Saint Michael Parish

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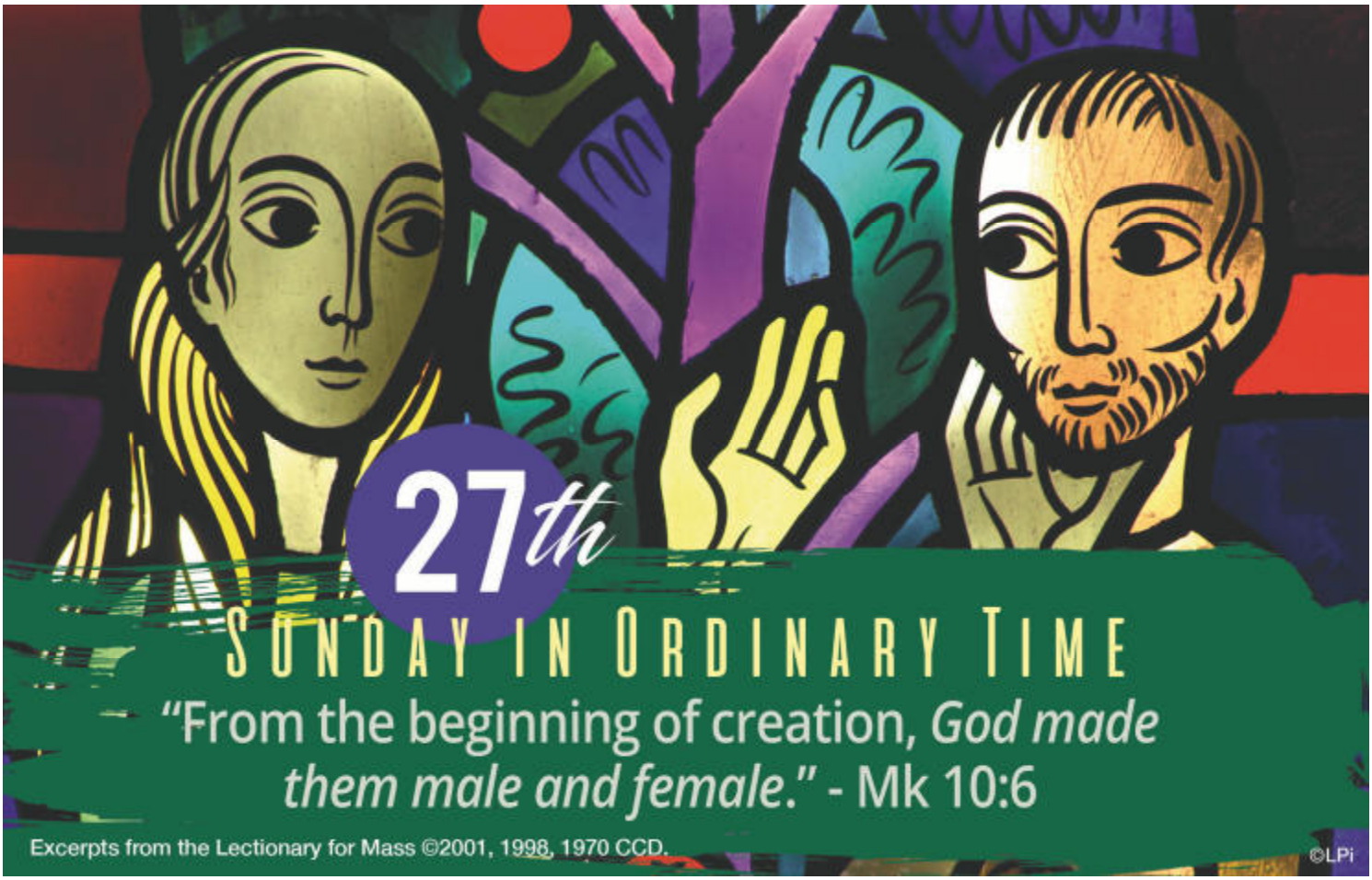
October 3, 2021



Our Mission

Rooted in our sacramental celebrations of the Eucharist, we seek to shape our future in a positive way through our parish school, religious education, youth ministry programs and numerous Christian services. While maintaining a strong sense of Catholic tradition, we look for ways to revitalize our Christian values through more openness to God's word and our gospel call to love God and neighbor. Trusting in the Holy Spirit, we seek new ways of being a church for members, active or not, as well as reaching out to the wider community.

Mass Schedule
Monday-Saturday at 7am. Weekends: Saturday at 4pm, Sunday at 7am, 9am & 11:15am
12:30pm Mass in Swahili every Sunday.
Holy Days: 7am & 7pm.

Rectory: 543 Bridge Street, Lowell, MA 01850 Phone: 978-459-0713 Fax: 978-453-1123
Religious Education Phone: 978-459-0713 Saint Vincent de Paul Society: 978-459-1770
Email: saintmichaels@comcast.net Website: www.saint-michael.com Facebook: Saint Michael Parish
Rectory Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm

School: 21 Sixth Street, Lowell, MA 01850 Phone: 978-453-9511 Fax: 978-454-4104
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Below is useful information about our parish. You can contact the Rectory at 978-459-0713 or saintmichaels@comcast.net.

Baptisms are usually held at 2pm on the fourth Saturday of each month. Parents must attend one class prior to baptism date. Godparents must be Catholics who have received the sacraments of baptism, first communion & confirmation. Please contact one month in advance to schedule.

If you'd like to be married at Saint Michael's, please contact us one year prior to your wedding. Couples must meet with the priest prior to confirming a date.

Religious Ed classes for grades K-8 are held on Saturdays from 9-10:30am, Sept-May. High school students meet Sundays January-May. First Communion is usually celebrated in June; Confirmation in the fall.

When you are sick or have scheduled surgery, please contact us. This is the Sacrament formerly known as Last Rites.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, formerly known as Confession, is available every Saturday from 3pm-3:30pm in the church. If you would like to meet face-to-face with a priest, please contact the rectory.

Are you homebound and would like to receive communion on a temporary or permanent basis? Let us know so we can send an Extraordinary Minister to you.

If you are attending Mass & require a low gluten (0.02%) host, we're happy to help. Please speak with the priest or sacristan to make arrangements prior to Mass.

Are you an adult and would like to become a member of the Catholic faith? Contact the rectory about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

Saint Michael is home to a vibrant, faith-filled Kenyan community, with Mass in Swahili every Sunday at 12:30pm. The contact for the **Kenyan Catholic Community & Friends (KCCF)** is Chairman Robert Ndirangu, rondimbu@gmail.com or 260-804-9444 via text or WhatsApp.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Saint Michael Parish is blessed to have a Saint Vincent de Paul Society conference, complete with dedicated volunteers who participate in community outreach, helping to supply relief to our neighbors in need. To help support these efforts, please remember to deposit your donation in one of the boxes at the entrance of the church. Thank you!

Welcome! We'd love to have you share in our faith and community. Welcome packets are at the entrance of the church. To become a registered parishioner, please contact the rectory.

Saint Michael School, founded in 1889 by the Dominican Sisters, is a private Catholic School dedicated to academic excellence from Pre-School (ages 3-4) through Grade 8 and is a fully accredited Catholic elementary school by the Archdiocese of Boston Department of Education and the NEASC (New England Association of Schools / Colleges). 21 Sixth St, Lowell 978-453-9511

If you are a **Saint Michael School Alumni** please keep in touch by making sure we have your updated information. Please visit www.school.saintmichael.com and click on the ALUMNI tab on the homepage. Don't have online access? Call the school at 978-453-9511!

We invite parishioners to give an offering for the **Bread** at all Masses on a given weekend. The offering for this memorial is $75.00. Please contact the rectory for more information.

SMYLE (Saint Michael Youth Leadership), our Youth Group, is open to young people ages 15-25 and meets at least twice a month for unique and fun faith-based activities. If you or someone you know is interested in joining SMYLE or would like more information, please contact Ashley Melanchook at SMYLE@saint-michael.com.

Deadline for Bulletin Submissions: Mondays at Noon, except during Advent, Lent, or the week of a holiday. Email submissions to pminch@saint-michael.com

Saint Michael Parish

Administrator: Rev. Christopher Lowe
Deacon: Gerry Hardy
School Principal: Mark Rocha
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Development Director: Pauline A. Minch
Parish Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Terry Georgopoulos
Facilities Manager: Charlie Nutt
Pianist: Ernie Houle
Parish/Religious Ed Secretary: Mary Brooks

MASS INTENTIONS

This weekend the Gift of Bread is in Memory of Francis Dumont. Please remember him in your prayers.

Saturday, October 2
4:00pm: Beverly Dimauro

Sunday, October 3
7:00am: Friends of Saint Michael
9:00am: Rose A. Rocheville
11:15am: Francis Dumont/Tenth Anniversary

Monday, October 4
7:00am: Parishioners of Saint Michael

Tuesday, October 5
7:00am: Tim Cassin/Living

Wednesday, October 6
7:00am: Marie Jean Barry

Thursday, October 7
7:00am: Paul Hutchinson/Living

Friday, October 8
7:00am: Raymond & Annette Blanchette

Saturday, October 9
4:00pm: Richard Rocheville

Sunday, October 10
7:00am: Gary Dubuc
11:15am: Stanley Pilat, Diane Parsons

PARISH SUPPORT

For the weekend of September 25-26:

The Offertory amount was **$5,377**; Online Giving was **$1,520** which totals **$6,897**. Our weekly Offertory goal is **$9,000**, leaving us with a shortage of **$2,103**. The second collection, which totals **$515**, was for the benefit of the Catechetical.

Upcoming Special/Second Collections:

10/2-10/3: Holy Father & Missionary Efforts

10/2-10/3: Saint Michael School

The Lowe Down

A week in the life…

Many people wonder what a priest does all week. A common perception is that we only really work on Saturday and Sunday. I'm not debating that, but I thought that I might share…This is an overview of my week 9/19-9/26

Sunday: Hospital duty today. 6:00 AM - Lowell General called for last rites in the ICU. Greet parishioners after the 7:00 Mass. Celebrate the 9:00 and 11:15 Masses. 12:30 – Lowell General called, 2 anointings. 1:30 make lunch and catch a bit of the Patriots game. 3:00 Greet folks leaving the PGC training. 3:15 Prep Day Chapel for Monday morning Mass. Verify church lockup and lock school gates post Kenyan Mass. 3:20 catch the last of the Patriots game. 4:15 Lowell General called for last rites in the ICU. 5:00 Dinner with Principal Mark. 6:30, in my room, feet up. 10:00 sleep.

Monday: Review readings for daily Mass. Celebrate 7:00 AM Mass. 7:30 Breakfast with Deacon Gerry and Trish, 8:00 Hospital duty ends. 8:15 Grocery Shopping. 9:00 visit the school. 9:45 emails and staff check-ins. 10:30 Call for last rites from hospice. 11:00 correspondence and phone calls. 11:30 Cook lunch for staff. 12:00 lunch with staff. 1:00 daily catch-up meeting w. Principal Mark. 1:30 Prep for Mark Class. 2:00 Prepare for the Tuesday and Wednesday funerals. 2:45 Work on the "Lowe Down" for 9/26. 3:00 Unplanned Target run to replace broken tea kettle. 4:00 Meeting w. Principal Mark regarding proposed St. Michael's School Angels program. 5:00 Sunday homily pass #1 and generate pulpit announcements. 6:00 Make dinner. 6:30, in my room, feet up. 10:00 sleep.

Tuesday: Hospital duty today. Review readings for daily Mass. Celebrate 7:00 AM Mass. 7:45 Breakfast @ desk, overnight emails. 8:00 set up computer and handouts for Mark Class in church hall. 8:45 accept funeral flower delivery at church. 9:15 School Webmaster update. Celebrate the 10:00 Funeral and burial. 12:00 proof bulletin for publication, lunch with staff. 1:00 Mark Class. 2:00 Write confirmation letters 3:30 Wake for Wednesday's funeral. 4:30 more Confirmation letters. 4:45 downtime. 6:00 prep and eat dinner. 6:05 LGH called for anointing, Covid ward, deferred to Fr. Raju. 7:00 Mark Class. 8:00 secure church, unlock 5th street school gate for recycle truck in the early AM. 8:30, in my room, feet up. 10:00 sleep.

Wednesday: Review readings for daily Mass. Celebrate 7:00 AM Mass. 8:00 Hospital duty ends. Celebrate the 8:15 School Mass. Celebrate the 10:00 Funeral and burial. 12:00 Lunch with staff. 1:00 Music closet cleanout. Move Kenyan instruments to new space. 1:15 Daily update with Principal Mark. 2:00 Sunday homily pass #3. 2:30 Flu Clinic for parish staff at school. 3:00 downtime.

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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

All parish and school volunteers MUST complete this very important awareness session once. If you have already taken it, you do not need to re-take it. However if you have never taken this workshop, please plan on completing the training. The Archdiocese has many PCG workshops via ZOOM scheduled through the end of the year. To check out the schedule and register, please go to virtusonline.org and click on the "First-Time Registrant" icon on the left hand side of the home page. If you require additional information or have questions, please contact the rectory Monday—Friday, 9am-4pm at 978-459-0713.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please remember to pray for the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, that they be kept safe wherever they are stationed or deployed.

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CORI FORM RENEWALS DUE NOW!

Criminal Offense Record Investigation (CORI) forms for 2021-22 are on the tables in the back of the church as well as at the rectory, Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. The Archdiocese of Boston mandates that all parish employees & volunteers must fill out a CORI form yearly. Please remember to bring a government-issued identification for verification purposes. For New Hampshire residents, please remember to complete a NH CORI form, which is also available at the rectory.

Lowe Down—continued from page 2

5:00 Birthday dinner for Deacon Gerry. 7:30 stop in choir practice and school 8th grade parents meeting. 8:00, in my room, feet up. 10:00 sleep.

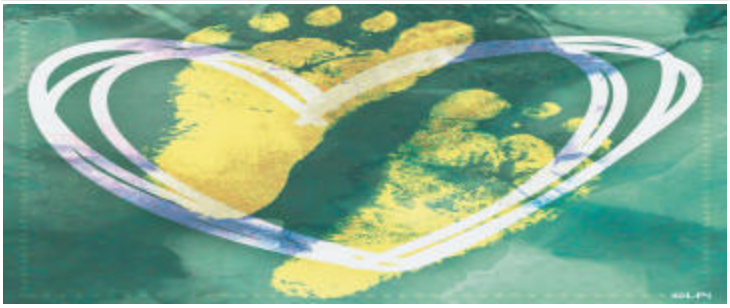
Thursday: "day off" – 9:30 meet with Principal Mark. 10:30 Drive to Braintree. 11:45 Lunch. Parish Administration Training – Braintree 12:00-5:30. (CORIs, Lay Benefits, Sacraments) Overnight at hotel in Braintree. 6:00 dinner at restaurant. 7:30, in my hotel room, feet up. 9:30 sleep.

Friday: "day off" - Parish Administration Training (Catholic Schools) – Braintree 8:30-1:30. 1:30 Drive to Lowell. 2:30 emails, correspondence, phone calls. 3:00 laundry & downtime in my room. 6:00 dinner. 6:30, in my room, feet up. 10:00 sleep.

Saturday: 7:30 unlock school gates. 9:00 greet children @ Religious Education. 9:15 Help Kenyan Men's Conference with hall sound system. 9:30 Finalize homily for Sunday Masses, finalize pulpit announcements. 10:00 Prep church for weekend Masses (books, lector notes, deacon's notes, etc.) 10:30 Archdiocese paperwork. 12:00 drive to Boston. 4:00 PM – Red Sox game as a guest of principal Mark (Yankees fan). 9:30, in my room, feet up. 10:00 sleep.

Finale: Looking at where my time is spent is a good thing. I have learned a bit about my life in the parish. I see several places I would like to make some changes. Maybe we should all try this.

Fr. Chris



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIGHT A CANDLE

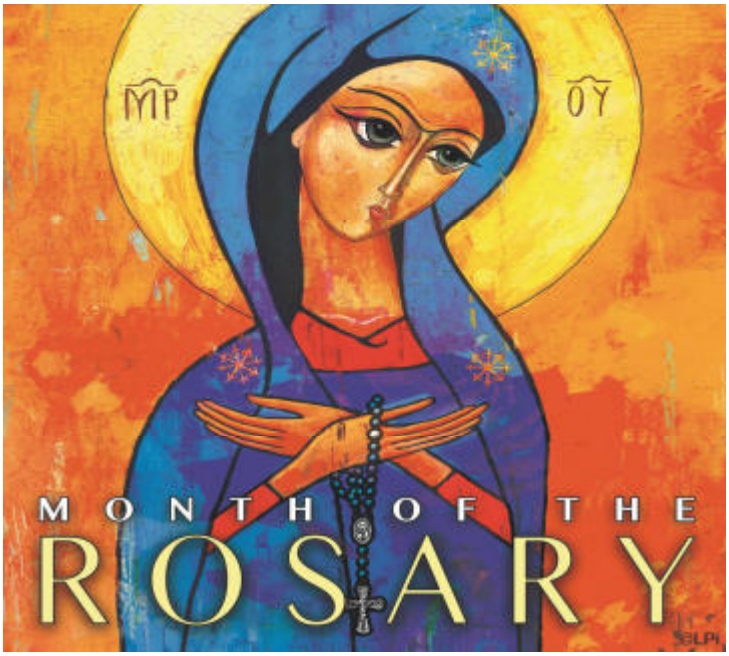
Two stands of candles in the Sanctuary are there for you to light as a symbol of your intentions and prayers. We ask that at least a $1 donation be offered for each candle that you light, which helps us defray the cost of the candle.

2022 MASS BOOK

The Mass book for 2022 will be available to parishioners beginning November 1st to book Mass Intentions for January 1—June 30, 2022.

Join us for Adoration every Tuesday 6-7pm in the main church!

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."



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BOOK OF PRAYERS

The Book of Prayers is located on the side altar in front of the Blessed Mother statue. You're invited to write your prayers, hopes and needs in this book, and as a parish family, let us remember these written intentions in our daily prayers.

LIFT YOUR VOICES IN SONG!

Our Adult Choir:
We are eagerly inviting new members to join our Adult Choir. We will train! The choir sings at the 11:15am Mass on Sundays and rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:00.

Our Youth Choir:
St. Michael's Youth Choir resumes this week! We invite children from our school and parish from Grades three through eight to sing Sundays at the 9:00am Mass. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 3:30pm at St. Michael School in Mr. Houle's music room.

Please feel free to speak to our church musician, Ernie Houle, after weekend Masses, or email

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GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

The latest total of the 2020-2021 Grand Annual prior to publication is 96%. **Thank you so very much for your generosity and financial support of our $100,000 goal! Let's make it to 100%!!!**

Did you know that Fr. Chris is an author? His book, "Catholic Social Teaching", a group reading guide, is on sale now at the rectory for $6 per copy. Autographs are free of charge! The rectory is open Monday—Friday, 9-4.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Confirmation Rehearsal with Sponsors: Wednesday, November 3 at 7pm in the church.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday, November 7 at 3pm.

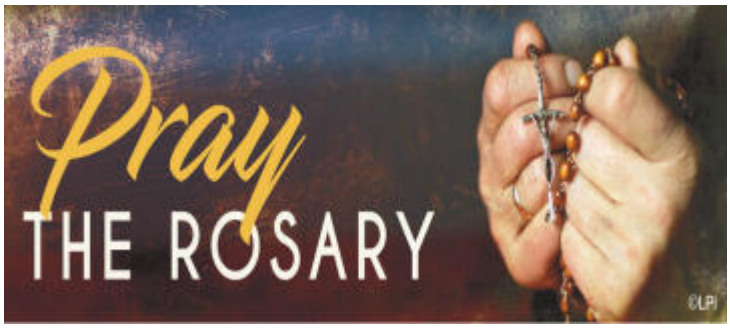
BATTERY RECYCLING AVAILABLE

Reminder that the Green Team has made battery recycling available for parishioners. Located in the church's gathering space, there is a lockbox for placement of your old, used batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 9 volt & "Button" batteries). A donation of .25 cents per battery or a one-time $10 donation (for one year of battery recycling) is requested.

Are you or someone you know looking for a school that provides PreK-3 & PreK-4 education? Look no further than Saint Michael School! Compare our low tuition to day care rates! Call the school at 978-453-9511 for more information.

MASS CARDS & SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

A Mass Card is a remembrance by which we offer a Mass for the repose of the soul of a deceased person or for the intention of the living. A Spiritual Bouquet is an enrollment by which we remember the person at one Mass per week for the year. Mass Cards are $10 and Spiritual Bouquets are $15; both are available at the rectory.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FOUR NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS!

Elections were held last weekend during all the Masses and these are your new PPC representatives: Michael Barry, Gina DeLucia, Colleen Dubuc and Laura Warren. Special thanks to the three outgoing PPC members for their hard work and dedication for the past three years: Linda Berard, Ashley Melanchook and Sonny Puleo. The ballot question of whether or not to recite the Prayer of Saint Michael at Mass passed with an overwhelming 3:1 margin.

During the month of September, Madelyn Jeanne McHale. Delaney Marie McGrath, Colton Roe O'Donnell and Faeora Anastasia Payelian were baptized into our faith. By water and the Holy Spirit, they have received the new gift of Life from God. May He continue to pour out His Blessings upon these children and their families.

The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist will be celebrated across the world from June 2020 (the Feast of Corpus Christi) to June 2022, uniting all Catholics as one body of Christ. Join with family and friends in prayer, promotion & participation.

Prayer: Each day commit to praying an additional 15 minutes, including Mass, Adoration, grace before meals and bedtime prayer.

Promotion: Share your faith in the true presence of the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist by giving witness by talking to others about your beliefs.

Participation: If you would like to participate in the next event, please send your email address to our Parish Coordinator Mary Regan, skeedood1@aol.com and details will be sent to you.

Clip this page and bring it with you to the October 10 Sunday Mass ; it will assist in readings, prayers and responses. Please do not leave in pews—remember to take it home!

First Reading:

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

Responsorial Psalm: *Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

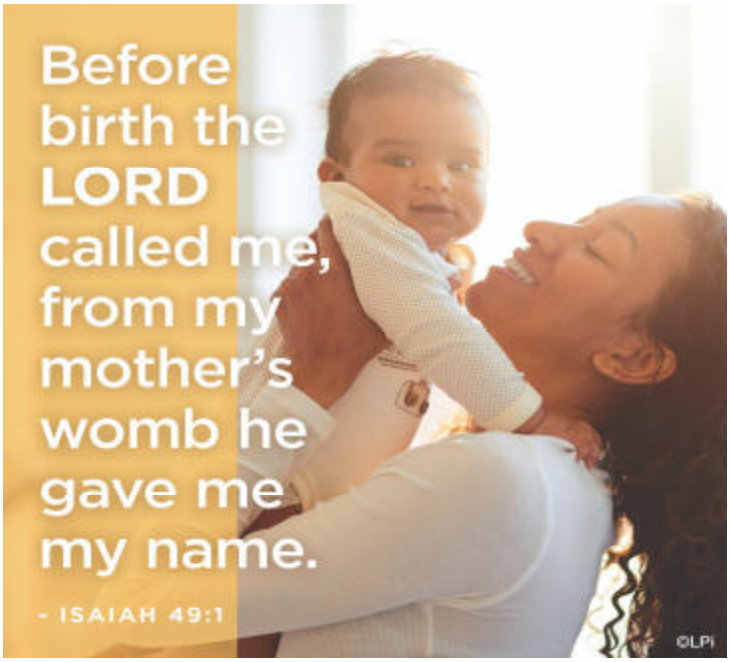
Gospel Reading:

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*" He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell,
and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"
The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at

Prayer to Saint Michael: *St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Gloria: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Nicene Creed: *I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.*



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