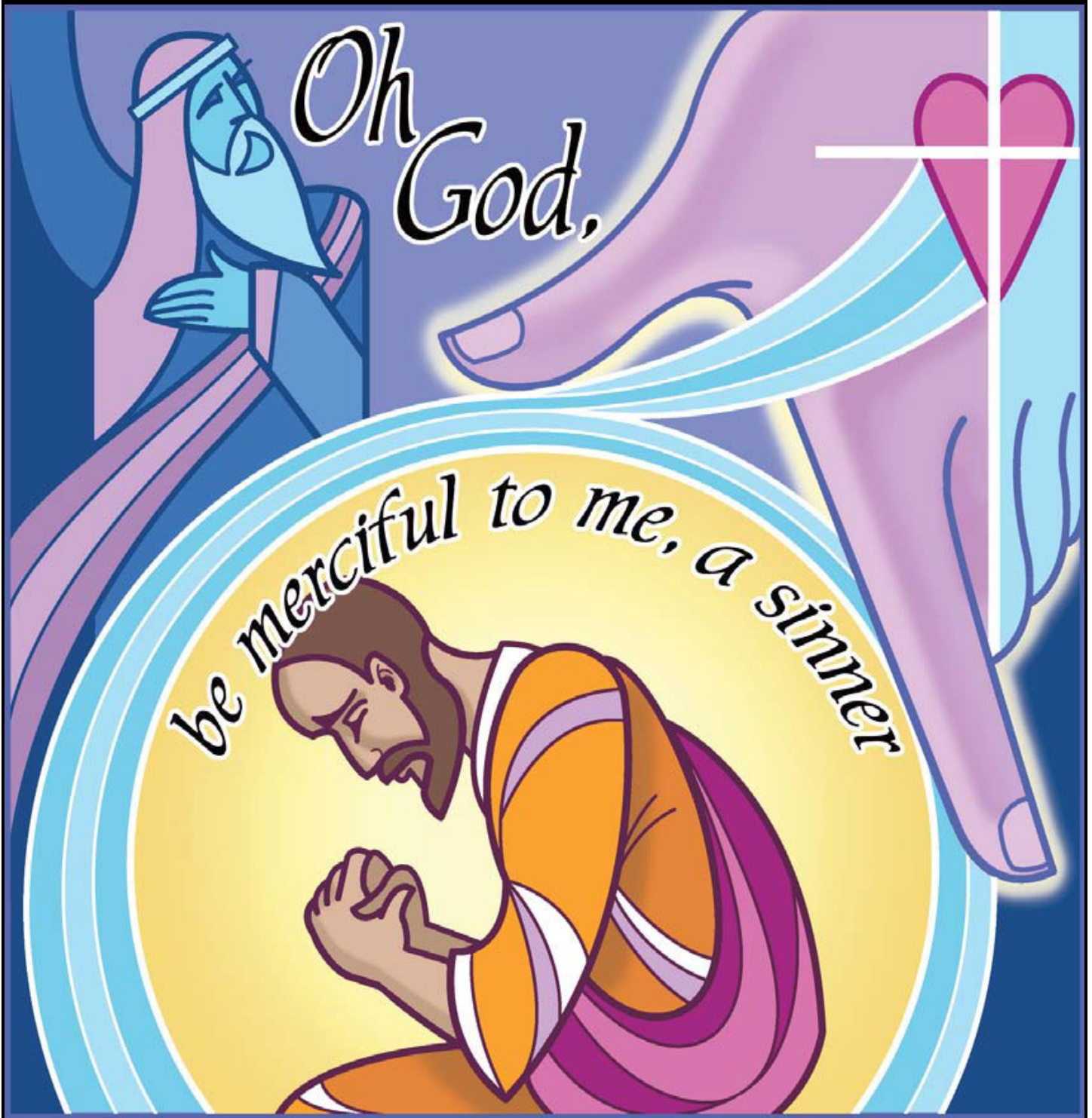


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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 23, 2016
NO COMPARISONS**

How many times have we read or heard about someone who's gotten into trouble—maybe even fired from a job—because of a brush with the law? While our “Christian” minds tell us to be sorry and even pray for the person, a little voice inside our heads may also be saying, “I’m glad I would never do anything like that.”

And perhaps we wouldn't. But are there some things we do that are still not pleasing in God's eyes? Today's readings caution us not to look so intently at someone else's wrongdoing that we overlook our own weaknesses and shortcomings. When we measure ourselves against the worst people we can think of, we come out looking pretty good. There is a danger, however, in using someone else's behavior as a way of reflecting our own goodness.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:9-14).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Imagine the frustration of bishops who work strenuously over their *ad limina* reports, directing study committees, assembling data, honing the texts, traveling to Rome “to the threshold,” only to have it all collapse into a fifteen-minute group meeting with the pope. More than a few have grumbled at the weight of this “treasure” from our tradition, yet from the pope's vantage point, they are essential to his ministry.

Pope John Paul II recalled his own experience as the Bishop of Kraków, visiting with Pope Paul VI in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The memory of those individual visits caused him to strengthen the format, assuring each of the world's 2,744 bishops a privileged fifteen private minutes with the pope every five years. If you wonder what the pope does all day, the thought of dealing with five hundred bishops a year and reading their detailed reports on diocesan life should help fill up the calendar. Pope John Paul II used to say that he approached each individual meeting with the personal goal of learning something new about the Church, and his lively interest made the visits immensely worthwhile. The content of the private meetings remains under a privilege of secrecy, or as Cardinal Theodore McCarrick once said, “You're only supposed to quote the pope if he tells a joke.”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
- Friday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
- Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday:** Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

**THE MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. O'SHEA
WILL BE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th AT
10:00 am WITH FR. JOSE PRESIDING.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
National World Youth Day (U.S.);
Mission Sunday
Monday: St. Anthony Mary Claret
Friday: Ss. Simon and Jude
Saturday: 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

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 is this weekend, Oct 22 & 23 or contact Todd Broad (904) 261-5979.**



It is that time of the year again when St. Michael's host a community wide Trunk or Treat. The event is being sponsored by the Religious Formation program, the Academy and Youth formation. We are in need of the parishioners to come out and decorate your vehicle trunk and give out candy to the children who will be trick or treating. There is a \$100.00 award for the best decorated trunk. We are also looking for at least 10 bales of hay if anyone has any to donate. **Please call the church office if you can help out in any way. 904-261-3472**



ST. MICHAEL'S K OF C 7TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Michael's Knights of Columbus will hold their Seventh Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, December 2, 2016 at Omni's Oak Marsh Course. The Noon shotgun will be a Captain's Choice format at a cost of \$125 per player. They raise \$12,000 for local charities. Donations are also appreciated from those who can't play. **Contact Tom Smeeton 321-4139 or Bob Gerth 491-0368**



HARVEST BLESSING TAIZE' PRAYER SERVICE OCTOBER 24th

The St. Michael Taize' ensemble invites you to attend a 35 minute program of subdued musical chants and prayers. Taize' prayer is a quiet and easy way of prayer. Feel free to take a “little” time to rest in the Lord and feel the power of His Love in communal song and prayer before we continue through Fall activities. **Let the Spirit move you to join us and bring a friend on Monday, October 24th at 7 pm in our beautiful church. All are welcome!**

CALLING ALL VETERANS

Veterans, please join the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes of St. Michael Academy for a reception in your honor. The festivities will begin following Mass on Wednesday, November 11th in the Parish Hall. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided in thanksgiving for your service to our great country. **Please RSVP to Ms Smythe in the academy office: 904-321-2102 or email: smacad@smacad.org.**

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

The Feast of All Saints Vigil will be Monday, October 31st at 6:00pm. Masses on Tuesday, the feast day, will be at 8:30am and 6:00pm.



GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

Registered Families 1632	October 16, 2016
Offertory	\$19,446.56
On Line Offertory	2,176.00
Children's Collection	59.00
Debt Reduction	1,157.00
On Line Debt Reduction	25.00

The SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend is for World Missions.



VETERANS OF THE PARISH

On behalf of the St. Michael Men's Club, I am asking for veterans to join us and participate in the Veterans' Day Parade Friday, November 11th. We gather at 10:30am at 11th and Atlantic Avenue and the parade starts at 11:00am. We walk the route, but have cars and a decorated float with chairs and for those for whom it is difficult to walk. Please do come and join us. **For questions, call John Megna: 904 - 277-2143 or email: jtmegna@aol.com.**

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11th IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY.

"LIVING SAINTS MUSEUM" FOR ALL SAINTS DAY"

Please join the students of St. Michael Academy on Tuesday, November 1st, to transform the courtyard into a "Living Saints Museum" for All Saints Day. Following the 8:30 Mass, students in the Third and Fourth Grade classes (dressed as saints) will share the story of their saints' lives in the courtyard with you. The Fifth Grade students have prepared dramatic "Saintly Skits" for everyone to relax and enjoy. The Seventh and Eighth Grade have researched the qualities needed to be a saint, and have identified those among us that have these saintly qualities. They are recognizing their Living Saints with special presentations later that day. We hope that you can join the St. Michael Academy students at Mass as we celebrate All Saints Day.

Masses for the Week



- Sat. Oct. 22 (5pm) James W. Bader by Linda Bader
- Sun. Oct. 23 (8am) Parishioners of St. Michael
- Sun. Oct. 23 (10am) Edward & Barbara Nuttall by Mary Nuttall & Margaret Cecchini
- Sun. Oct. 23(12noon) Jack Hanlon by John & Diane Sveta
- Mon .Oct 24(8:30am) Erin Rose Ryan by the Ryan family
- Tues. Oct. 25 (6pm) Charles C. Kennedy by the Kennedy family
- Wed. Oct. 26(8:30am) Art Gatty by Janet Gatty
- Thurs. Oct. 27(8:30am) Brian Huie by the Huie family
- Fri. Oct. 28(8:30am) Robert Englert by Ken & Pat Dalton
- Sat. Oct. 29 (5pm) Jim Kehler by Marie Kehler
- Sun. Oct. 30 (8am) Parishioners of St. Michael
- Sun. Oct. 30 (10am) Harvey Sibley by the family
- Sun. Oct. 30(12noon) George Carley, Jr. by Joan Javens & family

Please pray for all requests in our Prayer Request Book. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Imogene Carhart and Elaine Dolan. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ROSARY

October is the month we dedicate to the Holy Rosary.

Please join us as we pray the rosary on Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30pm after the 6:00pm Mass.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities is accepting monetary donations to assist local victims of Hurricane Matthew. Donations can be directed to: Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc., 134 E. Church Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202, attention: MaryEdda Day.

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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.

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—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
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.

