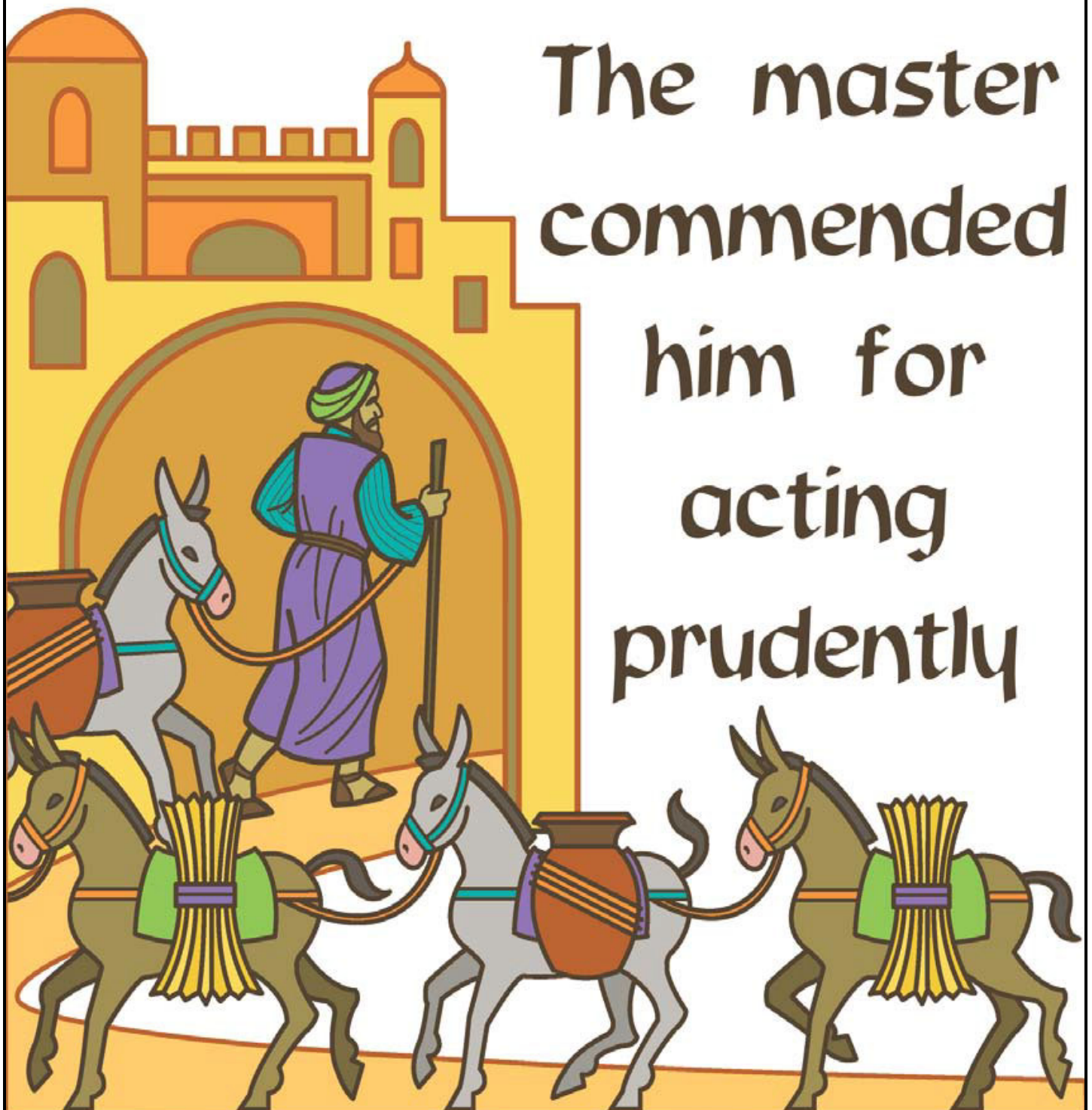


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**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 18, 2016
OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS**

The Second Vatican Council has called us to envision the Church as the people of God. As a community of believers we are responsible for our brothers and sisters, their salvation, their journey of faith, their physical well-being. Many of the documents of Vatican II and volumes of work since the mid-1960s give us advice, guidelines, and encouragement to take care of one another: the poor, the elderly, the unborn, the broken, the infirm.

Because Vatican II is part of our recent history—indeed many of us were already born—this may strike us as a new and revolutionary idea. But today’s readings show us the agelessness of the issue of social justice. Eight hundred years before Christ was born, Amos warned the wealthy not to cheat the poor. In Paul’s first letter to Timothy, he encourages all prayers to be for all people; and finally, the Gospel urges the wise use of money.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (**Amos 8:4-7**).
Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (**Psalm 113**).
Second Reading — Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (**1 Timothy 2:1-8**).
Gospel — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (**Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]**).

FROM BISHOP ESTEVEZ

Bishop Estévez invites all Catholics of the Diocese of St. Augustine to participate in one of five **“Listening Sessions”** to assess how the diocese has done in implementing a three-year strategic plan addressing the ideas and concerns voiced from the laity during the first listening sessions in 2011 – and to gather input for future planning efforts.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9– 13
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11- 16; Lk 16:19-31

Tuesday, September 27 San Juan del Rio, in Church following 6:30 pm Mass

Monday, October 10 St. Madeleine, High Springs Parish Hall 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Monday, November 7 St. Matthew Parish Hall 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Wednesday, November 9 San José, Parish Hall, Session in Spanish 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Thursday, November 10 St. Joseph Academy Auditorium 7:00 – 8:30 pm

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: **904-261-3472** or visiting our website: www.stmichaelscatholic.org. Also, we are updating our records so they’ll be accurate. Thank you.

Bishop Felipe Estevez will celebrate his annual Mass at St. Michael on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 8:00am to commemorate the Feast of the Archangels, St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael.

Although St. Michael is always called “The Archangel,” the Greek fathers and many others place him over all the angels—as Prince of the Seraphim. St. Michael is patron of grocers, mariners, paratroopers, police and sickness.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

There will be a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** for the victims of flooding in Louisiana this weekend of September 17/18. We are asked to participate in a special emergency collection to help the victims of the recent floods in Louisiana. "Whether your donation is large or small, let us also be sure those suffering feel the power of our prayer to sustain them in the difficult days ahead." You may also donate directly to Catholic Charities USA.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning 10 am Bible Study group resumes on Sept. 27th in the dining room of the Green House. The Colledgeville Commentary booklets on Luke can be purchased at The Book Loft on Center St.—please read the Introduction and Chap. 1 for that first meeting. **Any interested parties can direct queries to Pam Huie at: 321-0744.**

"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 on Wednesday, October 5th from 1—3:30pm. For information and sign-up, please contact Mary Berger: 904-686-4513 or email: portia2436@gmail.com.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday
- Monday:** St. Januarius
- Tuesday:** Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn and Paul Chõng
Ha-sang and Companions
- Wednesday:** St. Matthew
- Thursday:** Autumn begins
- Friday:** St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

TODAY IS.....



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Customs surrounding the naming of babies are interesting, and over time the Church has tried to offer some motherly advice to direct parents in this necessary chore. The ritual book used for baptism from the sixteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries advised priests to guard against giving ridiculous or pagan names to babies consigned to their ministry. In 1666 the diocesan ritual of Bourges in France was even more exacting, telling the priests to see to it that boys were named after male saints, girls after female saints, and no one got named after a festival. Yet, records from that very diocese in later years shows a few babies named "Toussaint" (after All Saints Day) along with other creative expressions. In Spain, no one has ever hesitated to name babies after festivals, especially girls after Our Lady, and so there are names like Concepción, Asunción, and of course Dolores (after Our Lady of Sorrows). In Italy and Spain is it likely that a child will receive the name of the saint of the day of its birth.

Today's rites of initiation for adults and infants urge the giving of a Christian name, and in the case of an adult whose given name expresses a pagan or unseemly idea (Baal and Whiskey come to mind), there is a formal rite during the catechumenate for the giving of a Christian name. In such a case, it would make sense for the change to be registered with civil authorities as well. For all Christians, the idea of having a heavenly patron to pray to on life's journey is reason enough to pay attention to this treasure in our tradition.

PAPERBACK BOOK DRIVE

The Nassau County Detention Center is in need of paperback books for the recreational use of the men and women that are incarcerated there. St. Michael's was instrumental in establishing the library at the detention center 10 years ago and periodically we supplement the books with new donations. We will have boxes in the narthex of the church and in the parish office from October 1st through Oct. 9th. Donations of recent paperbacks having to do with adventure, romance, fantasy, science fiction and spirituality are especially welcome. No hardbacks please.

If you have books to donate, but cannot drop them at the church or office, please call Jan Smith at 261-3677 and we will pick them up from you.



GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

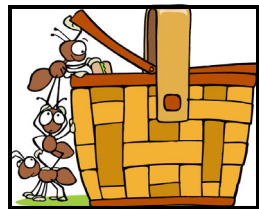
Registered Families 1632 September 11, 2016

Offertory	\$14,046.78
On Line Offertory	3,806.00
Children's Collection	74.85
Debt Reduction	1,338.00
On Line Debt Reduction	165.00

The SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend will be for the victims of the flooding in Louisiana.



- Sat. Sept. 17 (5pm) Jayne Kayser by Norm & Mary Ellen Ledwin
 - Sun. Sept. 18 (8am) Ray Dixon by Jean & Sharleen LeBrun
 - Sun. Sept. 18 (10am) Catherine & Fred Nuttall by Mary Nuttall & Margaret Cecchini
 - Sun. Sept.18(12noon)Parishionrs of St. Michael
 - Mon.Sept.19(8:30am)Fred Fedorko by Matt Ott
 - Tues.Sept.20(6pm) Edith Cooney by her husband
 - Wed.Sept.21(8:30am)SPECIAL INTENTION of Julie Venditti by Jeanne Dean & family
 - Thurs.Sept.22(8:30am)John Karsko by Paul Kayser
 - Fri.Sept.23(8:30am) Don Bruchman by Barbara Bruchman
 - Sat. Sept. 24 (5pm) Chuck & Audrey Wagner by Don & Peggy Cooper
 - Sun. Sept.25(8am) Rick Rikard by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
 - Sun. Sept. 25 (10am) Jim Kehler by Marie Kehler
 - Sun.Sept. 25(12noon) Parishioners of St. Michael
- Please pray for all requests in our Prayer Request Book.



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 25th
2:00PM – 5:30PM
Fun for all ages!
food, Games,
Inflatables,
Entertainment, Fellowship

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Jose will bless your pets on Saturday, Oct. 1st at 9:30am in the area between the church and academy. Please have them on a leash or contained.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth O'Neill, sister of Nancy Milutus, for parishioner, Jim Montague, and former parishioner John Harkins. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

FALL TAIZE' PRAYER SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 26th

The St. Michael Taize' ensemble invites you to attend a 35 minute program of subdued musical chants and prayers. Taize' prayer is a quiet and easy way of prayer. Feel free to take a "little" time to rest in the Lord and feel the power of His Love in communal song and prayer before we rush into Fall activities. Let the Spirit move you to join us and bring a friend on Monday, September 26th at 7 pm in our beautiful church. All are welcome!

COMMUNION SERVICES
THERE WILL NOT BE DAILY MASS FROM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH. ALL PRIESTS IN OUR DIOCESE WILL BE ATTENDING THEIR ANNUAL PRIESTS RETREAT.

"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience — we are spiritual beings having a human experience"

__ *Pierre Teilhard Chardin*

WE WILL HAVE A COMMUNION SERVICE ON THOSE DAYS, BUT NOT EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY, OCT. 6TH.

PLEASE KEEP OUR PRIESTS IN YOUR

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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.

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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
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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.