

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2014

Fr. José M. Zepeda, FSSP, Pastor

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Mass Intentions

Mass intentions to be fulfilled by Fr. Zepeda, even in his absence.

Sun. Aug. 10th	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory - Anon.
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo
Mon. Aug. 11th	SS. Tiburtius & Susanna, Virgin, Martyrs, IV Class
7:45 a.m.	Anthony Mitchell - Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mitchell
Tues. Aug. 12th	St. Clare, Virgin, III Class
7:45 a.m.	† David Purpora - Irene and Jerry Walsh
Wed. Aug. 13th	SS. Hippolytus & Cassian, Martyrs, IV Class
7:45 p.m.	† Paulette Kamor - Tim and Mary Morris
Thu. Aug. 14th	Vigil of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class
7:45 a.m.	† Stephen Toman - His Sister
Fri. Aug. 15th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class
8:00 a.m.	Private intention
7:00 p.m.	Pro Populo
Sat. Aug. 16th	St. Joachim, Father of Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Heffernan, FSSP - Justin LaFata
Sun. Aug. 17th	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:00 a.m.	Sister Mary Damiana - Irene and Jerry Walsh
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

INTROIT

Ps. 53, 6, 7

Behold, God is my helper, and the Lord is the protector of my soul: turn back the evils upon my enemies, and cut them off in Thy truth, O Lord, my protector. *Ps 53, 3.* Save me, O God, by Thy Name, and deliver me in Thy strength. *V.* Glory be to the Father ... Behold, God ...

COLLECT

Let the ears of Thy mercy, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy suppliants, and, that Thou may grant their desires to them that seek, make them to ask only for those things that please Thee. Through Our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 Cor. 10, 6-13

Brethren, let us not covet evil things, as they also coveted. Neither become ye idolaters, as some of them: as it is written: The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed fornication, and there fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them tempted, and perished by the serpents. Neither do you murmur, as some of them murmured, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them in figure, and they are written for our correction, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore he that thinks himself to stand, let him take heed lest he fall. Let no temptation take hold on you, but such as is human; and God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able; but will make also with temptation issue, that you may be able to bear it.

GRADUAL

Ps. 8, 2

O Lord our Lord, how admirable is Thy Name in the whole earth. *V.* For Thy magnificence is elevated above the heavens.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Vs. Ps. 58, 2. Deliver me from my enemies, O my God: and defend me from them that rise up against me. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

Luke 19, 41-47

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jerusalem, seeing the city, He wept over it saying, If thou also had known, and that in this thy day, the things that are to

thy peace: but now they are hidden from thy eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, and thy enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and straiten thee on every side, and beat thee flat to the ground, and thy children who are in thee; and they shall not leave in thee a stone upon a stone, because thou hast not known the time of thy visitation. And entering into the temple, He began to cast out them that sold therein, and they that bought, saying to them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves. And He was teaching daily in the temple.

OFFERTORY

Ps 18, 9, 10, 11, 12

The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts, and His judgments sweeter than honey and the honeycomb: for Thy servant keeps them.

SECRET

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, worthily to frequent these mysteries, for as often as the commemoration of this victim is celebrated, the work of our redemption is performed. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

John 6, 57

He that eats My Flesh, and drinks My Blood, abides in Me, and I in him; saith the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION

Let the communion of Thy Sacrament, we beseech Thee, O Lord, both cleanse us from sin and make us of one mind and one heart in Thy service. Through our Lord.



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

O Lord, grant that Your grace in me may not be void.

Today the liturgy invites us to consider the grave problem of our correspondence with grace. It does this by showing us the sad picture of the sufferings of Israel, the chosen people, upon whom God had showered His benefits, whom He had surrounded with graces, protected with jealous care, and who, in spite of all this, were lost through their own infidelity. In the Epistle, St. Paul, after mentioning certain points about Israel's unfaithfulness, concludes: "Now all these things happened to them in figure, and they are written for our correction... Wherefore, he that thinketh himself to stand, let him take heed lest he fall." This is a strong call to vigilance and humility. If God has gone before us with His graces, if He has called us to a more intense interior life and to closer intimacy with Himself, all this, far from making us presumptuous, should deepen our humility of heart. God's gifts are preserved beneath the ashes of humble mistrust of self. Woe to us if we consider ourselves henceforth free from the weaknesses which we meet and, perhaps, condemn in others! Rather let us humbly say: "Lord, help me, or I shall do worse." At the same time that he exhorts us to be humble, St. Paul also urges us to have confidence, because "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able: but will make also with temptation issue, that you may be able to bear it." The Apostle is telling us that the knowledge of our weakness should not discourage us, because God is always ready to sustain us with His grace. God knows our weaknesses, the struggles we have to undergo, and the temptations that assail us; and for each of them He gives us the measure of grace we need in order to triumph over them. It is very true that when the storm is raging we can feel only the impact of the struggle, and the grace that God is giving to help us remains completely hidden; nevertheless, this grace is there and we should be certain of it, because "God is faithful." "God has always helped me..." St. Therese of the Child Jesus

said, "I count on His aid. My sufferings may reach even greater heights, but I am sure He will not abandon me."

The Gospel continues the same subject of the Epistle and shows us Jesus weeping over Jerusalem. The Creator, the Lord, the Redeemer weeps over the ruin of His creatures, the people whom He has loved with predilection, even choosing them as the companions of His earthly life, and whom He had desired to save at any price.

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem... how often would I have gathered together thy children as the hen doth gather her chickens under her wings, and thou wouldst not!" (*Mt 23,37*). This was the constant attitude of Jesus toward the holy city, but it always remained blind to every light, deaf to every invitation, and the Savior, shortly before going to His Passion, broke forth into His last sorrowful admonition: "If thou also hadst known and that in this thy day, the things that are to thy peace!" But again the city resists, and Jesus, after having loved it so much, and after having wept over it as a mother weeps over her son who has gone astray, predicts its ruin: "Thy enemies... shall not leave in thee a stone upon a stone, because thou hast not known the time of thy visitation."

Do you know how to recognize the moments in which Our Lord visits your soul? A word read or heard, perhaps even by chance, an edifying example, an interior inspiration, a new light which makes you see your faults more clearly and opens new horizons of virtue and of good—all are visits from Jesus. And you, how do you correspond? Is your soul sensitive to these lights, to these admonitions? Do you not sometimes turn your gaze away, fearing that the light you have glimpsed may ask you for sacrifices which are too painful for your self-love?

Oh! if you had always recognized the moment in which the Lord visited you! If you had always been open to His action! Try then to begin again today, resolve to commence anew each time that you happen to give in to nature. "The things that are to your peace," your good, your sanctification, are precisely here, in this continual adherence to the impulses of grace.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH
 extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners in the parish.

AURIESVIELLE PILGRIMAGE: Join the 19th annual *Pilgrimage for Restoration* on Friday-Sunday, September 19-21. Follow Christ in the footsteps of North America's saints through the Adirondacks to the Shrine of Our Lady's Martyrs at Auriesville, NY. Walk 60 miles or 6, three days or one, to the holy place where Ss. Isaac Jogues & Companions gave blessed witness to Jesus amidst cruel persecutions 372 years ago. Confessions, traditional Mass, teaching & personal counsels of Priests of solid faith every day. TLC & shuttles provided for the walking-weary. Families can make 'modified pilgrimage' on the road & in camp. Affordable! St. Michael's (own parish) Brigade welcomes you! For more information see Mr. Eric McWhirter or inquire 484-201-3852, coalition@fast.net, <http://pilgrimage.stblogs.com>.

SEMINARY CAMPAIGN: Our Knights of Columbus Council would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed to our Vocations Fund drive this year. Your contributions amounted to \$3,050.00. Add to that the Knights pledge of \$500.00 and we have a grand total of \$3550.00 to be divided evenly between our two seminarians, James Gillenkirk and David McWhirter. May God reward you for your generosity!

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: The parish picnic is **Saturday, August 16th** at LaCoe's Grove in Clarks Summit. Directions will be forthcoming in the vestibule of the church. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule for each family to bring their favorite dish for 15 people. The food will be blessed at 1:00 p.m. Let's pray for NO rain!

REMINDER: Friday, August 15th, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of obligation. **Team A** will serve the High Mass.

Low Mass - 8:00 a.m.
High Mass - 7:00 p.m.

COLLECTION: August 3rd - \$1,591.00

Altar Boy Schedule

NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 10

8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joshua Sica
AC2 Timothy Sica

10:15 a.m. Mass

AC1 James McWhirter
AC2 Joseph McWhirter

WEEK ONE

Monday Joseph Schneider
7:45 a.m. Patrick Schneider

Tuesday Collin Chidester
7:45 a.m. Andrew Chidester

Wednesday John Pheasant
7:45 a.m. Andrew Pheasant

Thursday William Skuba
7:45 a.m. John Skuba

TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 17
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
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