

# Sacrament of the Eucharist

## St Michael

### Weekday Masses

St Michael:	First Sat	6:30am
	Wed, Fri	6:30pm
St Cecilia's	Tues, Thurs	6:00pm
St Michael Chaplet & Novena on Wed		5:30pm

### Weekend Masses

St Michael	Sat	6:30pm
	Sun	7:30am
St Cecilia's	Sat	5:00pm
	Sun	5:00pm
St Theresa	Sun	9:30am
Spanish Mass (St Cecilia) (once per month)	First Sun	11:00am
OLMC (Lluengo)	First Sun	9:30am
Eucharistic Service	Third Sun (Lluengo)	9:30am

**Confession** St Cecilia Sat 4:30pm

Or by appointment

**Intercessory Prayer** St Michael's on Fri 9am-12pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia	Tues	6:30am- 6:00pm
St Theresa	Wed	12pm - 6:00pm
St Michael	Thur	6:30am - 6:30pm

**Benediction:** Every First Friday 7:00pm - 9:00pm

**Stations of the Cross** at St Michael Fri at 6pm

## St Joseph

### Weekday Masses

St Joseph	Mon - Fri	6:00am
	First Sat	7:00am
St Jude	Thur	6:00pm

### Weekend Masses

St Joseph	Sat	6:30pm
	Sun	6:00am
	Sun	8:30am
St Jude	Sat	5:00pm

## Classifieds

Worker needed for general yard work.

For more information please contact **Mrs. Gloria at 663-2623**

## Notices

**Weekday Masses** and Adoration resumes on Tuesday 09th January with adoration at St. Cecilia's from 6:30am.

**The Intercessory Prayer team** reopens on Friday 12th January at St. Michael's church from 8:30am to 12noon.



Sunday 07th January 2018



# St Michael's Messenger

The Epiphany of the Lord



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## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Cluster of St Joseph / St Michael

Entrusted to the Pastoral care of the Carmelite Friars

Serving the communities of St Joseph, St Jude,

St Michael,

St Cecilia, St Theresa

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

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### Parish Office Hours

St Michael's

Mon - Fri 8am -12noon

1pm— 4pm

St Joseph

Mon - Fri 8am - 1pm,

2pm - 4pm

### Priest Office Hours

St Michael

Wed 3:30pm - 5pm

St Joseph

Tues 5pm - 6pm

Thurs 4pm - 5pm

Please call to make  
Appointment with Priest.

# Know Your Faith



Many times we use the word **Epiphany** to mean a revelation to us when we are stuck in a situation and don't know which way to go and suddenly we get an idea – an epiphany. In The **Epiphany**, celebrated this Sunday, the three Magi received a sign to go worship the new-born Jesus. In that moment, God revealed Himself to the Magi in a very real way and they were never the same. God is continually revealing Himself to us in many ways. Consider these.

**The Call:** Just as God called the three Magi using a star so too God calls each of us through various means, such as a family member, a friend or even a beautiful church or song.

**Constancy:** There must be constancy after the call because there will be many obstacles in the path just as there were for the wise men but we must remain constant on our journey.

**Cost:** There is a cost to discipleship. The Magi are moved to give three symbolic and costly gifts that show some of what true faith includes.

**Gold** – a symbol of all our possessions. In laying this gift before Jesus they and we are saying, *"I acknowledge that everything I have is yours."*

**Frankincense** – the gift of worship. In laying down this gift we promise to pray and worship God all the days of our life.

**Myrrh** – a strange gift for an infant as it is usually understood as burial ointment. In laying this gift before Jesus we are saying, my life is yours. I want to die so that you may live your life in me.

**Conversion:** "And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way." Once we have been called there should be a change in the way we now live. We should be a new person because we have experienced an epiphany in our lives.

## Meditation on Sunday Scriptures

### HEROD UNDERSTOOD

**THE WISE MEN "FROM THE EAST ARRIVED ONE DAY IN JERUSALEM INQUIRING, 'WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS? WE OBSERVED HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO PAY HIM HOMAGE.' AT THIS NEWS KING HEROD BECAME GREATLY DISTURBED, AND WITH HIM ALL JERUSALEM." –MATTHEW 2:1-3**

Herod understood the significance of Jesus' birth. He knew that he had to join the wise men and "go and offer [Jesus] homage too" (Mt 2:8). Jesus' birth means we must either surrender our lives to Jesus or declare war on Him. We either live no longer for ourselves but for Him (2 Cor 5:15), or we make a violent, pathetic attempt to keep Jesus from living any longer. We die to self (see Jn 12:24) or try to make Him die.

Herod understood that the consequences of Jesus' birth would be Calvary. There is a competition for allegiance to "the newborn King of the Jews" (Mt 2:2) and of the world. We will either decide to be crucified to the world (Gal 6:14) or decide to crucify the King of the world. There's not enough room in this world for your ego and the incarnate Son of God. One or the other has got to go.

Dethrone yourself and enthrone Jesus as your King, Saviour, and Lord. Be a wise man or woman. Otherwise you will have no choice other than to be a Herod. Be one of the wise men and women. Prostrate yourself and humble yourself before Jesus (Mt 2:11; 23:12). Happy Epiphany!

## Pray with the Scriptures

<b>Sun 07th Jan</b>	<b>Isaiah 60:1-6</b> <b>Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6</b>	<b>Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13</b> <b>Matthew 2:1-12</b>
<b>Mon 08th Jan.</b>	<b>Isaiah 55:1-11</b> or <b>1 John 5:1-9</b> <b>Isaiah 12:2-6</b> <b>Mark 1:7-11</b>	
<b>Tue 09th Jan.</b>	<b>1 Samuel 1:9-20</b> or <b>1:1-20</b> <b>Samuel 2:1, 4-8</b> <b>Mark 1:21-28</b> or <b>1:14-28</b>	
<b>Wed 10th Jan.</b>	<b>1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20</b> <b>Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10</b> <b>Mark 1:29-30</b>	
<b>Thur 11th Jan.</b>	<b>1 Samuel 4:1-11</b> <b>Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26</b> <b>Mark 1:40-45</b>	
<b>Fri 12th Jan.</b>	<b>1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22</b> <b>Ps 89:16-19</b> <b>Mark 2:1-12</b>	
<b>Sat 13th Jan.</b>	<b>1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1</b> <b>Ps 21:2-7</b> <b>Mark 2:13-17</b>	



### January 2018

- 2nd—Isidora Pierre-Andrews,
- 2nd—June Hezekiah
- 3rd—Eileen Richardson
- 7th—Christopher Mohammed
- 9th—Marlene Narine
- 12th—Zaria Mitchell
- 13th—Cindy Sadaphal
- 15th—Francis (Manzi) Lezama
- 16th—Br. Nigel Ali
- 17th—Ann Daniel
- 18th—Maria Lopez
- 21st—Alicia George—Baptiste,
- 21st—Matilda Robain
- 22nd—Barkat Mohammed
- 24th—Justin Gopal, Aliana Gopal,
- 24th—Tianna Gopal,
- 24th—Christian Gopal

## Kids Corner

The Sick  
Corner



Patrice Ali  
Gerald Bennett  
Gertrude Noreiga  
Matilda Noreiga  
Michail Ramsumair  
Monica Barnes

Lynn Harewood  
Camilla Morris  
Dianne Dennis  
Annie Clarke  
Derek Solomon

If you know any sick that wish to be visited, please contact the parish office and submit the information

