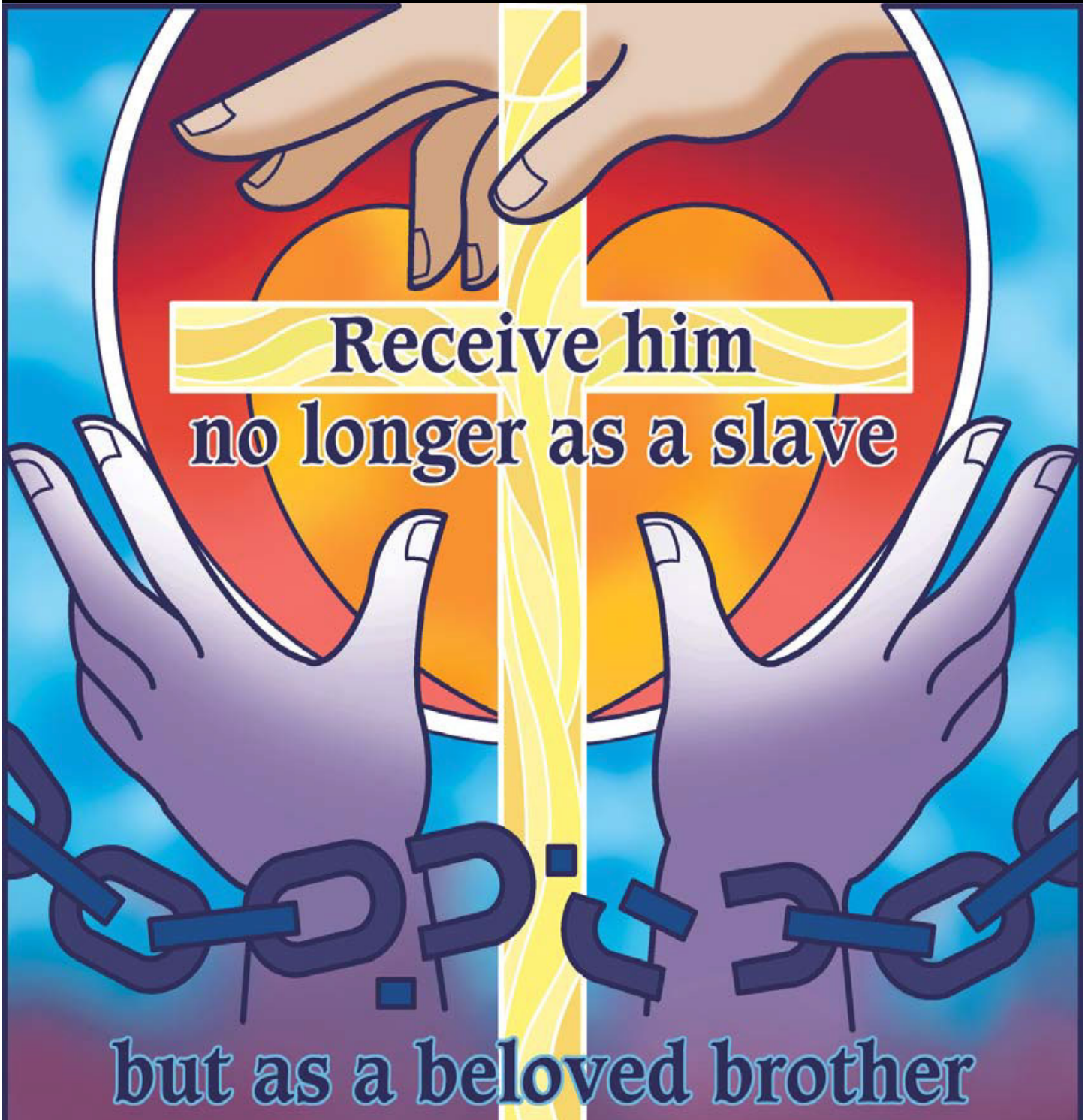


ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Receive him
no longer as a slave**

but as a beloved brother

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 4, 2016
INVITED

The Good News is that we have all been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It’s a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God’s will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Who can ever know God’s counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (**Wisdom 9:13-18b**).

Psalms — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (**Psalm 90**).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (**Philemon 9-10, 12-17**).

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one’s own cross and renounce all possessions (**Luke 14:25-33**).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes, this “Treasures” column can seem to be a species of crib-notes for Catholic *Jeopardy*. Indeed, you may never know when knowledge of our particular vocabulary may come in handy. Such is the case with papal bulls, which conjure up all sorts of images, but are actually not what you might expect. A bull is a papal letter on a matter of great consequence, such as a decision about a crisis in the Church, the declaration of a doctrine, the summoning of a council, or the canonization of a saint. It has a more solemn intention than a mere letter or even an encyclical, a teaching letter circulated through the whole Church. Its odd name comes from the Latin *bullā*, which is the stamp used to apply a signatorial design to the hot lead, or even molten silver or gold, that seals the decree.

The format for the bull is the name of the pope in Latin, followed by the title “servant of the servants of God,” also in Latin, and then the text. The title of the bull is always the first two words of the text. Some famous papal bulls are *Exsurge Domine* (Arise, O Lord), written against Martin Luther’s Ninety-five Theses in 1520; *Munificentissimus Deus* (The Most Bountiful God), the promulgation of the dogma of the Assumption in 1950 by Pope Pius XII; or *Humanae Salutis* (Human Salvation), by which Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

FOLLOW YOUR PATH

“You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was.”
—Abraham Lincoln

ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CCW

Our traditional CCW Morning of Reflection will take place on **Sept 10, 2016 at 8:30 am**. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together with women in prayer and fellowship. Our Morning of Reflection will focus on *'Be still and know I Am God'. Psalm 46.* **Please RSVP: 904-261-3472,** or E-Mail: StMichaelCCW@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC ??

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please call the church office: **261-3472**

to register for this year's sessions. **Our first session begins Sunday, Sept. 18th at 10:30am in the teacher's lounge at St. Michael's Academy.** We look forward to meeting and sharing with you.

REGISTRATION

If you are new to the area, or moved away and returned, we ask you to please register with St. Michael Church. You may do so by contacting the parish office: **904-2361-3472** or visiting our website: www.stmichaelscatholic.org. Also, we are updating our records so they'll be accurate. Thank you for your help.



Saint Michael Academy invites all parishioners to a special Prayer Service planned by students to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of 9/11.

It will be Friday, September 9, from 10—11:00 am in the Church.

We encourage all to attend especially first responders and those who lost loved ones.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED

An informational & organizational meeting for a new ministry at St. Michael's, for separated & divorced parishioners, will be held this **Tuesday September 6th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.** Please RSVP to **Mary Ramsey at: ramseym61@yahoo.com.**

"OUR FAITH, OUR FAMILY, OUR FUTURE" is the theme for our parish religious formation programs this year. **We will be kicking off the upcoming year with two (2) information/registration sessions at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm on Sunday, September 11, 2016.** The kickoff will be held in the parish hall. Please take the time to come and see what we will be offering in the way of children, youth and adult formation this year.

INTERFAITH DINNER NETWORK (IDN)

The Interfaith Dinner Network is seeking a coordinator for its ministry. If interested please call Steve White at **904-206-6128** for additional information on this very rewarding position.

Quarterly meeting for the Interfaith Dinner Network Signup meeting will be **Tuesday, Sept 13th at 7:00 in the parish hall.** All current members and anyone interested in joining this wonderful ministry are encouraged to attend. Please bring your favorite snack and beverage for a short meeting, signup and fellowship. **Call Steve White at 904-206-6128 for questions.**

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

A PGC class will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. The Diocese of St. Augustine requires all adults 18 and older that come into contact with children through Catholic schools, parish ministries and parish volunteer work, to take the class. This program is part of the required Safe environment program. To register, please go to www.virtus.org and select the class that is being held on September 14th. **You must be registered to attend.**





GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

Registered Families 1632	August 28, 2016
Offertory	\$14,428.41
On Line Offertory	1,374.00
Children's Collection	61.02
Debt Reduction	395.00
On Line Debt Reduction	275.00

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED”

A new “Living with Loss” support group is being formed to offer faith-based comfort to parishioners who are grieving the death of a loved one. This is not group therapy, but a lay-ministry support group grounded on our Catholic faith and prayer. The group will meet in the St. Michael Parish Hall and will start in the fall. **For information and sign-up, please contact Mary Berger: 904-686-4513 or email: portia2436@gmail.com.**



EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On the first Thursday of each month, the exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is from 9:00am—1:00pm.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Monday: Labor Day**
- Thursday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Friday: St. Peter Claver**
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary**



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH.



- Sat. Sept. 3 (5pm) Jim Ryan by the Ryan family**
- Sun. Sept. 4 (8am) Parishioners of St. Michael**
- Sun. Sept. 4 (10am) Lucille Gagnier by Ron & Dorothy Cheeley**
- Sun. Sept.4(12noon) John Soller by Buster & Lori Kennedy**
- Mon.Sept.5(8:30am) Bill Lauerman by Walter & Pat Conti**
- Tues. Sept 6 (6 pm) Ryan Gosa by the Gosa family**
- Wed.Sept.7(8:30am) John Karsko by Paul & Shirley Hargreaves**
- Thurs.Sept.8(8:30am)Eileen McKim by Rod McKim**
- Fri. Sept. 9 (8:30am) Bill Lauerman by Don & Jean Winslow**
- Sat. Sept. 10 (5pm) Gary Snyder by Johnelle Snyder**
- Sun. Sept. 11 (8am) Parishioners of St. Michael**
- Sun. Sept. 11 (10am) Antonio Bonaddio by Mark & Marie Fenn**
- Sun. Sept.11(12noon)Michael Rizzo by Mark & Marie Fenn**

Please pray for the sick and all requests in our Prayer Request Book. Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner, Terry Kelly. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The altar flowers are in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Bill & Carolyn Dobrosky. Congratulations !!



Another new product line called:

Flip it...for God's Glory - Faith-filled Messages to Flip Your Day!



A Perpetual Calendar Series to “Flip” Over! Unlike a tear-off calendar, *Flip it* is a "perpetual" calendar to be enjoyed every day, year after year. *Flip it...for God's Glory* is bursting with 366 faith-inspired quotes, powerful Scripture verses and uplifting prayers certain to brighten your day!

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Rev. Jose Kallukalam, Pastor
Visiting Priest: Rev. Gerard O'Shea
Deacon Art Treadwell

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00 am—10:00 am—12:00 noon
Confessions:
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm or by appointment
Daily Masses: 8:30 am Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri.
6:00 pm Tues.
Holy Days Vigil: 6:00 pm
Holy Day: 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND

Weekly visits and monthly Communion Services are held at Savannah Grand, Quality Health Care and Jane Adams House. Visits by Priest or Extraordinary Minister can be arranged by calling 261-3472.

MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation for couples who wish to be married in a Catholic ceremony must meet with their parish priest at least eight months prior to the wedding date.

R.C.I.A.

For those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith, call 261-3472.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Classes are available for grades 1—8. Sacrament preparation is available for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the parish office, 261-3472.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Walt Edwards: 491-0180

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Denise Ziegler: 654-3855

ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY

Pre-K—Grade 8 Principal—Dr. Christopher Hampton
Call 321-2102 for information
Email: smacad@smacad.org
Website: www.stmichaels-academy.org



St. Michael Catholic Church Mission Statement

We are the body of Christ at St. Michael's Parish, called to: Gather for Worship, Celebrate the Paschal Mysteries, Preach the Gospel, Minister to Others, Be Witnesses to the World.