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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

• TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Month of Seven Sorrows of Mary...

The Third Sorrow: The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple

And after they had fulfilled the days, when they were returning, the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and his parents did not know it. But thinking that he was in the caravan, they had come a day's journey before it occurred to them to look for him among their relatives and acquaintances. And not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. (*Luke 2:43-45*)

My heart grieves for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in those anxieties which tried your troubled heart at the loss of your dear Jesus. Dear Mother, by your heart so full of anguish, obtain for me the virtue of chastity and the gift of knowledge.

The Fourth Sorrow: Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary

And bearing the cross for himself, he went forth to the place called the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. (*Luke 2:17*).

Mary has known fear and sorrow, but none so great as seeing her beloved Son stumbling under the weight of the Cross. She hears the jeering shouts from the crowd and has no power to help Him. Pity and love are in her eyes as she gazes at His blood-stained face. To many around her He is no better than a criminal, and her heart is breaking as she follows Him to Calvary or Golgotha.

My heart grieves for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the consternation of your heart at meeting Jesus as He carried His cross. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of patience and the gift of fortitude.

The Fifth Sorrow: Jesus Dies on the Cross...

He went forth to the place called the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified him, and with him two others, one on each side and Jesus in the center. And Pilate also wrote an inscription and had it put on the cross. And there was written, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." (*John 19:18-19*)

With John, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross. "A sword shall pierce thy soul," Simeon told her. Truly her heart is pierced with sorrow. Her beloved Son is dying and she shares in His suffering. She does not ask God to take away this agony. She is His Mother, so close to Him that His pain is hers, too. And now He speaks from the Cross: "Woman, behold thy son." Jesus gave His Mother to John, and to us for now and for all eternity she is our Mother.

My heart grieves for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the martyrdom which thy generous heart endured in standing near Jesus in His agony. Dear Mother, by thy afflicted heart, obtain for me the virtue of temperance and the gift of counsel.

The Sixth Sorrow: Mary Holds the Life Less Body of Jesus in Her Arms...

Now when it was evening, there came a certain rich man of Arimathea, Joseph by name, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered the body to be given up. (*Matthew 27:58-59*)

The Virgin Mary's greatest joy is when She held the new born Baby Jesus in Her arms the first time. Her greatest sorrow was when She hold the lifeless Body of Jesus at the foot of the Cross on Calvary. She is filled with a sadness that no human heart has known.

My heart grieves for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the wounding of your compassionate heart, when the side of Jesus was struck by the lance before His Body was removed from the cross. Dear Mother, by your heart, therefore transfixed, obtain for me the virtue of fraternal charity.

The Seventh Sorrow: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb...

They therefore took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices, after the Jewish manner of preparing for burial. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. There, accordingly, because of the Preparation Day of the



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Jews, for the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus. (John 19:40-42)

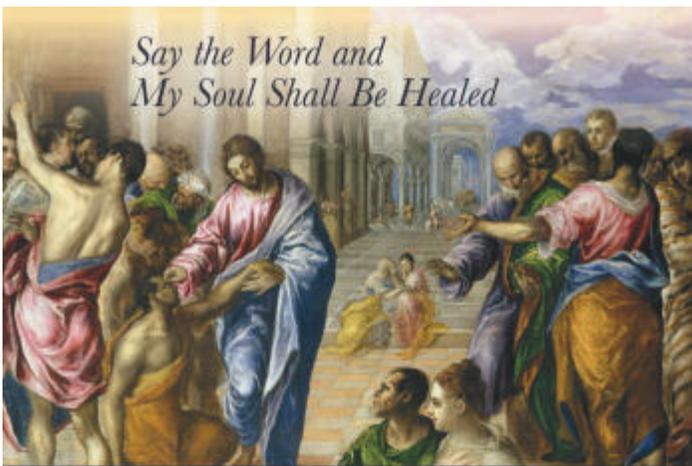
Hastily the Body is wrapped in a clean linen cloth. Nicodemus has brought myrrh and aloes, and the Body is bound in the Shroud with them. nearby is a new tomb, belonging to Joseph of Arimathea, and there they lay Jesus. Mary and John and the holy women follow them and watch as the great stone to the sepulcher is rolled. it is the end. Mary lived with Jesus for 33 years and now He has gone to Heaven to be with the Eternal Father.

My heart grieves for you, O Mary most sorrowful, for the pangs that wrenched thy most loving heart at the burial of Jesus. Dear Mother, with thy heart sunk in sorrow, obtain for me the virtue of diligence and the gift of wisdom.

Have a blessed week!

God bless you

Fr. Kishore Babu Battu SAC



Christ Healing the Blind, ca. 1570

This image by El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos) illustrates the Gospel of Christ healing a blind man by anointing his eyes.

The past year has highlighted the urgent need for physical, spiritual, and emotional healing in ourselves and our world. As our world struggles to heal, complete healing is not possible without Jesus as the Divine Physician. When our souls heal, all heals, despite our suffering.

The words we pray at Mass, “*Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed*”, have the power to remind us to open our eyes to the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist which is essential, eternal, and ever open to us. We humbly ask Him to say the word, and with that prayer, we have faith that, with the fantastic and improbable prospect of Jesus entering under our roof, our souls shall be healed.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom - one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes - and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?



How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come.

The fast required by canon law before holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one-hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume.



Faith Formation classes began this week.

Are your children enrolled?

If not, please contact 734-241-6097 right away!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) begins on **Sunday, October 17th** at 10:30 am Mass. If you can help with our young Catholics or have any questions, please call us at 734-241-6097.

We are still in need of:

- **Volunteers**
- **Catechist assistants**

Please call for more information 734-241-6097.

Leslee Smith, Director

REFLECT & RESPOND

FIRST READING:

The Wisdom writer reveals the mentality of the wicked, characterized by revenge and treachery. How best should people of faith respond to such behavior?



SECOND READING:

James offers insight into the human condition as it relates to how often our ambitions and passions can lead us astray. How do you keep yourself grounded in holy intentions?

GOSPEL:

We hear today how the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus questions and reluctant to share with him some of their tensions. Why do you sometimes hold back from opening up to the Lord?



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Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021, and the theme is: "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."

We are certainly blessed at St Michael to have so many parish catechetical leaders and catechists, Catholic school administrators and teachers, as well as others who provide faith formation to diverse age groups and settings like Children's Liturgy of the Word, bible studies and Faith Formation classes. But the **FIRST** place of learning and sharing our faith is at home where parents, grandparents, godparents, and other members of our community begin the mission.

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Which sacraments can only be received once?

- a) Confirmation, Holy Orders and Baptism
- b) Baptism and Matrimony
- c) Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders
- d) Matrimony, Reconciliation and the Eucharist

Answer is on the calendar page.

FEAST DAY NEWS

- ◆ \$\$\$ Return your Feast Day tickets to **WIN!**
- ◆ **BINGO!** Gift card donations with a \$10 value are needed for Bingo prizes. Suggestions include local restaurants, stores, movies, Amazon.
- ◆ We're looking for suggestions and help with **family games** and set up. Please contact Gary Carter: 734-915-7673 or GJCarter@mail.com.
- ◆ **Desserts** (*peanut and tree-nut free*) are needed for Saturday's dinner.
- ◆ Support **Heartbeat of Monroe** Saturday in the **Charity Walk**. Register: 8 am in the parking lot.
- ◆ **Dinner tickets** may be purchased after Masses and from the Parish Office.
- ◆ Please **call** the parish office to **volunteer!**

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St Joseph, Maybee Campus, Divine Grace Parish Fall Festival

Saturday, September 18

Steak Roast 5-8 pm • Live Auction 6 pm
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Sunday, September 19

Chicken Dinner 11 am - 4 pm *Sit down/carry out*
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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Please bring all completed prayer shawls to the parish office as soon as possible.

Preparation is necessary prior to blessing them on Saturday, October 9th.

Shawls will be available for distribution during and after the Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 11 am.

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Sunday, October 10th

10:30 am Mass



Fr. Kishore, the Catholic Christian Women, and all parishioners of Saint Michael would like to recognize the anniversaries of those parishioners married **1 year, 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, etc. Sunday, October 10th at 10:30 am Mass.**

All married couples are encouraged to attend and renew their marriage vows.

Coffee and donuts for the couples and their families will follow Mass.

Couples celebrating a special anniversary are asked to please contact the parish office at **734-241-8645** or **parishoffice@stmichaelmonroe.com** to give your name, wedding date, and number of family members expected to attend for donuts.

Congratulations to all our Married Couples!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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	June Neph	Cody Wood
		Mary Zubkoff

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THIS WEEK ~ SEPTEMBER 20 - 26

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Mass 8:15 am - church

Devotions 9 am - church

RCIA Sessions 6:30 pm - St John the Baptist

Parish Council Meeting 7 pm - Archangel room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Faith Formation 6 - 7:15 pm - St Mary Campus

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Cub Scouts 6:30 pm - Archangel room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible 7 pm - Archangel

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Mass 8:15 am - church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Blessed Virgin Mary

Charity Walk 8 am registration, 8:30 am start

Confession 3:30 pm - church

Mass 5:00 pm - OUTSIDE

Family Picnic 6 - 7:30 pm - gym

BINGO & cakewalk 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30 am - church

Pancake Breakfast 9:30 am - noon - gym

Mass 10:30 am - church

Feast Day Prize Drawings Noon - gym

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Answer: a

WEDDING BANNS

Ricky Parker and Carly Lane (2)

Readings for the Week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

LITURGY SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 20 - 26

DAY & TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 8:15 am	† Mabel Roscoe † Margaret Tierney
Friday 8:15 am	† Sharon DeWalsche † Mrs James Mexico
Saturday 5:00 pm	† James & M. Darlene Osment † Sharon Robinson
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	† The People of St Michael V † Angela Furnari Vitale † Joseph Giarmo

Sign up through the parish office!
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Saturday, October 16th 9 am - 3 pm

Have you ever thought about the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you received at Baptism and that were strengthened in you at **Confirmation?**

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If so, please join us at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Monroe on Saturday, October 16th for a live, in-person **Called and Gifted Workshop.**

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.

Pantry needs: Cream soups, crackers, pancake mix, and syrup. Thanks!



LIVE THE LITURGY

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.

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