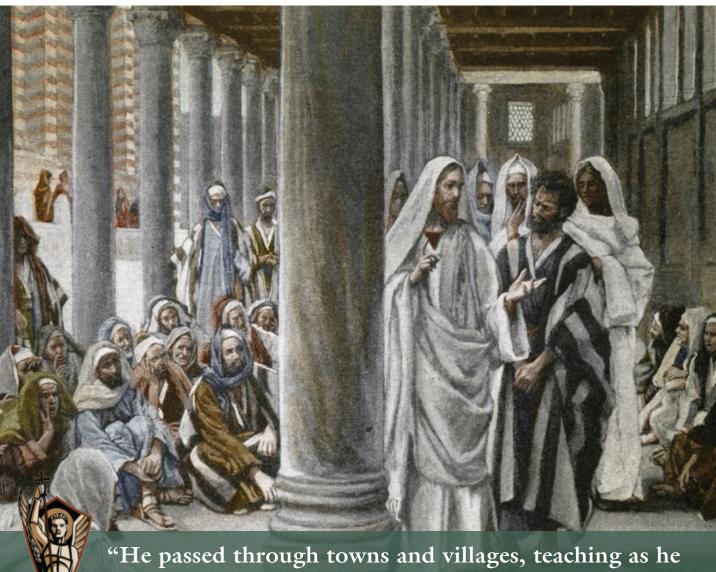
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 21, 2022 | THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"He passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem.... "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." *Lk* 13:22-24

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 am-5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

VIGIL 5:00 pm **•**

SUNDAY 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm

DAILY MASS

MONDAY & FRIDAY 8:15 am, 12:10 pm

> TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY 8:15 am

ADORATION

TUESDAY Noon-9:00 pm

PRIVATE PRAYER

MONDAY-FRIDAY Noon-2:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY 6:00-7:00 pm

SATURDAY 8:45-10:00 am or by appointment

Livestream on church website

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SACRAMENTAL CARE

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners scheduled for serious surgery should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick prior to their hospitalization. Please contact the parish office at (713) 621-4370.

BAPTISM

Infants and children under 6 years old: All parents are required to participate in a baptismal preparation process prior to the baptism of each child and are strongly encouraged to attend the classes during the second trimester of pregnancy. Please visit <u>www.stmichaelchurch.net/baptism</u> for more information on baptism class and to schedule baptisms. For questions, e-mail <u>baptisms@stmichaelchurch.net.</u>

Children over 6 years old: Please contact the Office of Children Faith Formation at (713) 403–4122 for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for children.

CONFIRMATION

High school students: Contact the Office of Youth Faith Formation at (713) 403-4117. **Adults:** Contact the Family Life Director at (713) 403-4114.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Second grade students must be baptized in the Catholic faith and be in their second continuous year of Faith Formation at St. Michael the Archangel, or in their second continuous year of religion classes in a Catholic school. Please contact the Office of Children Faith Formation at (713) 403-4122.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples wishing to marry in the Catholic Church should formally inquire on the parish website. The form can be found under *Liturgy and Sacraments: Matrimony* at <u>www.stmichaelchurch.net/matrimony</u>. Once the inquiry form is submitted and received, the couple will be invited to attend Introduction to Marriage at St. Michael, a class held monthly at the Church. Additional questions about marriage preparation can be addressed to Mary Caprio at <u>mcaprio@stmichaelchurch.net</u>.

PASTORAL CARE & HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone who is ill, homebound, in the hospital, or in an assisted living facility and in need of pastoral care? For those in need of prayer, Holy Communion, a pastoral visit and/or those who are interested in visiting the homebound or assisted living in need of prayer should contact Deacon Denny Hayes at (713) 403-4110.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Non-Catholics (non-baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic, Christian denomination) who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and may want to become Catholic should contact the Family Life Director at (713) 403-4114.

WELCOME New Parishioners

Bryan and Maria Cazares Sarahjean Kerolle Peter and Erin Mistretta Maria Ramirez Bernard and Gina Remmes Robert and Jordan Rutherford

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Wayne Wilkerson, *Pastor* | Stuart Rooney, *Chair*

Council Members: John Barry, Patrick Coleman, Tom DeGeorgio, Cindy DelMonte, Michael Jaska, Eugenia Miro, Rick Plaeger, Christi Quinn, Claire Rooney, Mary Spiller

Please contact the Pastoral Council with any comments or concerns about our parish at <u>pastoralcouncil@stmichaelchurch.net</u>.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

NEW DATE: Submissions are due on Wednesdays – 10 days prior to the bulletin issue date. Please e-mail info to: bulletin@stmichaelchurch.net.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you would like to register as a parishioner, please fill out the form on the church website: <u>stmichaelchurch.net/</u> <u>parishioner-registration</u>.

FLOWER DONATIONS

To make a flower donation, please contact Ann Cashiola at (713) 403–4161. Your name and dedication will appear in the bulletin. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP





To donate online, scan the QR Code, visit the church website, or text the word GIVE to (832) 720–7360.

Collections Report

August 14, 2022	\$44,782.48
Last year: August 15, 2021	\$44,525.54
% Change	0.58%

Year-to-Date Colle Through Week 7 of	
2022-2023	\$327,101.25
2021-2022	\$342,128.31
% Change	-4.39%

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL



We pray for the sick and the homebound, especially:

Jim Bushman Chuck Facciponte Mable Dumas-Izegbu Carol Jerram Winnie Lessen Jerry Rebman Barbara Rourke Jack Thompson Maria Zequeira

We pray for those who have recently died, especially:

Joe Ellis Joe Maida Marjo Sauer Tito Veloso

If you are ill or know someone who is ill or who passed away, please contact Ann Cashiola at <u>acashiola@stmichaelchurch.net</u> or (713) 403-4161.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

SUN	August 21	5:00 pm <i>Vigil Mass</i> 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm	 + Jerry & Ina Kulhanek + Msgr. Albert McCabe + Lucia Bonno JeJe Barnes Sister Maureen Kossbiel People of the Parish + Konate Marcel + Nora Mireles Annastella Rugimbana + Mameritha Rugimbana 	Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	TI
MON	August 22	8:15 am 12:10 pm	Lori Anne Haley + Miguel Angel Garcia Perez Family +Natalio Rivas Sabater	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 Mt 23:13-22	MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	First
TUES	August 23	8:15 am	Dylan Friesenhahn + Wanda Justak	2 Thes 2:1-3A, 14-17 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mt 23:23-26		shall Resp Prais
WED	August 24	8:15 am	+ Carol A. Foster + Kay and +Ken Shaub	Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51	FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW	natio Seco Whor
THURS	August 25	8:15 am	Dylan Friesenhahn + Jose L. Perales	1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 24:42-51		discip Gosp
FRI	August 26	8:15 am 12:10 pm	Michael Axelson + Robert & Dorothy Hall Anthony Nguyen + Bernice and + Ed Kyrish, Sr.	1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13		Peop and and Kingo
SAT	August 27	5:00 pm 	+ James Cox + Brice Wolters	ls 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30	MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA	Source
SUN	August 28	7:00 am 9:00 am	Ershel Redd + Debbie Glauser McKenna Letsos + Wyndham Smith People of the Parish + Vera Stowell + Colby Osorno	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Gath "Gath Prep "The Com "Dray



THE WORD

First Reading Nations of every language shall come to see my glory.

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Second Reading

Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

Gospel Reading

People will come from north and south, east and west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.

Source: loyolapress.com

HYMNS

Gathering Hymn 'Gather Us In"

Preparation of the Gifts "The Kingdom of God"

Communion

"Draw Near" "Shelter Me, O God" "You Have Anointed Me"

Closing Hymn "How Firm a Foundation"

a Message from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

A popular song in the 1980's said it best: "The Heat is On!" As we find ourselves in the middle of August, with eager hearts we anticipate the season of fall. Until then, a nearby shade tree and staying cool remain at the top of the list. Soon we will welcome back our students from their summer vacation break. Along with new students to our school it is our wish that all enjoyed time spent with family and loved ones.

Additionally, CCE will resume in-class learning soon. If you have not done so, please register your children for classes so that they may continue to learn more about Christ and our Catholic way of life. Our youth have been very busy this summer with varied activities, and I am grateful to both Laura and Claire for expanding opportunities for our young people to become involved and excited about gathering together and gathering in our One, Common, Catholic faith. Only a few weeks ago, our single adults group met and have decided to re-launch efforts to convene regularly with social activities and faith-sharing both at the parish and leisurely off campus as well. Soon our RCIA programming will begin and those who want to know more about our Catholic faith as well as those who are discerning conversion to Catholicism are invited to gather and take a deep dive into the sacraments, prayer, and mysteries of the Catholic Church.

The above are only a few of the many ministries that are offered at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. It is my prayer and desire that you, through one of these ministries, become acquainted of who we are as a parish. Fr. Pete continues to settle into parish life and is getting busy with the liturgical life of our parish. If you have not had an opportunity to introduce yourself to him, please do so. I know that Fr. Pete is eager to assist me in serving the many needs of our growing community of faith. As for me, I am grateful for the opportunity to take some of our parishioners on pilgrimage to Germany as together, we attended the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. This experience was truly a highlight of the summer. Offered every 10 years, it was wonderful to see so many pilgrims journey for this depiction of Jesus Christ and His Passion.

On Saturday, September 10th, I will join many from the Houston Coalition for Life to participate in their "Walk for Life." This walk/run for life is open to all and commences at 8:00am at All Saints Catholic Church in the Heights. Please join us in walking for life! Many of our parishioners sponsored me last year as I walked for Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. For the first time ever, a Catholic Church won first place. Last year I raised \$73,135. I sincerely thank all who made a pledge to support my "Walk for Life" and I humbly ask again; will you consider making another pledge to HCL for 2022? With any questions you may contact Mrs. Colleen Akers at: (281) 546-6790 or you make a donation to my homepage which is: page.fundeasy. com/5756343 (or scan the QR code below).

Finally, St. Michael the Archangel's Day of Prayer during 40 Days for Life will be **Wednesday**, **October 5th** from 7am–6pm. Mark your calendars to join us on that date for prayer at Planned Parenthood.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Wayne Wilkerson, Pastor



REFLECTION on the GOSPEL

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to lerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives lesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a lew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendents back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

Music Ministry

HE WHO SINGS, PRAYS TWICE!

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 pm RESUMES AUG 18 Parish Life Center (PLC), Room C

The Sanctuary Choir Choir is open to all singers 18 and older. If you are considering joining the choir, now is a good time to join as new music is being introduced. The choir will resume singing at Mass on Sunday, September 11. No experience is necessary to join but some basic knowledge of music would be beneficial.

For more information, contact Christopher Popelka, Director of Music at (713) 403–4116 or <u>cpopelka@stmichaelchurch.net</u>.

ST. MICHAEL YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation Registration is open until August 26th<mark>!</mark>

For more information, check out stmichaelchurch.net/youth-faith-formation

or contact Laura Rodriguez: 713.403.4117 or Irodriguez@stmichaelchurch.net



MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN August 27-28

As part of the Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan, **Reverend Michael Grey, CSSp**, will visit St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church on August 27-28 to speak about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Spiritans (officially Congregation of the Holy Spirit). To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit their website: www.spiritans.org.

This visit is part of a national program in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Archdiocese to invite parishioners to share in the mission work of the universal Church. The Spiritans are an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in over 60 countries throughout the world. *Fr. Mike serves as Development Officer for the Spiritan Office for Mission Advancement (SOMA) in Houston. He oversees the various mission projects funded by the Spiritans through your financial support.*

When Jesus said: "You shall witness to me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth", He made the spread of the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic life.

If you are able, please place your donation in the second collection basket or use one of the Spiritan collection envelopes. We are deeply grateful for your generosity in helping our missions develop and prosper!



Blood Drive

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

St. Michael the Archangel in Tiger Gym SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX AFTER ALL MASSES ON AUGUST 20-21, OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW.

For any questions, please contact Bobby Northrup at (832) 722–0599 or <u>bobbynorthrup@gmail.com</u>.



SOCIABLE SENIORS

The Sociable Seniors invites all parishioners age 50+ years to join us:

Membership 2022/2023

Please renew your membership (\$20). You will get a lower rate on trips and first priority. Send to: St Michael Sociable Seniors, 1801 Sage Rd, Houston 77056 (Attn: Margaret)

Monday, Sept 12: General Meeting Entertainment, refreshments, PLC-A. Sign up for future trips

Wednesday, Sept 21: Holocaust Museum Cost: \$21 members, \$26 non-members. Guided tour.

Save the Dates:

Monday, Oct 3, 1pm: General Meeting Wednesday, Oct 12: Tour 2 "new" painted churches (contact Helen Horn for sign up)

2nd and 4th Fridays at 1:30pm in PLC-B

Play / Learn dominoes "Mexican Train". Contact Margaret for more info: mfuller001@gmail.com.



R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Would you like to participate fully in our Eucharistic celebration? Come and learn about what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. This process to become a Catholic begins right after Labor Day on Wednesday, **September 7**.

We meet on Wednesdays, from 7-9 pm in the Parish Life Center Room A.

You must register first to attend: stmichaelchurch.net/rcia

CATHOLIC WAY BIBLE STUDY

In-depth, spirit-led study of the Bible can be life changing.

Join the many who have learned about God's word through Catholic Way Bible Study. Easy to implement and full of practical pointers, CWBS will open new horizons in your individual life, small group or parish study group.

THE PSALMS: Thursday Mornings, Sept 8, 2022–March 23, 2023 9:30–11:15 AM Activity Building Room 1 (virtual option is available) ALL ARE WELCOME!

RSVP to melissamagee@comcast.net

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH 1801 SAGE ROAD

2022 FALL ADULT CONFIRMATION Thursdays 7:00-8:30 pm

OCT 6	Intro to Adult Confirmation: The Story of Salvation History Sponsorship – The Process	Mary Caprio
OCT 13	Faith/ the Creed; pages 13-84	Mark McNeil
OCT 20	The Need for a Redeemer/Sin & The Incarnation; pages 106-178, 452-457	Mary Caprio
OCT 27	Church/Mary/The Mass; pages 122-128; 198-230; 280-307	Mary Caprio
NOV 3	The Sacraments of Initiation; pages 312–357	Mary Caprio
NOV 10	The Moral Life/The Sacraments of Healing; pages 424-611; 357-383	Mary Caprio
NOV 12	Adult Confirmation RETREAT–MANDATORY Saturday, 12:30pm-4:30pm	Mary Caprio
NOV 17	Vocation to Love: Marriage & Holy Orders, pages 383–414	Mary Caprio

Sponsors: What is a Confirmation Sponsor? A sponsor is a Catholic who is in full communion with the Church and desires to help the Candidate through the process. The sponsor should meet regularly with the Candidate to assist in answering questions and help with the process. If the person does not know any Catholics, the Parish will help them to find a sponsor.

Readings: The required texts are: (1) Catechism of the Catholic Church, (2) New American Bible.

Attendance: Confirmation is something that an individual ought to enter into with an open heart and desire to grow in faith and understanding. As such, we request your attendance at all of our meetings and please notify the office of adult formation if you are unable to attend a specific meeting and schedule a time to make up the missed session.



To register or learn more, scan the QR code or visit stmichaelchurch.net/ adult-confirmation

COUPLES RETREAT The Wedding Feast: Yours and the Lord's

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 | 9AM-3PM The Cathedral Centre: 1701 San Jacinto (free parking available)

Schedule for the day:

8:30–9:00 am:	Registration/Coffee/Light bites
9:00–9:10 am:	Welcome by Fr. Jeff Bame
9:15–10:15 am:	Damon Owens on Theology of the Body in Marriage
10:30–11:30 am:	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
	Confession in the Cathedral
11:30–12:30 pm:	Lunch in the Cathedral Centre by Maggianos
12:45–1:45 pm:	Matt and Stephanie Regitz on Forgiveness in Marriage
2:00–2:45 pm:	Mary Caprio on the Domestic Church
2:45-3:00pm:	Closing Remarks

\$50 per couple*

* Free for couples in marriage prep at St. Michael Catholic Church or Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Sign Up Today! stmichaelchurch.net/ wedding-feast-retreat





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