

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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you pray,*

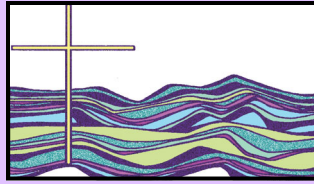


say:

Father,

*hallowed
be
your name*

*P.O. Box 6310 Fernandina Beach, FL 32035 corner of North Fourth & Broome Streets
904-261-3472*



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 24, 2016

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as “the persistent mother.” She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church’s greatest scholars.

Today’s readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke’s Gospel, tells his disciples to “ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (**Genesis 18:20-32**).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (**Psalm 138**).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (**Colossians 2:12-14**).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God’s sure response to those who pray (**Luke 11:1-13**).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes when bishops are consecrated, they are not given the care of a diocese as an “ordinary.” A very old tradition, however, assures that they are invested with a “see,” a link with a local church. Many hundreds of places around the world were dioceses at one time, but are no longer. In England, for example, some of the historic dioceses such as London, Salisbury, and Manchester ceased to be Catholic at the Reformation and their cathedrals passed to the Church of England. The reestablishment of the Catholic Church in the nineteenth century meant that new dioceses had to be created, such as at Liverpool and Westminster. Similarly, in Scandinavia the ancient Catholic dioceses vanished under Lutheranism. In North Africa, tiny dioceses disappeared under the sands or were swept away by Islam.

In the United States, some original dioceses never really developed as population centers, such as the old dioceses of Bardstown, Vincennes, Sault Ste. Marie, or Walla Walla. The tradition of “titular sees” assures that the ancient churches are always held in prayer, as the bishop celebrates Mass in its memory a few times a year.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



**ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY
OF CHURCH DEDICATION
AUGUST 6th & 7th, 2016
WEEKEND**

Saturday Social, Comedy Show & Dancing from 6pm—10pm in the parish hall. Complimentary heavy hors d' oeuvres, adult beverages, DJ, complimentary child care available—and a surprise guest!

Sunday Celebration Mass at 10am followed with a parish pot luck dinner in the church hall. Meats, drinks, dinnerware provided. You are asked to bring a dish which serves 10—12 people. If your last name is A—F appetizers and salads. G—O—side dishes. P—Z—desserts. Curbside potluck dish drop off available at parish hall on Sunday from 9:30am—9:55am.

THERE WILL NOT BE A 12:00 MASS ON SUNDAY AUGUST 7th, ONLY 8:00AM AND 10:00AM, so all may attend the pot luck dinner.

Plan on joining our St. Michael parish family for an AMAZING weekend!

**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Do you think you might be interested in becoming Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic who has not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? **Please join us at St. Michael's Academy, corner of 4th & Calhoun Streets on Sunday, August 21st at 9:00am for an informal gathering to answer your questions.** Please contact Celeste Amos, RCIA Coordinator, (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at: 904-261-3472, or celesteamos3@gmail.com for more information.

LIVING with LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Grieving the death of a loved one is never easy, but our faith and support from others can help. A new faith and prayer-based support group is being formed and will start meeting in the St. Michael Parish Hall in August. Another group will start in the fall. For more information, please contact: **Mary Berger: 904-686-4513.**



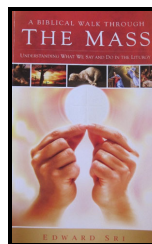
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key chain, rosary and more...

Each comes nicely packaged as shown, with a brief story of the saint on the back of card.



BAPTISM CLASS

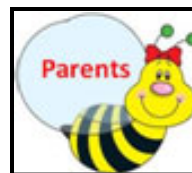
The next Baptism class will be Thursday, July 28th at 6:30pm in the parish office. Parents who wish to have their child/children baptized must attend a class. Please call the parish office, 904-261-3472.



ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB

The Book Club has a new time! We now meet the first Monday of the month from 1:30pm—3:00pm. All are welcome. Come join us for a five month journey through *A Biblical Walk Through The Mass*. As Catholics, the Mass is the center of our faith. We celebrate it every day. We know all the responses. We know all the gestures. But do we know what it all means?

Please RSVP (StMichaelCCW@gmail.com or 904-432-8308,) or stop by the St. Michael Gift Shop to sign up and purchase the book and student workbook. Come join us.



**PARENTS RETREAT
SAVE THE DATE!**

There will be a retreat for all parents with children under 18 on Saturday, August 13, 2016. The retreat will be held at St. Michael's and will include a spiritual, informative, inspirational and fun day and a chance for our parents to fellowship with other parents. Lunch will be served and childcare available if needed. Our families are important to us and we would like to have each of you as part of the "Our Family Our Future Our Future" program. Please call the parish office for more information or email Lori at lkenedy@stmichaelscatholic.com.



GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

Registered Families 1632	July 17, 2016
Offertory	\$17,200.06
On Line Offertory	1,265.00
Children's Collection	45.70
Debt Reduction	696.00
On Line Debt Reduction	25.00

The **SPECIAL COLLECTION** on August 6/7 will be for the **Catholic Missions among Black and Native America.**



CATECHISTS SAVE THE DATE!

There will be a special Formation Methodology Presentation for all current Catechist's and those wanting to be a part of the "Our Family Our Faith Our Future" Sunday morning program, on Saturday, August 6, 2016. We will begin at 9:30 and end at 2:00. Lunch will be served and the presentation will be held in the Parish Hall. We are encouraging all parents of children under 18 to be a part of this upcoming school year. For more information or to RSVP please email Lori at: lkennedy@stmichaelscatholic.com or call the parish office at 904-261-3472.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Monday: St. James**
- Tuesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne;**
World Youth Day, Krakow, Poland
- Friday: St. Martha**
- Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus;**
Blessed Virgin Mary



PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & DONUTS IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER THE 10am MASS



- Sat. July 23 (5pm) Lori Ann Bobetech by Bill & Sallyann Morris**
- Sun. July 24 (8am) Larry Dean by Bill & Sallyann Morris**
- Sun. July 24 (10am) Harvey Sibley by Mary Berger**
- Sun. July 24 (12noon) Parishioners of St. Michael**
- Mon. July 25 (8:30am) Bob Reid by Mary Ann Nissen**
- Tues. July 26 (6pm) Eileen Fida by the Lonies**
- Wed. July 27(8:30am) Justin R. Pasquariello by the Lee family**
- Thurs. July 28(8:30am) Richard Negus by Marty Ahearn**
- Fri. July 29 (8:30am) Manuel Rodriguez by Natividan Burk**
- Sat. July 30 (5pm) Michela "Mickey" Bertolami by St. Michael's choir**
- Sun. July 31 (8am) Parishioners of St. Michael**
- Sun. July 31 (10am) Michela "Mickey" Bertolami by St. Michael's choir**
- Sun. July 31 (12noon) Claire Dyring by Bill & Sallyann Morris**

Please pray for all requests in our Prayer Request Book and those who are sick. Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner, Denise Scheffer wife of Dr. Robert Scheffer, and for Andy Hammer, son of parishioner, Dan Hammer. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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.* We look forward to seeing you there.

Additionally, we are forming a committee to help with preparations. If you would like to be a part of this committee, we will meet Thursday August 4th at 1 PM in the Gift Shop. Please join us as we come together to love, serve and listen to Our Lord.

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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
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.