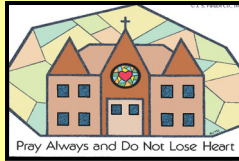


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***When the
Son of
Man
comes,***

***will he find faith
on the earth?***

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**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 16, 2016
DEPENDING ON GOD**

“Getting by with a little help from our friends” is not an idea that began with the Beatles. Certainly the idea of “getting by with a little help from God” goes back at least to the first reading today from Exodus. How we get that help, however, is the key to this weekend’s scriptures.

No matter how inadequate Moses felt to the task God had given him, he persevered—even though he needed help from the people around him. The Israelites especially depended on God for freedom. The woman in the Gospel, desperate and destitute, had no one to depend on, but still she would not give up. She could not afford to bribe the unscrupulous judge, but she pestered him into weariness until finally he met her demands.

We sometimes need to turn to others to help us through difficult times; but if we always turn to God, we won’t be disappointed, for our help, the psalm assures us, is from the Lord.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As long as Moses’ hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (**Exodus 17:8-13**).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (**Psalm 121**).

Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (**2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2**).

Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (**Luke 18:1-8**).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From the early medieval period, it was expected that the many bishops of Italy travel to Rome at least once every three years to give a report of their ministry, with a footnote granting the bishops of Sicily a visit every five years. By the eleventh century, the idea of bishops visiting the tombs of the apostles was a very strict requirement for all within reasonable reach of Rome. The age of discovery and the expansion of the Church into remote corners of the earth made this an unreasonable burden in many cases, yet every bishop was required at least to send a representative to Rome every five years.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

In 1911, Pope St. Pius X established the rule for a “quinquennial” (meaning “once in five years”) report, called an *ad limina*. This literally means “to the threshold,” and refers to the expectation that the visiting bishop will go to the thresholds of the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul and to a personal audience with the Holy Father. An exemption was given to so-called “mission territories,” which in 1911 included the United States. The reports were still required, but could be filed by letter with an office of the missions called “Propagation of the Faith.” This status was changed in 1917 and since that time all American bishops have been subject to the *ad limina*. These reports, carefully kept in the Vatican archives, are a treasure trove for historians, providing snapshots of culture and faith and a record of the Church’s resilience even in times of persecution and change.

The St. Michael Academy 2nd graders will participate in the 12:00 noon Mass this Sunday, October 16th.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Sukkot
(Jewish Feast of Tabernacles)
begins at sunset

Monday: St. Ignatius of Antioch; National Boss Day

Tuesday: St. Luke

Wednesday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions

Thursday: St. Paul of the Cross

Saturday: St. John Paul II;
Blessed Virgin Mary



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.

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



CCW MEETING

The next meeting for the Council of Catholic Women is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 17th in the Parish Hall. Light appetizers begin at 6:30 pm, and the meeting will start at 7:00PM. All women of the parish are invited.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Please join us this fall as we begin **“ARISE Together in Christ: Encountering Christ Today”**. Small groups meet weekly at various days and times to deepen our relationship with Jesus, grow in our faith and share it with others. The 6 week program will start at the end of October. **Sign up after all Masses next weekend, Oct 22 & 23 or contact Todd Broad (904) 261-5979.**



ST. MICHAEL SHRIMP FESTIVAL APPRECIATION CRUISE

For those who helped with the Shrimp Festival, our riverboat appreciation cruise will be Monday, October 24th.

We will board at the docks at 5:00pm and depart at 5:30pm. The price for the volunteers is \$5.00 and guests are \$10.00 (if space is available.)

For reservations, email: jvenglert@gmail.com.



JEWELRY NEEDED

The CCW is collecting new and slightly used jewelry for our upcoming Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, November 12th.

Donations can be dropped off at the parish Office, the Gift Shop, or at the CCW Meeting on Monday, October 17th in the Parish Hall.

OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVES

Wednesday Oct 19th, 11:30 am— 4:30 pm Baptist Medical Center, 1250 South 18th Street

Please remember to make your donation using the St. Michael's Parish donor number 1674.

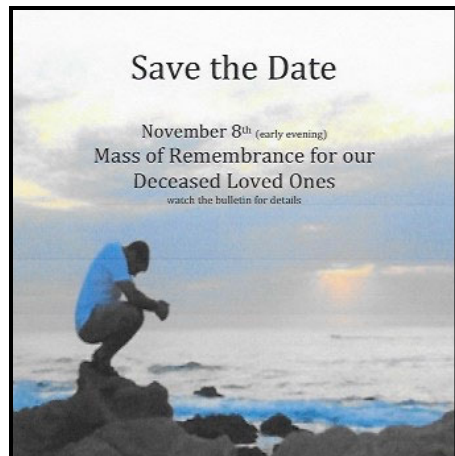


ULTREYA

If you made a Cursillo, please join us for Ultreya on Wednesday, October 19th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Save the Date

November 8th (early evening)
Mass of Remembrance for our
Deceased Loved Ones
watch the bulletin for details



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Rev. Jose Kallukalam, Pastor

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—7. Sacrament preparation is available for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation on Sundays from 10:30 am—11:45 am. Call the parish office, 261-3472.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Walt Edwards: 261-3472

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.