

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Oct. 12th	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Andrew Toth - <i>Mr. & Mrs. Gene DeAngelis</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Oct. 13th	St. Edward the Confessor, <i>King, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Gabriel Testo - <i>Friends</i>
Tues. Oct. 14th	St. Callistus I, <i>Pope & Martyr, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Carol Lee Shanley - <i>Emig Family</i>
Wed. Oct. 15th	St. Teresa of Avila, <i>Virgin, III Class</i>
7:45 p.m.	† William C. Skuba - <i>Ken & Susan Skuba</i>
Thu. Oct. 16th	St. Hedwig, <i>Widow, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Dorothy Walsh - <i>Tim & Mary Morris</i>
Fri. Oct. 17th	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, <i>Virgin, III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Alice G. Micone - <i>Robert S. McHale</i>
Sat. Oct. 18th	St. Luke, <i>Evangelist, II Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Ints. Confraternity of St. Peter - <i>Emig Family</i>
Sun. Oct. 19th	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Alexandra Skuba - <i>Mom & Dad</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

DEVOTIONS

Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday — After Mass

Friday-Sunday — Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

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INTROIT

Ecclus. 36, 18

Give peace, O Lord, to them that patiently wait for Thee, that Thy prophets may be found faithful: hear the prayers of Thy servant, and of Thy people Israel. *Ps. 121, 1.* I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord. *V.* Glory.

COLLECT

Let the operation of Thy mercy, we beseech Thee, O Lord, direct our hearts, for without Thee we can not please Thee. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 Cor. 1, 4-6

Brethren, I give thanks to my God always for you, for the grace of God that is given you in Jesus Christ, that in all things you are made rich in Him, in all utterance and in all knowledge, as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that nothing is wanting to you in any grace, waiting for the manifestation of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Who also will confirm you unto the end without crime, in the day of the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

GRADUAL

Ps. 121, 1, 7

I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of Our Lord. *V.* Let peace be in thy strength, and abundance in thy towers.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 101, 16

Alleluia, alleluia. The gentiles shall fear Thy name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth Thy glory. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matt. 9, 1-8

At that time, Jesus entering into a ship, passed over the water and came into His own city. And behold they brought to Him one sick of the palsy lying in a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith, said to the man sick of the palsy, Be of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee. And behold some of the scribes said within themselves, He blasphemeth. And Jesus seeing their thoughts, said, Why do you think evil in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say, Thy sins are forgiven Thee; or to say, Arise and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (then said

He to the man sick of the palsy). Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thy house. And he arose, and went into his house. And the multitude seeing it, feared, and glorified God Who had given such power to men.

OFFERTORY

Ex. 24, 4, 5

Moses consecrated an altar to the Lord, offering upon it holocausts, and sacrificing victims: he made an evening sacrifice to the Lord God for an odor of sweetness, in the sight of the children of Israel.

SECRET

O God, Who, through the august communication of this sacrifice, dost make us partakers of the one supreme divinity, grant, we beseech Thee, that, as we know Thy truth, so we may ever follow it with worthy actions. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Ps. 75, 12, 13

Bring up sacrifices, and come into His courts: adore ye the Lord in His holy court.

POSTCOMMUNION

Strengthened by the sacred gift, we render thanks to Thee, O Lord, beseeching Thy mercy that Thou make us entirely worthy to partake thereof. Through our Lord.



Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*

O Jesus, grant me the grace to correspond always with the gifts of Your love.

A poor paralytic is presented to Our Lord; he probably had himself brought there to ask for bodily health, but in the presence of the purity and holiness which emanates from the Person of Jesus, he realizes that he is a sinner and remains confused and humiliated before Our Lord. Jesus has already read his heart, and seeing his faith and humility, He does not even wait for him to speak, but suddenly says to him with infinite kindness: "Be of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee." The first and the greatest miracle has taken place: the man is no longer a slave of Satan; he is a child of God. Jesus, who came to save souls, rightfully healed the soul before the body.

This miracle, however, does not please the scribes who, not believing in the divinity of Jesus, begin immediately in the secret of their hearts to accuse Him of blasphemy. But the Master, who had read the soul of the paralytic, also reads theirs. "Why do you think evil in your hearts?" If Jesus had seen there even a little humility and faith, He would have been as ready to heal them as He was to heal the heart of the paralytic; but unfortunately, He found nothing but pride and obstinacy. However, He wishes to use every means to soften them, so He gives them the strongest proof of His divinity. "But that you may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins - then He said to the man sick of the palsy: 'Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thy house.' And he arose and went into his house." The miracle was striking and instantaneous. The word of Jesus effected immediately what it expressed. The words of God alone could have such power. But the scribes will not admit that they are defeated: when the heart is proud and obstinate, not even factual evidence is capable of moving it.

Let us never say our faith is weak because we do not see or touch with our hand the truth which is proposed for our belief; let us rather admit that it is weak because our heart is not sufficiently docile to grace, nor entirely free from pride. If we want to have strong faith, let us be as humble and simple as children; if we wish to share in the grace of sanctification which was

given to the paralytic, let us offer ourselves to Our Lord with contrite, humble hearts, thoroughly convinced that we need His help and forgiveness.

The Gospel presents Jesus to us in all the splendor of His divine personality, possessing all the powers proper to God. The Epistle shows Him in the act of putting His divinity at our service, as it were, to sanctify us and make us divine. Jesus continues to do for our souls what He did for the soul of the paralytic, and today's Epistle is a beautiful synthesis of His action in us, an action far-reaching and complete, embracing our whole being. Contemplating this action, St. Paul bursts forth in a hymn of gratitude: "I give thanks to my God always for you, for the grace of God that is given you in Christ Jesus, that in all things you are made rich in Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge... so that nothing is wanting to you in any grace." Yes, every grace, every gift comes to us from Jesus, and through them our person and our life are sanctified. By means of sanctifying grace, He sanctifies our soul; through the infused virtues, He sanctifies our faculties; and by actual grace, He sanctifies our activity, enabling us to act supernaturally. Yet even this does not satisfy His liberality: He is not content with setting us on the road to God, super-naturalized by grace and the virtues, but He wishes to substitute His divine way of acting for our human way; therefore, He enriches us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which make us capable of being moved by God Himself. All this is the gift of Jesus to us, the fruit of His Passion. The Holy Spirit is also His gift, the Gift par excellence, which He merited for us by His death on the Cross, the Gift which He and the Father are continually sending to us from heaven to enlighten and direct our souls. It seems as if Jesus, the true Son of God, is not jealous of His divinity or His prerogatives, but seeks every possible means to make us share by grace what He possesses by nature. How true it is that the characteristic of love is to give oneself and to place those one loves on a plane of equality with oneself!

Let our hearts be filled with gratitude; let us correspond to the infinite love of Jesus and always keep ourselves under its influence, for He wills to "confirm us unto the end without crime, in the day of His coming."

October Prayer to St. Joseph

To thee, O Blessed Joseph, we fly in our affliction, and after imploring the help of thy holy Spouse, with confidence we ask also for thy intercession. By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by His Precious Blood, and with thy powerful aid to help us in our needs.

Protect, most careful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, loving Father, from all pestilence of error and corruption. From thy place in heaven be thou mercifully with us, most powerful protector, in this warfare with the powers of darkness; and, as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent danger of death, so now defend the holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Guard each of us by thy constant patronage, so that, sustained by thy example and help, we may live a holy life, die a holy death, and obtain the everlasting happiness of Heaven. Amen.

(This Prayer to the Patron of the Universal Church is prescribed by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII to be recited after the daily Rosary during October, the month of the Holy Rosary)

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Our Lady forced the devils to reveal: “...**nobody who perseveres in saying the Rosary will be damned**, because She obtains for her servants the grace of true contrition of their sins and by means of this they obtain God’s forgiveness and mercy.”

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th, we will have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of Christ the King. Please mark this date on your calendars and make a special effort to be at the 10:15 Mass and procession afterwards.

DIOCESAN APPEAL: Prayerfully consider your response to the Diocesan Appeal. Make sure you mark your donation to the appeal with our parish code 060. May God reward you.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 19th, is World Mission Sunday and there will be a **SECOND COLLECTION**.

ALL SOULS NOVENA is coming up. Please be sure to have your intentions submitted for this novena before November 1st.

Fr. Stinson will be away on Fraternity business until October 23.

Fr. Zepeda will be away on the 18th & 19th to attend the Tonsure ceremony at OLGs.

COLLECTION: October 5 - \$2,104.00

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B

MC Anthony Mitchell
TH Joshua Sica
AC1 Francis LaFata
AC2 Stephen LaFata
C Timothy Sica
S1 John Mitchell
S2 Brian LaFata
S3 Ian McGuirk
S4

WEEK TWO

Monday

7:45 a.m.

Tuesday

7:45 a.m.

Wednesday

7:45 a.m.

Thursday

7:45 a.m.

Joseph McWhirter

John Mitchell

Anthony Mitchell

Joshua Sica

Timothy Sica

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 19th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C

MC Robert Seeley
TH Dominic Gardner
AC1 Francis LaFata
AC2 Stephen LaFata
C Timothy Emig
S1 Brendan Seeley
S2 Michael Gardner
S3 Jack Gardner
S4 Stephen LaFata