

# 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

### 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

**There are Catholic Almanac** for sale at the back of the church at a cost of \$5.00.



Sunday 31st December 2017

The Holy Family



# St Michael's Messenger



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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

## SOME NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS



**Encounter the Lord each day** – Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

**Practice gratitude** – Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian steward. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others. Seeing the good in your life will allow you to keep your heart compassionate and loving.

**Resist overwork** – There is a pressure to produce, meet goals, be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time and letting go of unrealistic goals.

**Give more** – Good stewards realize that everything they have is entrusted to them as gift to be shared. There is no better place to begin than sharing with the community that gathers around the Lord's table at Mass. Consider what you are giving to your parish and local diocese and commit to an even greater contribution as circumstances allow.

**Make a difference in your parish community** – Believe it or not, your parish community can use your talents. Offering your talents to your faith community is one of the most effective ways to feel useful and connected to others, and it is a potentially life-changing New Year's resolution.

**Don't give up** – People give up their New Year's resolutions because of perfectionism and unrealistic expectations. So take it slow, be kind to yourself and keep trying. Resist the urge to throw your hands up and quit. You succeed through small, manageable changes over. (*International Catholic Stewardship Council*)

## Meditation on Sunday Scriptures

### THE REAL THING

**"HE CAME TO THE TEMPLE NOW, INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT, AND WHEN THE PARENTS BROUGHT IN THE CHILD JESUS TO PERFORM FOR HIM THE CUSTOMARY RITUAL OF THE LAW, HE TOOK HIM IN HIS ARMS AND BLESSED GOD."** –LUKE 2:27-28

Some orthodox Jews have the custom of using the birth of a baby boy as an occasion to discourse on the coming of the Messiah. An older relative traditionally starts the conversation with the question: "Could this baby be the Messiah?" Then various relatives wax eloquently about the coming and the glories of the Messiah. Some people may have thought that Simeon and Anna were only engaging in this traditional conversation when they were talking about the Child Jesus "to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem" (Lk 2:38). Simeon and Anna may have then even more vehemently insisted that Jesus was "a revealing Light to the Gentiles, the Glory" of Israel (Lk 2:32). However, people may have thought this was part of the game. Then Simeon and Anna would have tried to tell them this wasn't a ritual, but the real thing. This Baby was the Messiah! We face a similar situation in our day. When we proclaim Jesus as Messiah and Lord, people think this is merely the religious game and the standard church-talk. Yet we, like Simeon and Anna, must be filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaim that this is the real thing. Jesus is the Messiah. Christmas is real. God has become a man. We are saved. Jesus is Lord and God.

## Pray with the Scriptures



<b>Sun 31st Dec.</b>	<b>Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3</b>	<b>Ps 105: 1-6, 8-9</b>
	<b>Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19</b>	<b>Luke 2: 22-40</b>
<b>Mon 01st Jan.</b>	<b>Numbers 6: 22-27</b>	<b>Ps 67: 2-3, 5-6,8</b>
	<b>Galatians 4:4-7</b>	<b>Luke 2: 16-21</b>
<b>Tue 02nd Jan.</b>	<b>1 John 2: 22-28</b>	<b>Ps 98: 1-4</b>
	<b>John 1:19-28</b>	
<b>Wed 03rd Jan.</b>	<b>1 John 2:29—3: 6</b>	<b>Ps 98: 1, 3-6</b>
	<b>John 1: 29-34</b>	
<b>Thur 04th Jan.</b>	<b>1 John 3: 7-10</b>	<b>Ps 98: 1, 7-9</b>
	<b>John 1: 35-42</b>	
<b>Fri 05th Jan.</b>	<b>1 John 3:11-21</b>	<b>Ps 100: 1-5</b>
	<b>John 1: 43-51</b>	
<b>Sat 06th Jan.</b>	<b>1 John 5: 5-13</b>	<b>Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20</b>
	<b>Mark 1: 7-11</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

