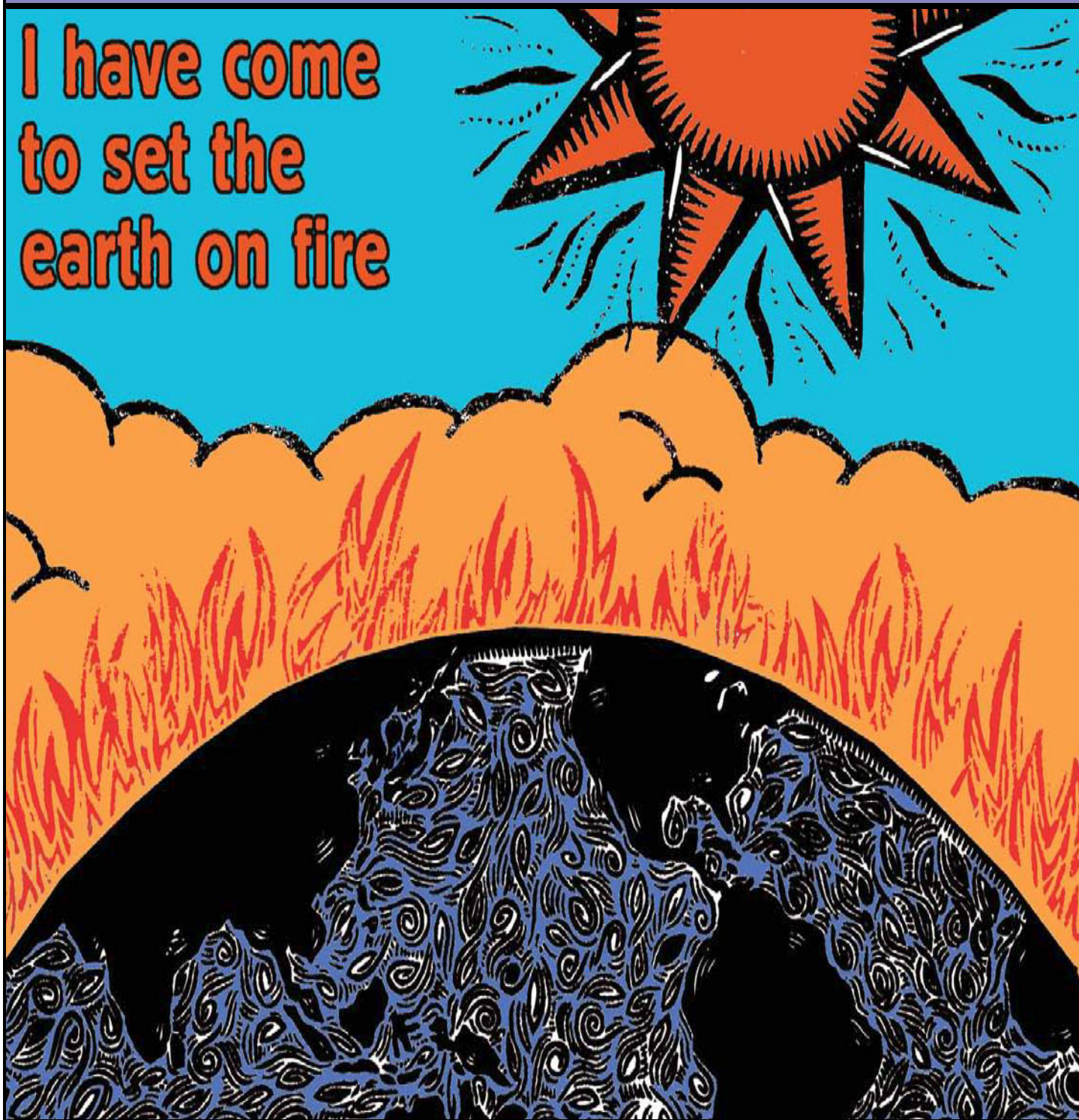


ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

**I have come
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 14, 2016

THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (**Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10**).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (**Psalm 40**).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (**Hebrews 12:1-4**).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (**Luke 12:49-53**).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them "papal bulls."

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or "Ring of the Fisherman." It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of "fishing for human beings." Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope's name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope's death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

NEW COMMUNION FLOW

The Communion Flow will be changing for those seated in the forward balconies, the sides pews and the Angel Room. This is to ease the congestion that now happens at the front of the church. Please watch the ushers and follow their instructions to insure you are going the right directions. Also, please make room for the Eucharist ministers to walk down the center aisle to serve the back of the church. Thank you for your cooperation as we all learn the new communion flow.



YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS

There will be 2 altar server trainings offered for those wanting to become an Altar Server and for those that are **CURRENTLY** altar servers. Please choose 1 to attend. The dates are August 20th and August 27th. Training will

begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

DAY DROP-IN CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS MINISTRY NEEDS DONATIONS

The St. Michael Outreach committee is seeking your much needed assistance. This weekend, August 13th/14th, we are accepting donations 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 and 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.



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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Friday: St. John Eudes
Saturday: St. Bernard

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.



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!

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.



GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

Registered Families 1646	August 7, 2016
Offertory	\$15,029.91
On Line Offertory	3,076.00
Children's Collection	42.85
Debt Reduction	1,240.00
On Line Debt Reduction	265.00

The SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for the local Day Drop-In Center for the Homeless.

“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.**



ULTREYA

If you have made a cursillo, you are invited to St. Michael's monthly Ultreya on Wednesday, August 17th at 6:30 in the Gabriel Room in the Parish Hall. **Please note the date and venue change to the 3rd**

Wednesday of the month.



BAPTISM CLASS

Parents: if you have a child/children to be baptized, you must attend a Baptism Class, which will be on the last Thursday of the month, August 25th

at 6:30pm in the parish office. Please contact the office: 904-261-3472 if you plan to attend.



- Sat. Aug. 13 (5pm) George Mattey by the Mattey 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
- Mon.Aug.15(8:30am)Dennis Comey by Marge Comey

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR.

- Tues. Aug. 16 (6pm) Daniel Albi by Peter Albi
 - Wed.Aug.17(8:30am)Tom Martin by Mariela Martin
 - Thurs.Aug.18(8:30am)Don Bruchman by Barbara Bruchman
 - Fri. Aug.19(8:30am) Mary Lou Vettel by Tom & Jean Hable
 - Sat. Aug. 20 (5pm) Michael Raemondi by Andy & Ann Mizik
 - Sun. Aug. 21 (8am) Parishioners of St. Michael
 - Sun. Aug. 21 (10am) Ann Steffens by Grace Harmon
 - Sun.Aug. 21(12noon)Ben Ayers by Buster & Lori Kennedy
- Please pray for the sick and all requests in our Prayer Request Book.**

THANK YOU.....

Fr. Jerry O'Shea is doing much better and wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits and good wishes. He appreciates your concern and he is getting stronger each day. Let's continue to pray for his complete recovery.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15TH, IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR AS IT FALLS ON A MONDAY.

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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: Holy Day	6:00 pm 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
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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.