda Ramirez * Rosemarie Corbet * Jose Macoy * Crystal Cervantes * Sydney Polish * Cel Besana * Malaya Baniel * Lucy Moya * Norma Tabinga * Harold Pasiderio * Mila Marcial * Melinda Grepo * Nora Paligutan * Marcelita Doria * Msgr. Rudy Villanueva * Estrella Macoy * Jane Calloway * Modesta Bayongan * Ryan Martinez * Lena Alpuerto * Julius Umali * Fr. Nelson Vencila * Michelle Villarosa * Ariana Gobaton-Caramat * Maria Corbett * Robert Aiken * Avila Gachalian * Liz Faye * Teresita Castillo * Frank Thompson * Michael Thompson * Maria Sharmaine Clare Reyes * Richard Razo * Frances Brown * Christina Prado * Abraham Castillo * Dcn. Jim Aquino * Laurie Martell * Raymundo Catalan Jr. * Rosalinda Gaffud * Anthony Jay Tomera * Erlinda Sandel * Apolinia Briz * Rizalina Cruz * Eufrocina Marquez * Fr. Jim Boyd * Kristine De Leon * Harvey Lewis * Jazmine Tolentino * Zoe Sanclimenti * Cora Tayco * Lourdes Libed * Marilyn Mendoza * Mila Corpuz * Fe Endaya * Maverick Muñoz * Divina Cabahug * Annie Cabagnot * Conrado Bautista * Jennifer Pineda * Jesus Pacleb * Jeng Realiza * Addison Su * Lita Marcelino * Lydia Demesa * Amy McCormick * Gigi Abelardo * Dave White * Maria Mercado * Nenita Acuario * Mary Ann Acuario * Arnulfo Castillo * Reynaldo Castillo * Teofilo Niño Sr. * Hermelinda Morante * Jonathan Nagtalon * Louie Costa * Ralph Blessing * Edith Tuscano * Linda Lamb * Roann Cruz-Louie * Sam Piha * Anne Campbell * Roxanne Martinez * Abraham Kirkland * Benjamin Gaddi, Sr. * Kayla San Pedro * Eduardo Ducut Jr. * Luvie Pangilinan * Julia De Leon * Joe Abueg * Betty Escobar * Vi Daen * Jess Balan * Ernest P. Sanchez * Lilia Misa * Manuel Sunga Jr. * Eugene Cordero * * Julita Niño * Cecil Niño * Brenda Niño * Belinda Niño * Teresita Castillo * Maria Elena Morante * Leon Arciaga * Bienvenido del Rosario * Carmelita Flores * Ismael Cruz * Anthony K. Cruz * all who are sick of coronavirus

This list is updated on a weekly basis. Please call the office to add a name.
NAMES ON SICK LIST MAY BE DELETED AFTER 60 DAYS.

"Heal me, Lord, that I may be healed; save me that I may be saved, for You are my praise." - Jeremiah 17:14

Funeral and Bereavement

Resfina Torrevillas (Coordinator)
Ministry Team: Anita Almuina, Evelyn Buangan, Luis Morales, Anita OngVaño, & Erlinda Soriano Phone: 619-470-1977 or 619-261-2544 (after office hours)

Pray for the Deceased



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We pray for and remember:

Those who recently died, especially:

† Bartolome "Tommy" Rosete; † Celia Estrada;
 † Wilfredo Belisario

**Requiescant In Pace!
 May they rest in Peace!**

**"Let us not hesitate to help those who have died
 and offer our prayers for them."** - St. John Chrysostom

THE 2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

The theme for 2020 ACA is "GRATITUDE IN ACTION". This theme is one of compassion, hope and love. As disciples we are called to trust in Jesus' mercy, to trust in his patience, to seek refuge always in his love. Jesus invites us to recognize Him in the poor, in those who suffer, and those in need. We encounter God's love when we express mercy and compassion through stewardship, service, and sacrifice.

ACA Update as of 01-03-2021

Week	\$ Pledged	Paid *	\$ Goal	# Pledges
36 / 37	\$ 42,289	\$ 41,912	\$ 70,000	248
%	60.41%	59.87 %	100 %	9.62%

Registered (active) parishioners: 2,578

Pledges received on 01-03-2020:

John / Sharie Altonare * Hernand / Myrna Asuncion * Nestor / Maria Eva Castano * Josie Corpus * Nicanor / Lourdes De Los Reyes * Gernan / Lorna Exconde * Gloria Foss * Alfredo Gacias * Adela / Valentino Ibit * Esther Jamila / Florencia Manuel * Marilyn Mendoza * Lydia / Ramon Martinez * Karen O'Brien * Ben / Nancy Pila * Wilfredo / Priscilla Portacio * Narcisa Salunga

THANK YOU! GRACIAS! MARMING SALAMAT PO!

Nenita (Neth) Timbol & Regina (Nena) Rin, ACA Co-Coordinators

"Don't forget that God gave you everything you have!"

—Deuteronomy 6:10-13

"As soon as the word spread, the people of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything." 2 Chronicles 31:5

Any amount will help. Your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal is tax deductible.



Be a Part of the Dream—Together We Build

IT'S NEVER LATE TO RESPOND AND BE PART OF THE DREAM!

Please pray and consider being a part of the dream: a new multi-purpose parish center. We need everyone's participation to make this dream a reality! Call the Parish Office for more information at 619-470-1977.

For those who have already pledged to participate, please fulfill your commitment. Different ways of fulfilling your commitment are as follow:

- Use the white envelopes with the logo which may be found in the pews or in the vestibule. Feel free to take envelopes you need. **Drop your contributions in the offertory basket during Mass, or mail it, or take it to the parish office.** Call the parish office if you want envelopes be mailed to you. Make check payable to St. Michael Church Capital Campaign.
- Set up **AUTO PAYMENT** with your **Bank or Credit Card**, or **ONLINE** at www.stmichaelsandiego.org. Follow the prompt or call the Parish Office if you need further instructions.

Please consider making a PLEDGE TODAY and help BUILD THE DREAM for the future generations!

Complete the Form below and place in the Offertory Basket, or bring it to the Parish Office.



YOUR CHANGE MAKES A DIFFERENCE. Bring those coins in and drop them in the coin box or jars that you may find inside the church.

Small amounts that we put together will help build our new Parish Center!

Honor yourself or give Tribute to a loved one (living or deceased).
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- \$75 monthly for 40 months for a total pledge of \$3,000
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Culture of Life

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The weekly prayer of the Rosary for the Culture of Life which is held every Tuesday will begin at 6:20 p.m., led by the **Eucharistic Ministers (month of January)**. This will be followed with the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at 6:45 pm, and Mass at 7:00 p.m.

The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion which is war against the child.

- Mother Teresa

"It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother's womb."

- Pope Francis

"Human Life is sacred—all men must recognize that fact. From its very inception it reveals the creating hand of God."

- St. Pope John XXIII

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. CHRIST IS WITH YOU! DO NOT BE AFRAID!"

- St. Pope John Paul II

BE REMEMBERED

FOREVER and included in our Mass intentions. Have the names of your beloved departed inscribed on a brick in our **Memorial Garden Walls**. The names on the memorial walls will forever become part of the Garden. Call the parish office at 619-470-1977.



Ask about the **PERPETUAL MEMORIAL WALLS** (for the living and deceased) inside the church in the vestibule.

Names on the walls are included in our Mass with special intentions every First Friday of the month.

PARISH REGISTRATION REQUEST.

Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church San Diego!

If you enjoy worshipping at St. Michael Catholic Church, become a member of the St. Michael Parish Family. It is easy to register: complete the form below and drop it in the offertory basket, or take it to the Parish Office.. Membership is FREE and has its privileges.

NAME: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

This is one of the key moments in the life of Jesus. Up north in His hometown of Nazareth He must have heard about John. At some point an inner voice must have said, "Go south, go to the desert. Go listen to this preacher John."

When He came to the desert, He may have stood in a long line before that moment came when He entered the water and John baptized Him. Mark gives us only the briefest account of their meeting, but does present John as expecting someone mightier than He would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

It is this same Holy Spirit who came down on Jesus as He was coming out of the water. At that moment, the heavens were torn open, heaven reached down to touch the Galilean, and the Spirit descended like a dove. Have you ever seen a gull descend to snatch a fish or a hawk swoop down to seize its prey? By contrast, the image of a descending dove is one of beauty and grace, of gentle alighting.

The words do not announce Jesus to others, as in Matthew's account, but they are spoken only to Him: "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased" (1:11), echoing the words the Lord speaks in the first song of the Servant in the book of Isaiah.

The descent of the dove did not mean an easy life for Jesus, but God had penetrated His being in a way that would then drive Him into the desert to begin His mission of confronting the powers of sin and death. This gentle dove came—and continues to come—a mighty power.

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FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On the First Friday of the month, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 4:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be at the usual schedule at 7:00 p.m.

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| 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. — | Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(with Gospel Meditation on each bead) |
| 6:15 to 6:50 p.m. — | Private Prayer and Adoration |
| 6:50 p.m.— | Repose of the Blessed Sacrament / Benediction |
| 7:00 p.m.— | Celebration of the Holy Eucharist |

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."

- Saint Pope John Paul II



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Upcoming Events / Schedule of Services

**JANUARY 07 to 15, 2021 — NOVENA TO THE STO. NIÑO at the 8:00 a.m. Mass
(on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021, the Novena is at the 7:00 a.m. Mass)**

**JANUARY 16, 10:00 a.m. — FEAST MASS IN HONOR OF STO. NIÑO
(the Holy Infant Jesus)**



**Fr. Manny and Msgr. Jun
greet everyone a
Happy New Year 2021.**

May this year be a grace-filled year
and may everyone be protected from
the coronavirus.
Stay safe and healthy.



Be a Part of the Dream – Together We Build Campaign Projects

“Be a Part of the Dream — Together We Build” CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we ask for Your divine guidance as we prayerfully move toward the realization of our new parish center. Show us the way to meet the needs of our growing parish community. Lead us to committing ourselves with a spirit of true sacrifice. For it is always by sacrifice that we show our love of You and our neighbor.

Lead us to wisely use our time, talents and treasures as we move forward with Your holy vision. Inspire us all out of Your generous love, to be equally generous for strengthening Your Church and our parish.

Spirit of God, we praise You and adore You. We pray that Your Spirit will empower us to work strongly for the realization of our dream so that future generations will harvest the fruits of our commitments and sacrifice.

This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary Mother of God, pray for us.
St. Joseph the Builder, pray for us.



**Join us in celebrating the
feast in honor of the STO.
NIÑO (Holy Infant Jesus)
on Saturday, January 16th,
2021. The concelebrated
Mass will start at 10:00 a.m.**

**Bring the children. There
will be blessing of children
after Communion.**

**“Let the children come to me.
And do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs
to such as these.”**
- Matthew 19:14

***Due to the pandemic, there will be
no fellowship after the Feast Mass.***

**Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our
protection against the wickedness and
the snares of the devil. May God
rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do
Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host -
by the Divine Power of God - cast into
hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who
roam throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**



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