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FIRST Sunday OF *Advent*

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.
... When these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

- Revelation 1:5,6

MASS

SUNDAY: **7:00 AM** **1:00 PM** (*Children's Choir*)
 8:30 AM (*Español*) **4:30 PM** (*Youth and Young Adult Mass*)
 10:00 AM **6:00 PM** (*Filipino Mass on 1st Sunday*)
 11:30 AM **7:30 PM**

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**

CONFESSIONS

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 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus—Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (refer to Page 10)

First Saturday - Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (refer to Page 10)

Third Saturday - Our Lady of Peñafrancia Perpetual Novena (after the 8:00 am Mass)

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

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BAPTISM

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Please make arrangements at least three months in advance with the Ministry Staff. Pre-baptismal Seminar is required for parents and sponsors.

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.

Today's Gospel Reflection

1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16 * Psalm: Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 *
2nd Reading: 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2 * Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

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*I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.*
— Jeremiah 33:15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;
Hanukkah begins
Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Wednesday: World AIDS Awareness Day
Friday: St. Francis Xavier
Friday: St. John Damascene; First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

GREATNESS

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.
—Anonymous

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.. — Luke 21:25-38

A NEW BEGINNING. Today, whether at evening, morning, or midday, in many communities of different churches around the world, the first candle lighted in each Advent wreath silently but beautifully announces the beginning of a new liturgical year. This new beginning presents a grace-filled opportunity for us to resolve to live not simply according to the secular calendar of our commercialized society, but according to the spirit of the liturgy. There's nothing wrong—indeed there can be something quite holy—about planning to celebrate God's surprising gift of the Son by surprising our loved ones with thoughtful gifts at Christmas. But how important, amid the rush of holiday preparations, to take the time and to make the effort to appreciate Advent's early twilights and later sunrises, awash in the purples, deep blues, and even the dusky rose colors we associate with Advent. Thus we let nature's own "Advent" prompt reflections on the "Advent" that Jeremiah saw coming.

IMAGES OF THE END TIMES. How forcefully today's scriptures challenge us to attend to the ominous nature of the Kingdom's definitive in-breaking! The call echoes through Jeremiah's prophecy: "In those days, in that time" and in Paul's letter: "at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen." The theme intensifies toward a crescendo in Luke: "there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth . . . dismay and perplexity." People will be scared to death—literally—"in anticipation of what is coming upon the world," as "seas and waves roar" and "the powers of heaven will be shaken." And all of this will be just a prelude to "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." In the face of this "awful" (that is, filled-with-awe) ending, Jesus warns his disciples to guard against two equally debilitating extremes, both of which seem to be trademarks of our contemporary culture: deadening diversion on one hand, and frantic anxiety on the other.

PREPARATION FOR THE END-TIMES. In light of these predictions of frightening end-times, Jesus advises us to embrace his three-fold "Preparation for the End Program": (1) "Beware!" that is, be aware of what really matters, life's true priorities. (2) "Be vigilant at all times," that is, watchful for Christ's coming not only at the end but in the meantime, in family and neighbor, friend and stranger. (3) Above all, "pray." Prayer, communion with God, will help us to remember that for faithful disciples, The End of this world—or our own lives, whichever comes first—will be The Beginning of a joy no one can take from us, fullness of life that will never end. How lovely if this Advent's renewal prepared us to look forward to the moment of Jesus' coming—in his glory or our death—not as a cataclysmic disaster, but as a reason for which to "stand erect and raise (our) heads (in joyful expectation) because (our) redemption is at hand."

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Dear Parishioners and friends,

I invite you to come to our **Advent Recollection on November 29, 2021 (Monday), 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**, and listen to “a voice coming from the desert” with Rev. Fr. George Decasa. Fr. Decasa, also called “George of the Desert”, is the Pastor of Saint Thomas Indian Mission in Winterhaven (Fort Yuma), California.

DON'T FORGET our **Annual Auction and Car Raffle on DECEMBER 04, 2021**, in the parish Hall. Silent Auction will begin at 6:15 p.m. The Live Auction will precede the Drawing of Raffle Tickets at 10:00 p.m.

Don't delay, get your tickets now. For only \$25, you may be the lucky winner of a brand new **2022 Honda HRV LX**. The more tickets you buy the more chances of winning! You may also win one of five (5) consolation prizes of \$400 each.

For every eight (8) tickets you buy or help sell, you will get two (2) tickets free. Committee members will be in the Courtyard after all Masses this weekend to sell tickets and to receive your Car Raffle Ticket Stubs and payments.

This event will be held both virtually and in-person. There will be food and entertainment with the special participation of the San Diego Padres Cantantes and the band of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT on **December 4, 2021**. Be one of the players (4-Man Scramble) or a Sponsor. Contact Art Buangan at (619) 818-5638 or email art@buangan.net.

HEALING SERVICE. We will have a Healing Service on **December 6, 2021**. The Mass for Healing will begin at **5:30 p.m.**

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION. Join us in Welcoming the Year 2022 and say “Goodbye and Thank You 2021” on **December 31, 2021 (Friday)** from 7:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Registration is going on in our Pre-school. Give your children/grandchildren the gift of a lifetime—a Catholic Education! Please consider sending your child/grandchild to our St. Michael Preschool.

**MARANA THA!
COME, LORD JESUS!**



Rev. Fr. Manny Ediza, Pastor



Greetings St. Michael Community,

Our preschool program provides a unique early childhood program which offers a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) based curriculum to young children. Coupled with building a faith-based community, children will develop social, emotional, physical, and cognitive abilities which allow them to connect with the societal advances with our ever-changing world.

During this pandemic our preschool has taken the proper protocols to ensure the health and safety of our students and teachers. We are currently accepting applications for our multi-age classroom 2-3.5 years old.

To inquire about enrollment please reach out to: director@stmichaelsandiego.org or call 619.472.5437. At this time, we are unable to give tours due to the pandemic, however, you can visit our website at www.smapreschool.org.

In Christ and Education,
Ms. Veronica Dayag
Director of Preschool

PHILOSOPHY

At St. Michael Preschool we want to share with the educational mission of the Church and each family. We want to build a faith community based on love and social skills. We want to develop a positive self-image, learn with God-given values and grow in knowing the needs of others surrounding Him.

GOAL

Our goal at St. Michael Preschool is to encourage each student to develop a relationship with God, to love each other, and to learn to love and love to learn. And lastly, we want them to recognize their uniqueness and importance as a good person.

OBJECTIVE

To achieve the above-goals, we will provide every spiritual opportunity with prayer, modeling, respect and acceptance of others. We will teach them about the consequences for their decisions and problem-solving techniques. This can be done age-appropriately by touching their intellectual, physical, social and psychological being.

“Catholic schools prepare every student to meet the challenges of their future by developing their mind, yes, but also their body and their soul and spirit.”

- Davit Vitter

MEMORARE TO ST. JOSEPH



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
Dec. 8, 2020—Dec. 8, 2021

Remember most pure spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, my loving protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or asked for your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding, therefore, in your goodness, I come before you and humbly implore you. Despise not my petitions, foster-father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

“One cannot love Jesus and Mary without loving Saint Joseph, the Holy Patriarch.”



The Filipino Community of St Michael (FCSM) is inviting the members to attend the Christmas Party on December 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm at St Michael Parish Hall. Food assignments are assigned to people. If you are not assigned, please bring dessert to share. RSVP Loida Villegas at (618) 482-1045 by December 5.

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COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENT

Whispering Winds Catholic Camp is hiring

Whispering Winds Camp in Julian has three full-time job openings for a Sous Chef, Lead Cook and Camp Experience Manager. Please visit WhisperingWinds.org and click on the "Join the WW Team!" tab at the top or call our office at 619-464-1479.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The mission of the Knights of Columbus is to provide members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities' families and young people.

The Knights are dedicated to providing charitable services, including war and disaster relief, actively defending Catholicism in various nations, and promoting Catholic education. The Knights also support the Catholic Church's positions on public policy issues, including various political causes, and are participants in the new evangelization. Pope St. John Paul II referred to the order as the "strong right arm of the Church" for their support of the church, as well as for their philanthropic and charitable efforts.

For more information, please email Grand Knight Nathan Montemayor at nmontemayor@stmichaelsandiego.org.

Vivat Jesus! In Service to One, In Service to All!

Reflexiones del Evangelio

CONFIANZA VIGILANTE

Nosotros, la Iglesia, entramos al Adviento y al Año Nuevo litúrgico con una llamada a la confianza vigilante. En su origen, nuestras lecturas estaban destinadas para comunidades que sufrían de grandes pérdidas y confusión. Jeremías habla con la confianza de que Dios cumplirá las promesas antiguas a Israel, incluso en tiempos de invasión extranjera. Pablo habla de cómo Dios guía a la Iglesia hacia la santidad, mientras que la comunidad anhela la venida de Jesús. En el pasaje del Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús habla de señales poderosas y de una gran confusión que se avecinan, pero enfatiza que podemos ver hacia delante sabiendo que Dios no trae motivos para la desesperación, sino para la esperanza. Celebramos el Adviento para recordarnos de la fidelidad de Dios. Debemos de estar atentos para ver cómo Dios despierta a nuestro mundo. Dios agita tanto nuestro orgullo como nuestro exceso de confianza, y nos trae sanación y justicia. Nos preparamos para dar la bienvenida a Jesús, seguros de que Dios cumple todas sus promesas divinas.

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Yo haré nacer del tronco de David un vástago santo, que ejercerá la justicia y el derecho en la tierra. — Jeremías 33:15

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Se acercan los días cuando el Señor cumplirá su promesa que hizo a Israel y a Judá (Jeremías 33:14-16).

Salmo — A ti, Señor, levanto mi alma (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — Que el Señor los llene y los haga rebosar de amor para que sean irreprochables en santidad; pórtense de tal manera que complazcan a Dios (1 Tesalonicenses 3:12 — 4:2).

Evangelio — Habrá señales y verán al Hijo del hombre venir con gran poder y majestad. Estén alerta (Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36).

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LAS TRES VENIDAS DEL ADVIENTO

Sabemos de una triple venida del Señor: su venida a la humanidad, su venida en la humanidad y su venida contra la humanidad. —San Bernardo: *Tercer Sermón para Adviento*

GRANDEZA

La medida de la verdadera grandeza no yace en la cantidad de sirvientes que tienes, sino en el número de personas a las que sirves. —Anónimo



El Novenario a nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe empezará el día 3 al 11 de diciembre. Se llevarán a cabo en el Centro Collier o en la Iglesia a las 6:30 pm. Pondremos letreros cada día indicando el lugar. Están invitados a participar. Vengamos a rendirle culto a nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe.



Comunidad Latina

El grupo de Oración los invita a su reunión los **Jueves de 6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m.** en el Salón de los Jóvenes frente a la capilla. Lucy Moncado 619-871-2924.



El domingo 5 de diciembre se llevará a cabo la procesión y Misa Diocesana a nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe; la procesión a las 11:00 am, Misa a la 1:00 pm y un tributo especial para nuestro Reverendo Obispo Chávez a las 2:30 pm. Será en la escuela de San Agustín en San Diego. Para más información, favor de comunicarse con la Sra. Lara.

Venga a celebrar con nosotros las Mañanitas y Misa del día el 12 de diciembre. Las Mañanitas empezarán a las 5:00 am y Misa a las 5:30 am. Sigamos con nuestras tradiciones y honremos a nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe. Su presencia es de mucha importancia

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA Primer Domingo de Adviento

Concede a tus fieles, Dios todopoderoso, el deseo de salir al encuentro de Cristo, que viene a nosotros, para que, mediante la práctica de las buenas obras, colocados un día a su derecha, merezcamos poseer el reino celestial. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Qué buenas obras podría traer conmigo si Cristo regresara esta semana?

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es más que justo empezar el tiempo litúrgico de Adviento con la Virgen María. Esta semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María. Esta es una fiesta especial para varios países americanos como Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay y los Estados Unidos que tienen como patrona nacional a la Madre de Jesús bajo este título.

Esta creencia tiene siglos de ser discutida por teólogos cristianos como Ambrosio, Agustín, Buenaventura y Tomás de Aquino, pero fue solo con la Constitución *Ineffabilis Deus* del Papa Pío IX en 1854 que pasó a ser doctrina oficial de la Iglesia. La enseñanza de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Madre de Jesús insiste que María nació y permaneció sin pecado. Según el teólogo franciscano Juan Duns Escoto, María fue salvada del pecado desde el vientre de su madre Ana. De esta manera Jesús pudo salvarla no después de haber pecado como ha hecho con nosotros, sino antes de que ella hubiera pecado.

La Inmaculada Concepción se hizo en vista de la venida de Jesús quien nos puede hacer inmaculados gracias al perdón y la gracia que nos ofrece.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

STEWARDSHIP

EXERCISING GOOD STEWARDSHIP AT THE GROCERY STORE

What is your experience of a trip to the grocery store? Is the grocery store a place where you just run to grab what you need, or is it a place where you pause and take time to exercise good stewardship? We've all been there. A long day at work, rush hour traffic, and then the thought: "What am I preparing the family for dinner?" We detour to the supermarket, make a mad dash, grab whatever looks easy and filling. Then, we rush out, preoccupied with what's happening elsewhere in our lives.

But the experience of shopping at the grocery store can be one where good stewards know the rewards of exercising their stewardship of God's many gifts. Think about a stewardship resolution for the month of November, with its emphasis on food and gratitude. Resolve to go to the grocery store with a steward's grateful heart.

- Visit the grocery when you are not rushed.
- Lift a prayer of gratitude before you go to the grocery store, gratitude that you are able to meet your loved ones' needs in this way. Those who work with refugee populations tell us the thing that amazes the new arrivals most is the opulence and abundance of a First World supermarket. Pray for those who do not have the choices you have today.
- Be aware of your fellow shoppers, the elderly individual slowly taking up the center of the aisle or the mom struggling to control her unruly children. Say a prayer for the people you encounter. Have patience and smile generously.
- Observe the vibrant colors in the produce department, and think of those workers near and far who have labored in the fields and the warehouses, all with the intention of supporting their own families. Say a prayer for them that they may receive wages that are fair, and that they not work in conditions you would not tolerate for a loved one working in similar circumstances.
- Each week, plan to make a sacrifice out of your family's food budget, and buy something for your parish's food drive or a local pantry. Perhaps it means you purchase a less expensive version of your favorite beverage, do without the best ice cream or plan one vegetarian, low-cost meal. Use the savings to share with the hungry.
- Be present to the cashier who rings up your order. Think of the difficulty of a job spent standing all day, greeting customers both cheerful and surly. Thank her with a smile.
- Keep an ongoing grocery list during the week. Plot out your meals, plan your excursion. Experts tell us one trip a week to the grocery is not only economical, but a much better use of time.
- Recite a thanksgiving prayer from the heart at dinner. Be grateful to the God who has given you so much to meet your needs and to share.

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A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for *THANKSGIVING*

Gracious and loving God, as the autumn season continues its transformation; and the days become shorter, the earth cooler; as we anticipate joining family and friends in joyful celebration on Thanksgiving Day, we pause to give You thanks and praise for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon us: For life and health, safety and comfort, food and nourishment, we are sincerely grateful. Through Your Spirit, open our hearts so that we may be even better stewards of these rich and unmerited gifts. Show us how to be a blessing for the poor, sick, lonely and all who suffer. And help us nurture the gift of faith, revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, our greatest gift, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

First Sunday of Advent Weekend of November 27/28, 2021

On this first Sunday of Advent, the Gospel reading depicts Jesus warning his followers about the end-time. He urges them to pray, be vigilant, spiritually awake, avoid self-indulgence, spiritual malaise, and a preoccupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle of earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God's active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord's promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord.

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

ANNUAL CAR RAFFLE AND AUCTION.

Our 11th Annual Car Raffle and Auction will be held on **December 4, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.** in the parish grounds, with entertainment by our singing priests. This event will be held both virtually and in-person.



GRAND PRIZE: A brand new 2022 Honda HRV LX and five (5) consolation prizes of \$400 each. The raffle ticket is \$25 each. When you buy or sell 10 tickets, you will get two tickets free. The more tickets you buy or sell, the more chances of winning.

Please turn in your raffle ticket stubs and payments in the Parish Office or drop them in the Offertory Basket during Mass.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT STRENGTHEN YOUR HEARTS

How good is good enough? Do you have to be perfect to get to heaven? In the second reading this Sunday, Paul seems to think so when he tells us to be "blameless in holiness" (1 Thess 3:13.) In fact, he tells the Thessalonians who are pleasing God, to do even more. (4:1) Now Paul never considered himself as perfect: "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me." (2 Cor 12:7-9) But even with his weakness, Paul always did the best he could. So what should we strive for? Maybe we can take a hint from his phrase "strengthen your hearts."

Think of athletes who try to do their best. A great ball player takes batting practice every day to improve his average. A tennis player will practice her serve to get more aces. A hockey player will keep skating during the summer to get faster. Good athletes are always looking for ways to improve themselves. They keep in shape so they can be stronger, faster, smarter. So what about good Christians? That same attitude is what Paul means by "strengthen your hearts." And Advent is a good time to start.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord, we can get ourselves in spiritual shape. Spiritual reading can give us a stronger prayer life. But like the athlete who can read about the rules or strategies of the sport, we get a stronger prayer life by actually praying. If our spiritual reading just makes us feel good, we may be wasting our time. Hopefully, it will lead us to try praying more often and more seriously. Likewise, we can read about volunteering to feed the poor, but making the commitment and doing it is what strengthens the heart. And how can we be "blameless in holiness... at the coming of Our Lord?" Not by bragging about our goodness, but confessing what we have done wrong. Only God's forgiveness can make us blameless. Then as the Gospel says, we may have "the strength... to stand before the Son of Man." (Lk 21:36)

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

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St. Michael Parish Youth Group

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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.

Youth Group had resumed in-person meetings every 2nd and 4th Friday from 5-7pm in the Youth Room, located above the kindergarten. Come and celebrate our faith together with other teens just like you. Contact Ms. Arla in the Parish Office for more details.



Young Adults (18 to 30's)

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SMP Youth Adult Ministry (YAM) serves all young adults by fostering a faithful community who strive to live the Gospel through spirituality, service, and social gatherings. For more information, email smpyam.sd@gmail.com. Follow us on Instagram @smpyam.sd

YAM has resumed in person meetings every 4th Sunday from 6-7:30pm in the Youth Room, located above the kindergarten. We also have an evening of adoration every 3rd Friday in the church after the evening Mass from 8-10pm. All are welcome!

SMP YAM has just started a College Ministry for all those new young adults getting into adulthood. Meet with other young adults who are learning how to live their faith in this new stage in life. We are currently holding hybrid meetings - 2nd Sunday of the Month on Zoom and 4th Sunday of the Month in the Youth Room, both at 2pm. Message us on @smpyam.sd on Instagram for specific details and to get the Zoom link.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
**St. Michael Parish will celebrate
New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2021
from 7:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Let us say "Goodbye and Thank
You 2021! Welcome 2022!"**



NOVEMBER

27	Sat	5:00pm	† Armando Josafat & † Dominador Rin
28	Sun	7:00am	† Silvestra S. Gascon
		8:30am	† Xochitl Franco & † Leticia Bernal
		10:00am	† Clarita Apiado
		11:30am	† Lorenzo Laplana Lapastora
		1:00pm	† Rosalinda Gines
		4:30pm	† Camilo Vidal
		6:00pm	† Maria Susana Daen-Bueno
		7:30pm	PARISHIONERS OF ST. MICHAEL (living & deceased) / CANDLE INTENTIONS
29	Mon	8:00am	† Primitiva Luna—death anniversary
30	Tues	8:00am	† Lydia De Castro—birthday remembrance
		7:00pm	† Alejandro & † Romana Caloza

DECEMBER

01	Wed	8:00am	† Cecilia A. Besana
02	Thurs	8:00am	† Manuel & † Michelle Villarosa
03	Fri	8:00am	Ella Jane Lozano—birthday thanksgiving
		7:00pm	† Maria Susana Daen-Bueno
04	Sat	8:00am	† Justin Carlo Cruz

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)
(November 24th to November 30th)

DIVINE MERCY SHRINE:

- For the Protection of:** Fr. Manny Ediza, Msgr. Jun Cinco, and all Clergies
- For Healing & Comfort of:** Ryan Martinez; Rudy Sigarlaki
- For Healing & Strength of:** Virginia Vinas
- In Thanksgiving of:** Shirley Rodriguez
- For the Souls of:** †Joseph, Maria & Peter Nguyen

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE:

- For the Protection of:** Fr. Manny Ediza & Msgr. Jun Cinco, and all Clergies
- For Speedy Recovery & Healing of** Resfi Torrevillas
- In Thanksgiving of:** Shirley Rodriguez
- Birthday Thanksgiving of:** Rey Recodo
- Birthday Intentions of:** Lamberto Mahanlud

To light a candle for someone indicates one’s intention to say a prayer for another person, and the candle symbolizes that “prayer.”

“Hear me and understand well...that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection?”

- Message of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego on the 4th Apparition



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 * John Avery * Severo Santos Sr.* Cesar Cortez * Martha Mexia * Josefina Camarena * Amor Castro * Maria Castro * Edmundo Gobaton * Vic Bienes, Sr. * Bea Bienes * David Richter * Brandon Davis * Linda Ramirez * Rosemarie Corbet * Jose Macoy * Sydney Polish * Cel Besana * Malaya Baniel * Harold Pasiderio * Mila Marcial * Nora Paligutan * Msgr. Rudy Villanueva * Estrella Macoy * Jane Calloway * Modesta Bayongan * Ryan Martinez * Lena Alpuerto * Ariana Gobaton-Caramat * Maria Corbett * Robert Aiken * Avila Gachalian * Liz Faye * Teresita Castillo * Frank Thompson * Michael Thompson * Ma. Sharmaine Clare Reyes * Richard Razo * Frances Brown * Christina Prado * Abraham Castillo * Dcn. Jim Aquino * Laurie Martell * Raymundo Catalan Jr. * Rosalinda Gaffud * Anthony Tomera * Erlinda Sandel * Apolinia Briz * Rizalina Cruz * Eufrocina Marquez * Kristine De Leon * Harvey Lewis * Jazmine Tolentino * Zoe Sanclimenti * Cora Tayco * Lourdes Libed * Mila Corpuz * Fe Endaya * Maverick Muñoz * Divina Cabahug * Annie Cabagnet * Jennifer Pineda * Jesus Pacleb * Jeng Realiza * Addison Su * Lydia Demesa * Amy McCormick * Gigi Abelardo * Dave White * Maria Mercado * Mary Ann Acuario * Arnulfo Castillo * Reynaldo Castillo * Teofilo Niño Sr. * Hermelinda Morante * Jonathan Nagtalon * Louie Costa * Edith Tuscano * Linda Lamb * Roann Cruz-Louie * Sam Piha * Anne Campbell * Roxanne Martinez * Abraham Kirkland * Benjamin Gaddi, Sr. * Eduardo Ducut Jr. * Luvie Pangilinan * Julia De Leon * Joe Abueg * Betty Escobar * Vi Daen * Jess Balan * 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 * Ismael Cruz * Anthony Cruz * Charles Tessman * Felicidad Cabral * Andres Cabral * Jane Martinez * Alejandro Sunghad * Adrian Max Ruiz * Wilfredo Oliveria * Lois Gaskin * Ernesto Villena * Mila Oania * Ramon Mendoza * Mark McCoy * Lex Troy Chhuon * Reylita Bambilla * Virginia Abadia * Rudy Sigarlaki * Joe Gabat * Raul Aquino * Connie Aquino * Ricardo Quezada Jr. * Miguel Ricanor Jr. * Adelia Martino * Dorina Sebastian * Victor Sebastian * Julie Vega * Nene Brual * Sonia Reboton * Carolyn Bargeman * Lucino Aleman * Josefina Barrientos Sunga * Dian Rose Fortuno * Reynaldo Tugade * Sarah Rañola * Melinda Grepo * Resfina Torrevillas * John Rabe * Felicia Rabe * Edith Macoy * Milagros Alcalá * Amon De Dios * Zenaida De Leon * Meinard Belarmino * Leandro Abadia * Rosalina Idos * Michael Tajeran * George Sipin * Rosita B. Casuga * All who are sick of coronavirus

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)



We pray for and remember:

Those who recently passed away:
† Julius Bautista; † Virginia Soriano

On the 1st Year of Death:

- November 29 — † Sophie Leyba
- December 01 — † Beatriz Bonifacio
- December 03 — † Alicia Anthonio
- December 05 — † Leonora Lazarra

On the 1st Year of Death:

- December 02 — † Reynaldo De Jesus
- December 03 — † Francisca Cuizon

REQUIESCANT IN PACE! MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA) CAMPAIGN

Your participation in our Annual Catholic Appeal accomplishes something very simple yet very powerful: it touches people's hearts with God's love through your gift and deepens our collective faith together. By contributing to our "Renewing Hope" campaign you are helping our brothers and sisters to truly know and love Jesus Christ, His grace and His mercy.

ACA Update as of 11-14-21

Week	\$ Pledged	Paid	\$ Goal	# Pledges
36	\$ 35,220	\$ 47,125	\$ 70,000	357
%	50.31 %	67.32 %	100 %	13.85 %

Registered parishioners: 2,578

Pledges received on the weekend of 11-14-2021:

Bernice Abellera * Victor Abutin * Benito Cagayat * Frederick Carrick * Ernesto Chavez * Andres Gonzalez * Manuel Hernandez * Minerva Ignacio * Danilo Jariel * Billie Moreno * Fortunato Neri * Virgilio Pascual * Helenita Penola * Rosalina Ramos * Magdalena Reyes * Virginia Ricanor * Rosalina Sahagun * Nenita Sicat

THANK YOU! GRACIAS! MARAMING SALAMAT PO!

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

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



LET'S DANCE AGAIN!

The Line Dancing class is back! Take out your dancing shoes from the closet and join us once again every Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Collier Center. Let's shake off those extra weights we gained due to COVID 19 inactivity. Come one, come all. For everyone's safety, please wear your face mask. Instructors: JR and Sonia Lapuebla.



*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.



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!***



**St. Michael Parish
Capital Campaign**

**My/Our Commitment to the
Capital Campaign is:**

- \$250 monthly for 40 months for a total pledge of \$10,000
- \$125 monthly for 40 months for a total pledge of \$5,000
- \$100 monthly for 40 months for a total pledge of \$4,000
- \$75 monthly for 40 months for a total pledge of \$3,000
- \$50 monthly for 40 months for a total pledge of \$2,000
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Culture of Life

Jim Bundalian (619) 917-1699

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 **EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP (month of November)**. 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

"The promotion of the culture of life should be the highest priority in our societies... If the right to life is not defended decisively as a condition for all other rights of the person, all other references to human rights remain deceitful and illusory."

- St. Pope John Paul II

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



BE AN ALTAR SERVER!

Parents of children ages 10 to 17 years are encouraged to volunteer them to serve in the altar of the Lord. Call the parish office for more information, or see the Sacristan on duty

after Mass. You may also find Application Form in the church vestibule.

"Being altar server is a call to prayer and mission... In the Eucharist and in the other sacraments, you experience the intimate closeness of Jesus, the sweetness and power of His presence." - Pope Francis

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.

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New Registration

Change of Address

Marriage & Family Life

Planning a wedding? Whether you are planning a big wedding or a small intimate one, we can accommodate your wishes. Please contact the Wedding Coordinator at smnuptials@gmail.com or call the parish office at (619) 470-1977

Married in a civil ceremony? This type of marriage is a legal marriage according to state laws, however Catholic couples are missing out on the graces that are received from the sacrament of matrimony. So if you are living in a civil marriage and would like to receive all of the blessings of a sacramental marriage, please contact the Wedding Coordinator.

What is Retrouvaille? A program designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together.

For upcoming weekend schedules:

Go to helpourmarriage-sandiego.org

English weekend Jan. 14-16, 2022 Call (951) 259-9474

"Keep the fire lit in your marriage, and your life will be filled with warmth".



FIRST FRIDAY

(Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus) and

FIRST SATURDAY

(Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE:

- 6:45 p.m.— Novena to the Santo Niño
- 7:00 p.m.— Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
- 7:40 p.m. — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (after Mass) PRIVATE PRAYER and ADORATION
- 8:30 p.m. — The NINE OFFICES of the SACRED HEART Benediction and Repose of the Blessed Sacrament

FIRST SATURDAY SCHEDULE:

- 8:45 a.m.— Scriptural Rosary (after Mass)
- Saturday Office of Readings
- ACT OF CONSECRATION to the IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

"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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NOVEMBER 29 — ADVENT RECOLLECTION at 5:30 p.m.
DECEMBER 04 — ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM
DECEMBER 04 — ANNUAL CAR RAFFLE & AUCTION, 6:15 p.m.
DECEMBER 06 — MASS FOR HEALING at 5:30 p.m.



ANNUAL CAR RAFFLE AND AUCTION.

Dec. 4, 2021 (Saturday) from 6:15 p.m.

There will be food and entertainment, with the special participation of our "Singing Priests". This event will be held both virtually and in-person.

GRAND PRIZE: A brand new 2022 Honda HRV LX and five (5) consolation prizes of \$400 each. Only \$25 each ticket.



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.

St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us.



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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

(4-Man Scramble)

December 4, 2021 (Saturday) at Chula Vista Golf Course. Registration starts at 6:00 a.m.

Call the Parish Office at 619-470-1977, or Contact Art Buangan at (619) 818-5638 or art@buangan.net for details.

"Golf is good for the soul. You get so mad at yourself you forget to hate your enemies." - Will Rogers

VISIT THE LAND OF JESUS CHRIST, MARY and JOSEPH (A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land)

WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED!
Renewal of Baptism at Jordan River
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April 25, 2022 to May 3, 2022

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Rogelio Pingol, Jr.

Cost: \$2,699. Call 619-261-2544 or 619-470-1977



***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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