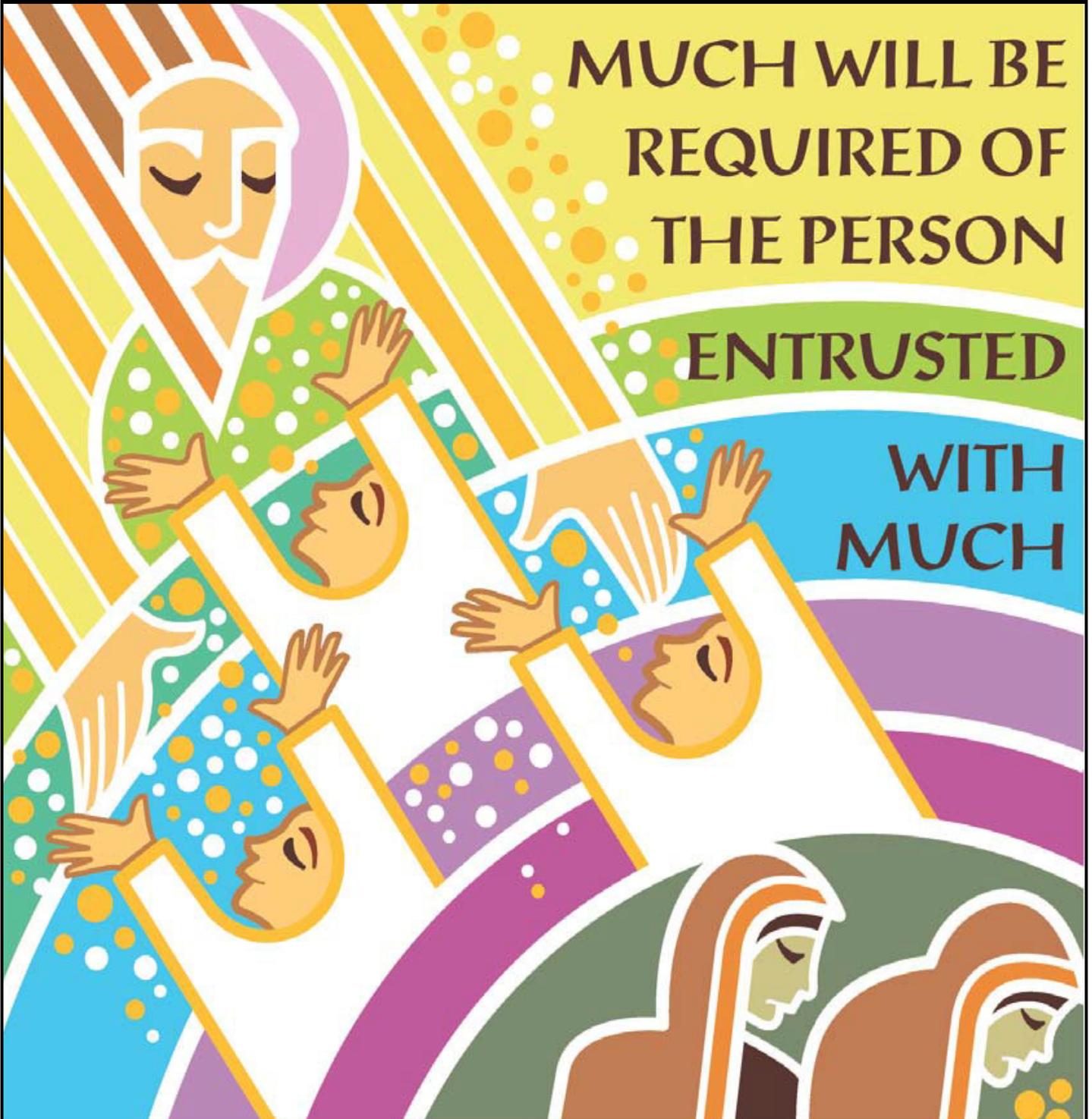


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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7, 2016

OUR FATHER IN FAITH

The Letter to the Hebrews today sings a hymn of praise to Abraham and to his faith, upon which are founded the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham is called “father” in faith by more people on earth than anybody else, numerous as the sands of the seashore or the stars of the heavens. Hebrews tells us it was this foundational faith that led Abraham to obey God’s call when he heard it, though he was called to journey to a land he did not know and told he would father a mighty race through a marriage he thought was barren. But Abraham’s faith, the author of Hebrews tells us, was his realization of what he hoped for, and the evidence of what he could not see. How often are we, in simple daily events of our own Christian vocation, called to an unfamiliar place or told we are to do something we do not believe we can? How fortunate we are to have Father Abraham as our guide and example!

FROM THE PASTOR

We give thanks to God

Dear Brothers and sisters,

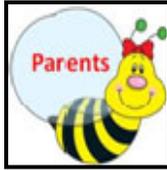
This week we celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of our expanded church. There is a lot to thank God for. God guided our efforts to expand the church to the quality and beauty that befits the historical church built by our forefathers. The commitment, good will and cooperation of a lot of people made it possible for us to have this gorgeous place of worship.

At the dedication of the church, Bishop Felipe Estevez reminded us that we need to concentrate on building up the “Real Church” - the People of God. That is what we have been doing for the last one year with our Parish Renewal. As a result of the hard work of a number of great leaders and parishioners of St. Michael, now we have a ten year Pastoral Plan that encompasses all the areas of our parish life. All the ministries and organizations of the parish have now set their new goals and formed an action plan to attain those goals.

Last few Sundays we have been informed by various Renewal Team leaders about what we have been doing to take our parish from “Good to Great.” Now we are continuing to implement those ideas to achieve what God wants us to achieve - to bring about the Kingdom of God in the hearts of the people here. In the Liturgical experience of the parish, in our community outreach, in our social organizations, in our formation areas including school, religious formation, youth ministry, RCIA and adult catechesis as well as in your retreats and spiritual encounter programs we experience a new vigor and enthusiasm.

As a result of all these efforts now we see more lively attendance at Mass, renewed enthusiasm in ministries and heightened zeal in evangelization and community building. Let us raise our hearts to God and offer Him our sincere gratitude for all the blessings He continues to shower upon us. The Mass we celebrate on the day of the anniversary of dedication should be in thanksgiving to God’s graciousness to us.

Fr. Jose Kallukalam



**PARENTS RETREAT
AUGUST 13, 2016**

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 child-care 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.

**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 celestamos3@gmail.com for more information.

SUMMER TAIZE' PRAYER SERVICE

Periodically a Taize' service is held here at St. Michael's. The service consists of musical chants sung repeatedly, a period of silence, a scripture reading and prayer intercessions. A small ensemble of singers with musical accompaniment help the participants enter into a prayerful state as they blend their voices with the ensemble. Taize' started in France and continues to this day. Continue the Summer season by coming to a quiet place for reflection. The St. Michael Taize' ensemble invites all to attend a 35 minute program of subdued musical chants and prayers on Monday, August 15th (the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother) at 7 pm in the church. Feel free to break from the distractions of the world and meet our Lord and feel the power of His Love in communal song and prayer. Please join us and bring a friend on August 15th. All are welcome!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
- Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
- Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week's "Treasure" noted that the official headgear of the pope, the tiara, has been set aside in favor of the miter. Although Pope Paul VI had a coronation in 1963 to begin his ministry as pope, he later gave his tiara away to the Catholics of the United States as a stimulus to end poverty. He took care to say that he was not abolishing the tradition of coronation, but his successor, Pope John Paul I, decided to have an inauguration to begin his tragically short term. His successors have chosen inauguration as well. Pope John Paul II felt that a return to the coronation custom would be inappropriate since the Church was mourning the sudden death of a man already nicknamed "The Laughing Pope."

So the end of coronations came about not because Paul VI gave the crown away. There are more than twenty tiaras on hand at the Vatican. One is used every year to crown the famous statue of St. Peter, whose sandaled foot has been eroded to a bright shine by the hands of millions of pilgrims. Today, it is left to the individual pope to decide whether he will begin his formal reign with a coronation or an inauguration. Pope Benedict chose an inauguration, as did Pope Francis.



GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

Registered Families 1646	July 31, 2016
Offertory	17,519.48
On Line Offertory	847.40
Children's Collection	44.21
Debt Reduction	353.00
On Line Debt Reduction	25.00

The SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend, August 6/7, is for the Catholic Missions among Black and Native America.

“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.

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.

PLEASE COME JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR OUR POT LUCK DINNER AFTER THE 10:00 A.M. MASS AUG. 7TH AS WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ST. MICHAEL CHURCH DEDICATION

“First do what is necessary, then do what is possible, and before long you will find yourself doing the impossible.”

St. Francis of Assisi



- Sat. Aug. 6 (5pm)** Deacon John Cavallaro by Laural Cavallaro
 - Sun. Aug. 7 (8am)** Parishioners of St. Michael
 - Sun. Aug. 7 (10am)** Maureen Brands by Al Brands
 - Mon.Aug.8(8:30am)** Therese Leann Kennedy by the Kennedy family
 - Tues. Aug. 9 (6pm)** Frances Flynn & Sally Duggan by Don & Peggy Cooper
 - Wed.Aug.10(8:30am)** Art Gatty by Janet Gatty
 - Thurs.Aug.11(8:30am)** Harbey Sibley by Mary Berger
 - Fri. Aug.12(8:30am)** Hazel Kennedy by the Kennedy family
 - Sat. Aug. 13 (5pm)** George Matthey by the Matthey family
 - Sun. Aug. 14 (8am)** Parishioners of St. Michael
 - Sun. Aug. 14(10am)** Mary Ann Dunbar by Bill Dunbar
 - Sun.Aug.14 (12noon)**Harvey Sibley by Mary Berger
- Please pray for the sick and all requests in our Prayer Request Book.**

DAY DROP-IN CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS MINISTRY NEEDS DONATIONS

The St. Michael Outreach committee is seeking your much needed assistance. Next weekend, Aug. 13/14, we will accept donation for supplies. This ministry was formed from the parish Renew efforts. Please place your donations in the baskets in the narthex. Items needed are:

- Travel size soap, shampoo, toothpaste & deodorant.
- Disposable razors, shaving cream, insect repellent and toothbrushes.
- New men's tee-shirts, underwear, socks, work shoes and sneakers.
- New women's underwear and socks.
- Light weight blankets, sleeping bags, tarps and tents.

For more information, contact Richard Coleman: 904-277-3946 or email: celtbelt.net.
Thank you in advance for helping the homeless in Nassau county.

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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
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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.