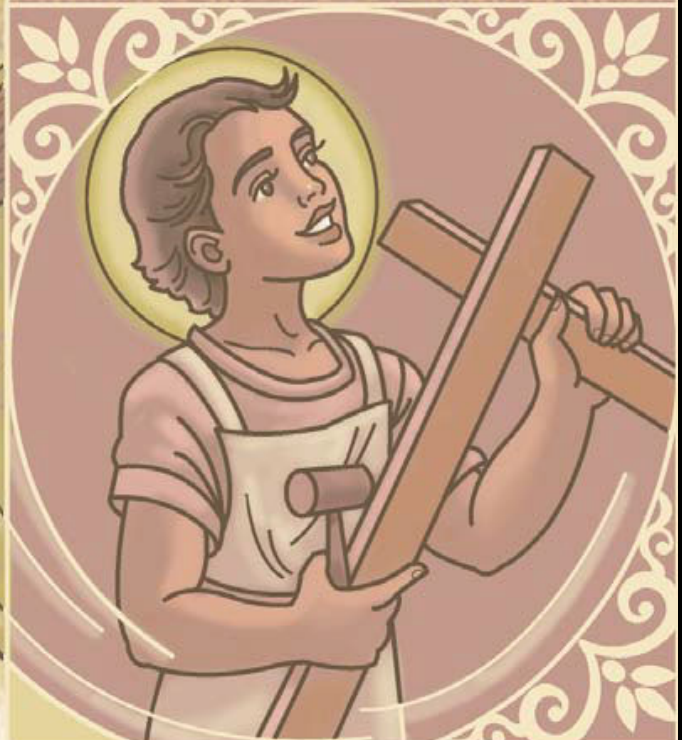


# ***ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH***



*Isn't this  
the son  
of Joseph?*



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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME  
JANUARY 31, 2016  
THE GREAT HYMN TO LOVE**

It is doubtful that Saint Paul, when he sat down to write what we now know as the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, knew that he was penning what was to become one of the keystones of Christian ethics. In this brief passage, he set down ideals about love that have held fast through the centuries. Sometimes we may think that because these are ideals to which we aspire, we are excused from them in our daily living.

But what Paul was writing was a letter to his friends, providing them with some sound advice about what it meant—and still means—to live in love, day by day, as a follower of Christ. We find in his words to his friends a broadening of the great commands of Jesus to love God and neighbor. Today we hear what this love must look like in our own actions, and how it ought to guide our relationships with others.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (**Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**).

**Psalm** — I will sing of your salvation (**Psalm 71**).

**Second Reading** — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (**1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]**).

**Gospel** — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (**Luke 4:21-30**).

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

For the first four centuries or so, there seems not to have been a sense of marriage as a church institution. Christians followed civil law, which kept the wedding in a family setting. Bishops wanted people to be good citizens insofar as possible, and so they recognized the government's role in marriage. In general, they expected Christians to know that marriage was good, that marriage to other Christians was best, and to take it easy on the wild wedding parties. They agreed that marriage was a divine institution, that Christ blessed it especially, and they loved referring to the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Still, even when Christianity became the official religion of the empire in 380, marriage remained a family matter.

On wedding days people gathered in the bride's house, where the father would "give her hand" to her husband, draping a garland of flowers over the couple. There were no official words to say, there was no blessing to be given. Everyone walked in procession to the bride's new home for the concluding rites and the feast. In the Eastern Empire, it soon became customary to invite a priest or bishop to give a blessing at the meal or the day before. It was a nice thing to do, completely optional, but had a "photo-op" feel to it that was widely emulated. Before long, at least in the East, it looked as if the priest were joining the couple in marriage and blessing the union.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ST. MICHAEL'S  
LENTEN  
PARISH MISSION**

**MARCH 14—MARCH 16, 2016**

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**"Faith is the foretaste of that knowledge which hereafter will make us happy."**

—*St. Thomas Aquinas*

**ONE FAITH,  
One family ONE FAITH,  
One family  
Joyfully Sharing Our Gifts  
in Mercy with others ONE**

### **A TIME FOR ACTION**

**This week, we hope you will make a prayerful decision to pledge a gift to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. The theme, "One Faith, One Family—Joyfully Sharing Our Gifts in Mercy with Others, is a call to action for each of us. Stewardship begins with recognizing all we have and all we are is a gift from God. As good stewards of those gifts, we learn that giving and sharing those gifts is a response in thanksgiving: a response that serves to bring the light of Christ and message of hope and salvation to those in need. This year, the Appeal will provide support for seminarian formation & education, Catholic Charities, 5 Catholic schools, and new evangelization efforts. Thank you or your prayerful consideration and generous response.**

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION COURSE**

If you are an adult Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, but has not yet been Confirmed, we will be offering 6 weekly classes, starting in February to prepare you for Confirmation at the Basilica/ Cathedral in St. Augustine this spring. Please call the Parish Office: 904-261-3472 no later than February 1st. The time of class will be determined by the availability of participants.

### **SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH of ST. AUGUSTINE**

In 2016, the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine will celebrate 150 years of apostolic ministry in Florida. WJCT will present a one hour documentary of the role they played in the foundation and growth of the Roman Catholic Church in Florida and Georgia. This will take place at Flagler College (Lewis Auditorium) 14 Granada St. in St. Augustine on Sat. Feb. 6th at 7pm. Tickets on sale at [www.ssjfl.org](http://www.ssjfl.org). \$10 with family and group rates available. Please call 904-824-9100 for more information.



### **"LITTLE BLACK BOOKS" & CROSSES**

The Knights will again hand out the Lenten "Little Black Books" of reflection beginning this weekend and for the 2 weeks prior to Lent. There is no charge, but a donation in any amount to defray costs is appreciated. Also, crosses from the middle east for \$10. will be available. All proceeds for them will be sent to aid Christians in the Middle East.

### **INTERFAITH PRAYER WALK FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2016**

On this day, members from St. Michael's will join other members from community churches in prayer and fellowship as a finale to the 108<sup>th</sup> International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Each church in the walk will include music, intercessory prayer for our city and churches and brief presentations or reflections of ecumenical ministries.

The walk begins at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 9:30, and then proceeds to five other churches in the historic district. St. Michael's will host the service at about 11:30 and First Presbyterian will complete the walk with a light lunch of soup and bread at 12 noon. A complete schedule of churches and times will be published in a future bulletin.

All are welcome to all or part of the faith walk. Participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item donation for the Interfaith Dinner Network at the Salvation Army's Hope House.

### **ST. MICHAEL MEN'S CLUB**

Please join us for the February meeting of St. Michael Men's Club on Monday, February 1st at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. We will discuss the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and preparations for this year's Shrimp Festival. All men of the parish are invited.

**"Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;  
But the greatest of these is love."  
— 1 Corinthians 13:13**





**GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Registered Families 1604</b> | <b>January 24, 2016</b> |
| Offertory                       | \$18,114.00             |
| Children's Collection           | 50.85                   |
| On Line Giving                  | \$2,787.00              |
| Disaster Relief                 | \$2,130.05              |

The **SECOND COLLECTION** on the weekend of February 6/7 will be the Catholic Relief Services Collection.



**ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING**

St. Michael Catholic Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

*Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.*

*Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.*

*Online Giving lets you go to [www.stmichaelscatholic.com](http://www.stmichaelscatholic.com) at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.*

*As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.*



**Coffee & Donuts are available in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 am Mass.**



- Sat. Jan. 30 (5pm) Mary Jo Leocha Grell by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
- Sat. Jan. 30 (7pm) Spanish Mass
- Sun. Jan. 31 (8am) Donald C. Newsome by Duane Newsome
- Sun. Jan. 31 (10am) Col. Richard Peacock by Peggy Trocino
- Sun. Jan.31(12noon) Parishioners of St. Michael
- Mon. Feb.1(8:30am) Edith Cooney by David & Maureen Duarney
- Tues. Feb. 2 (6pm) Rose Towler by Dan & Marg Schleppe
- Wed. Feb. 3 (8:30) Trinity Hoblit Bill & Kim Beaumont
- Thurs.Feb.4(8:30am)Thomas Anathanan by Phyllis Nibe, Linda & Theresa Mahoney
- Fri. Feb. 5 (8:30am) Col. Richard Peacock by John & Moira Hegarty
- Sat. Feb. 6 (5pm) Jack Flynn by Bob & Pat Henderson
- Sat. Feb. 6 (7pm) Spanish Mass
- Sun. Feb. 7 (8am) Parishioners of St. Michael
- Sun. Feb. 7 (10am) Gaston Desnoyers by Al Desnoyers & Choir
- Sun. Feb. 7 (12noon) Roy Olivant by Anne Olivant

Please pray for the sick and all requests in our Prayer Request Book.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Lou Vettel, sister of Catherine Turner. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



**ST. MICHAEL WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

The book club will meet on Monday, February 1, 2016, at 4:00pm in the Parish Office. Our review will be "Rediscover Jesus", by Matthew Kelly, the book given to us by Fr. Jose as a Christmas present.

This meeting is open to all parishioners. Come join us...

(call Peggy @904-239-7137 with any questions you may have)

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

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00 pm  
7:00 pm (Spanish Mass)

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

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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.