

# 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)	11:00am	
OLMC (Lluengo) <b>First Sun</b>	9:30am	
Eucharistic Service <b>Third Sun</b> (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

**The next Baptism** will be held on Sunday 21st January 2018. Registration is on Thursday 28th December 2017 from 9am to 11am at the parish office

**There will be a special mass** on Thursday 28th December at St. Cecilia's at 6pm for the blessing of toys.

**Mass for** The Feast of The Holy Family will be celebrated on the normal weekend mass times.

### Masses for New Year's Eve

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December, St. Cecilia's at 6pm  
 Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December, St Michael's at 12 midnight

### Mass for New Year's Day

Monday 01<sup>st</sup> January, St. Theresa's at 8am



# St Michael's Messenger

Sunday 24th December 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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 - 2pm

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

## Christmas Reflection

"Christus natus est nobis, venite, adoremus!" **Christ** is born for us: come, let us adore him! On this solemn day we come to you, tender Babe of Bethlehem. By your birth you have hidden your divinity in order to share our frail human nature. In the light of faith, we acknowledge you as true God, made man out of love for us. You alone are the Redeemer of mankind!



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Before the crib where you lie helpless, let there be an end to the spread of violence in its many forms, the source of untold suffering; let there be an end to the numerous situations of unrest which risk degenerating into open conflict; let there arise a firm will to seek peaceful solutions, respectful of the legitimate aspirations of individuals and peoples.

Everywhere peace is needed! You, Prince of true peace, help us to understand that the only way to build peace is to flee in horror from evil, and to pursue goodness with courage and perseverance. Men and women of good will, of every people on the earth, come with trust to the crib of the Saviour! "He who bestows the Kingdom of heaven does not take away human kingdoms" (cf. Hymn for Vespers of Epiphany). Hasten to meet him; he comes to teach us the way of truth, peace and love. (*Saint Pope John Paul II*)

## Meditation on Sunday Scriptures

### THE PEACE OF CHRISTMAS

**"I WILL PLANT THEM SO THAT THEY MAY DWELL IN THEIR PLACE WITHOUT FURTHER DISTURBANCE."** –2 SAMUEL 7:10

The Lord promised David rest from his enemies (2 Sm 7:11). This promise of peace was surprising since violence was David's "claim to fame" (see 1 Sm 18:7). From cutting off Goliath's head to setting up Uriah's murder, David lived an extremely violent life. People must have laughed when they heard David was promised peace. Nevertheless, the promise at first seemed fulfilled because David's son Solomon (Solomon means "peace") had a peaceful reign. Yet David's grandson Rehoboam started a civil war. One war led to more wars. Israel had no peace. It seemed as if God's promise of peace to David's house was not kept.

After almost a thousand years, the archangel Gabriel announced to Mary: "You shall conceive and bear a Son and give Him the name Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father" (Lk 1:31-32). When this Child was born on the first Christmas, the angels sang: "Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth" (Lk 2:14). It seemed as if God's ancient promise of peace was finally fulfilled, for Jesus talked about loving enemies, turning the other cheek, making peace (Mt 5:9, 39, 44) and giving peace (Jn 14:27). However, we eventually killed Jesus, our Peace (Eph 2:14), and continue warring to the present day.

## Pray with the Scriptures

<b>Sun 24th Dec.</b>	<b>2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16</b>	<b>Ps 89: 2-5, 27, 29</b>
	<b>Romans 16: 25-27</b>	<b>Luke 1: 26-38</b>
<b>Mon 25th Dec.</b>	<b>Isaiah 9: 1-7</b>	<b>Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13,</b>
	<b>Titus 2:11-14</b>	<b>Luke 2: 1-14</b>
<b>Tue 26th Dec.</b>	<b>Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59</b>	<b>Ps 31: 3-4, 6,8, 16-17</b>
	<b>Matthew 10: 17-22</b>	
<b>Wed 27th Dec.</b>	<b>1 John 1: 1-4</b>	<b>Ps 97: 1-2, 3-6, 11-12</b>
	<b>John 20: 1-8</b>	
<b>Thur 28th Dec.</b>	<b>1 John 1: 5—2:2</b>	<b>Ps 124: 2-5, 7-8</b>
	<b>Matthew 2:13-18</b>	
<b>Fri 29th Dec.</b>	<b>1 John 2:3-11</b>	<b>Ps 96: 1-3, 5-6</b>
	<b>Luke 2:22-35</b>	
<b>Sat 30th Dec</b>	<b>1 John 2:12-17</b>	<b>Ps 96: 7-10</b>
	<b>Luke 2: 36-40</b>	



## December 2017

9th—Kathleen Ramdial-James  
 10th—Rita Taung-Aki  
 15th—Cleo Nelson  
 20th—Fernando Lopez  
 21st—Christian Lopez  
 31st—Dana Best

## Kids Corner

The Sick  
 Corner



Patrice Ali  
 Gerald Bennett  
 Gertrude Noreiga  
 Matilda Noreiga  
 Annie Clarke  
 Derek Solomon

Lynn Harewood  
 Camilla Morris  
 Dianne Dennis  
 Michail Ramsumair  
 Monica Barnes

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

