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13TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor

Fr. Jack Morrison (retired)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY / MASS :

Tues - Fri: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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The Parable of the Sower

Pope Francis described the story of the sower as "somewhat the 'mother' of all parables," because it focuses on a fundamental element of the Christian life: listening to the Word of God.

"The Word of God, symbolized by the seeds is not an abstract Word, but is Christ himself, the Word of the Father who became flesh in Mary's womb. Therefore, embracing the Word of God means embracing the personage of Christ; of Christ Himself," he said, according to an unofficial translation provided by the Holy See Press Office.

Reflecting on the seed that fell on the path and was immediately consumed by birds, the pope observed that this represented "distraction, a great danger of our time."

He said: "Beset by lots of small talk, by many ideologies, by continuous opportunities to be distracted inside and outside the home, we can lose our zest for silence, for reflection, for dialogue with the Lord, such that we risk losing our faith, not receiving the Word of God, as we are seeing everything, distracted by everything, by worldly things."

Speaking from a window overlooking St. Peter's Square, he turned to the rocky ground, where the seeds sprang up but soon withered away. "This is the image of those who receive the Word of God with momentary enthusiasm, though it remains superficial; it does not assimilate the Word of God," he explained.

"In this way, at the first difficulty, such as a discomfort or disturbance of life, that still-feeble faith dissolves, as the seed withers that falls among the rocks."

He continued: "Again -- a third possibility, that of which Jesus speaks in the parable -- we may receive the Word of God like ground where thorny bushes grow. And the thorns are the deceit of wealth, of success, of worldly concerns... There, the word grows a little, but becomes choked, it is not strong, and it dies or does not bear fruit."

"Lastly -- the fourth possibility -- we may receive it like good soil. Here, and only here, the seed takes root and bears fruit. The seed fallen upon this fertile soil represents those who hear the Word, embrace it, safeguard it in their heart and put it into practice in everyday life."

The pope suggested that a good way to counter distraction and to distinguish the voice of Jesus from competing voices was to read the Word of God daily. understanding well the seed that God offers you, and thinking about the earth that receives it," he said.

He also encouraged Catholics to seek help from the Virgin Mary, the "perfect model of good and fertile soil."



PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Lucy Zahran or call church office to **join the prayer chain** or with prayer requests

“13TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST”

Saturday August 19- 5:00 PM: for everyone on the prayer chain by MJ Fredette.

Sunday August 20- 10:30 AM: For the Vo Nguyen Family by Thanh & Han Vo

Tuesday	Aug 22	9:00 am	St. Symphorian, M	for the living and departed of the Damien Family by Desiree Damien
Wednesday	Aug 23	9:00 am	St. Isaac of Nineveh, C	For the intentions of Kim Ngan Nguyen by Thanh & Han Vo
Thursday	Aug 24	9:00 am	St. Eutyches of Sebastia, M	For Thanh & Han 's intentions
Friday	Aug 25	9:00 am	St. Titus, One of the 72 Disciples, Ap	For the Parish intentions by Fr. Paul

“14TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST”

Saturday August 26- 5:00 PM: for All Souls in Purgatory by Thanh & Han Vo

Sunday August 27 - 10:30 AM: in memory of Debi Chase by Bill & Robin Talley

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Sign up today, at the church entrance for a holy hour!

Every Thursday
9:30 am - 2:00pm
Rosary for Peace @ 9:30 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Place your donation of Peanut butter & jelly in the basket next to the Confessional.

July: Donations 157 lbs

READERS

8/19	Rick Criste	8/20	Chris Cooper
8/26	Lynn Vaughan	8/27	Ray Miller
9/2	Christian Lupo	9/3	Jason Byrne
9/9	Volunteer	9/10	Betty Gurney

To be listed as Reader, please contact Kim Phelan @ 352-317-8529 or the church office

SCRIPTURE

13th Sunday of Pentecost
1 Cor 3: 1-11/ Lk 8: 1-15

14th Sunday of Pentecost
1 Thes 2: 1-13/ Lk 10: 38-42

15th Sunday of Pentecost
1 Thes 1: 1-10/Lk 7: 36-50



GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory/honor of someone for a \$25 donation.

AUGUST

In Memory of
Brian and Debbie Chase
By Bill & Robin Talley



Collections (2 weeks)	\$ 3800.00
Candles	\$ 115.00
KOC Contributions to VBS	\$ 300.00
50th Anniversary Book ads	\$ 950.00
Donation from St George	\$ 2500.00
Building Fund	\$ 500.00
Contribution (individual)	\$ 2000.00



Congratulations to St. Michael Archangel Ladies Guild, established in 2013, celebrating 10 years of service. Committed to "promoting the work of the Church & building a spiritual community of faith within the Parish." AD BY: **MJ**

2nd Collection - REMINDER:

September 10 - Catholic University of America (75% will benefit our seminary)

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ONLINE GIVING

VOCATION CHALICE

- 8/19: Volunteer
- 8/20: Ingrid Franklin
- 8/26: Volunteer
- 8/27: Betty Gurney



If your family would like to volunteer to pray for Vocations to Religious Life, please see Kimberly P.

CCD classes resume September 6



We are in the process of ordering the 2024 offering envelopes. Let us know if you need a boxed set.

KNIGHTS CORNER

The pinewood derby is back!! The Knights are sponsoring a derby race **Saturday October 7, 2023**. Derby car kits will be provided for children of the parish. Workshops will be held in the Social Hall on **Sept 13th & 27th** at 6pm. More details to come.

FROM THE LADIES GUILD



- Welcome to our new members Diane and Annika
- Anyone interested in hosting Social Hour on the 4th Sunday in Sept, please contact Marie
- Thank you to Diane for hosting the Rosary and traveling Virgin on the 16th. Anyone interested in hosting for Sept, please contact Stacie.
- Keep your eyes out for help with the 50th.

Religious Education classes

Volunteers are still needed for Wednesday night religious education beginning 9/6. Substitute, assistant, and full time positions are available. Lesson plans and glue sticks provided. StMikeCCD@gmail.com/ text (910) 229-5368

ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL CHURCH



ANNIVERSARY

1973 – 2023

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 9-23-23: 5pm – Liturgy at 6pm - A light celebratory bash in the church hall, mainly for those who cannot attend October 1 potluck luncheon with the Bishop.

Thursday 9-28-23: 10am–2pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday 9-29-23: 6pm - Bishop's arrival at church hall for a retro 50's party. Pinewood cars will be on display. Open to all parishioners.

Saturday 9-30-23: 10:30am-3pm - Bishop meets with Choir, Youth, Knights, Ladies Guild, and Parish Council in Social Hall. Pinewood Derby cars will remain on display.

5pm – Liturgy

6pm - Priests & Parish Council take Bishop out to dinner.

OCTOBER

Sunday 10-1-23: 10:30am - Bishop at Liturgy with Renewal of Vows & Proclamation of Faith. Potluck reception in the Hall following Liturgy. Open to all parishioners. Bishop will depart after potluck.

Saturday 10-7-23: 8:30am - **Pinewood Car Derby** in Social Hall. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, lunch provided by the Ladies Guild.

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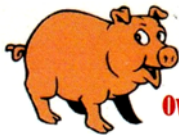
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