

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2015

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Oct. 18th	Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:00 a.m.	Consecration of Russia - <i>Emig Family</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Oct. 19th	St. Peter of Alcantara, Confessor, III Class
7:45 a.m.	St. Michael's Altar Boys - <i>Frank Leo</i>
Tues. Oct. 20th	St. John Cantius, Confessor, III Class
7:45 a.m.	Helen Bogorowski - <i>David &amp; Karen Scatena</i>
Wed. Oct. 21st	Feria, IV Class
7:45 a.m.	Jerry & Joan Gerrity - <i>K of C</i>
Thu. Oct. 22nd	Feria, IV Class
7:45 a.m.	† Gabriel Testo - Griffin Hospital Staff
Fri. Oct. 23rd	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bp & Confessor, III Class
6:00 p.m.	† Thomas J. Laird - <i>Robert McHale</i>
Sat. Oct. 24th	St. Raphael the Archangel, III Class
9:00 a.m.	Ammie Maravelli - <i>Alice Toman</i>
Sun. Oct. 25th	Christ the King, I Class
8:00 a.m.	Nellie Scatena - <i>David &amp; Karen Scatena</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

# Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

## INTROIT

*Esther 13, 9, 10, 11*

All things are in Thy will, O Lord, and there is none that can resist Thy will: for Thou hast made all things, heaven and earth, and all things that are under the cope of heaven: Thou art Lord of all. *Ps. 118, 1.* Blessed are the undefiled in the way; who walk in the law of the Lord. *V.* Glory be to the Father ... All things are in Thy will ...

## COLLECT

Keep Thy household, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with continual loving-kindness, that by Thy protection it may be free from all adversities and devoted to Thy Name in well-doing. Through our Lord.

## EPISTLE

*Eph. 6, 10-17*

Brethren, be strengthened in the Lord, and in the might of His power. Put you on the armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the deceits of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against Principalities and Powers, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places. Therefore, take unto you the armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and to stand in all things perfect. Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast plate of justice, and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; in all things taking the shield of faith, wherewith you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one. And take unto you the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 89, 1, 2*

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge, from generation to generation. *V.* Before the mountains were made, or the earth and the world was formed; from eternity and to eternity Thou art God.

## ALLELUIA

*Ps. 113, 1*

Alleluia, alleluia. When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a barbarous people. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

*Matt. 18, 23-35*

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The kingdom of heaven is likened to a king, who would take an account of his servants. And when he had begun to take the account, one was brought to him that owed him ten thousand talents: and as he had not wherewith to pay it, his lord commanded that he should be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. But that servant falling down, besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And the lord of that servant,

being moved with pity, let him go; and forgave him the debt. But when that servant was gone out, he found one of his fellow-servants that owed him a hundred pence: and laying hold of him, he throttled him, saying, Pay what thou owest. And his fellow-servant falling down besought him, saying, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not; but went and cast him into prison till he paid the debt. Now his fellow-servants, seeing what was done, were very much grieved; and they came and told their lord all that was done. Then his lord called him, and saith to him, Thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all the debt, because thou besoughtest me; shouldst not thou then have had compassion also on thy fellow-servant, even as I had compassion on thee? And his lord being angry, delivered him to the torturers until he paid all the debt. So also shall My heavenly Father do to you, if you forgive not every one his brother from your hearts.

## OFFERTORY

*Job 1*

There was a man in the land of Hus, whose name was Job, simple, and upright, and fearing God: whom Satan besought that he might tempt: and power was given him from the Lord over his possessions and his flesh; and he destroyed all his substance and his children; and wounded his flesh also with a grievous ulcer.

## SECRET

Graciously receive, O Lord, the sacrifices with which Thou hast willed that Thou shouldst be appeased and our salvation, by Thy mighty love, restored. Through our Lord.

## COMMUNION

*Ps. 118, 81, 84, 86*

My soul is in Thy salvation, and in Thy word have I hoped: when wilt Thou execute judgment on them that persecute me? the wicked have persecuted me: help, me, O Lord my God.

## POSTCOMMUNION

Having been fed with the food of immortality. O Lord: we beseech Thee, that what we have received with our mouth, we may follow with a pure mind. Through our Lord.



“The kingdom of heaven is likened to a king who would take an account of his servants. “ Today’s Gospel refers to the account which all men will one day be called upon to give. It is a serious thought, which makes us reflect, as we did last Sunday, on the state of our conscience. Yet, as we continue the reading of this parable, our hearts are comforted. God, represented by the king, manifests such kindness, mercy, and compassion to the poor servant who cannot pay his debt; He forgives him everything and sets him free.

The debt of that servant was not a trifling one: ten thousand talents; our debts to God are much greater and cannot be computed in talents, nor in silver and gold; they must be reckoned according to the price of our redemption, the most precious Blood of Jesus. Our debts are our sins which needed to be washed away in the Blood of a divine Victim. In spite of our good will, we increase these debts each day, to a greater or lesser extent, if only by faults of frailty and weakness. Is there one who can say at the day’s end that he has not contracted new debts with God? If, at the end of life, God should place before us an exact account of our *deficit*, we should find ourselves in a much more embarrassing position than that of the servant in the parable. But God, being infinite goodness, knows and has pity on our misery; each time we place ourselves before Him and humbly acknowledge our faults with sincere repentance, He immediately pardons us and cancels all our debts. God is magnificent when He pardons: He does not reproach us for the faults over which we have already wept, nor does He keep any account of them; His pardon is so generous, so great and complete, that it not only annuls our debts, but destroys even the memory of them, as if they had never existed. It is enough for Him to see us repentant; then every wound, even the most grievous and repugnant, is completely healed by the precious Blood of Jesus. Christ’s Blood is like an immense sea which has the power to cleanse and destroy the sins of all mankind, provided they are sincerely repented of. Every minute of every day we can take the burden, heavy or light as it may be, of our sins and infidelities and make it disappear in this ocean of grace and love, certain that not one trace of it will remain.

The second part of the parable speaks of our forgiveness of others. Returning home, the fortunate servant whose debts had all been cancelled, met one of his

fellow servants, who owed him a hundred pence, a very small sum compared with the ten thousand talents which had been cancelled for him. Yet he who had been treated with so much mercy, showed none to his fellow servant; he would neither listen to his pleadings, nor heed his tears, but “went and cast him into prison, till he paid the debt. ”

A few moments ago we were moved by the master’s kindness; now the servant’s cruelty makes us indignant. Yet, even though we blush, we ought to recognize that, just as the kindheartedness of the master is the image of the mercy of God, ever ready to pardon, so the cruelty of the servant is the figure of our own Hardheartedness and miserliness in forgiving our neighbor. Unfortunately, it is all too true: we who need God’s forgiveness even more than we need our daily bread, are so hard, so demanding toward our fellow men; we find it difficult to be indulgent and forgiving. Yet what are the debts that our neighbor may owe us compared with what we owe to God? Certainly, infinitely less than a few pence compared with ten thousand talents, since it is a matter of an offense committed against a mere creature compared with one committed against the infinite majesty of God. But what a contrast! God pardons, forgets, and entirely cancels all our heavy debts; He does not cease to love us and bestow favors upon us in spite of our continual want of fidelity. We, on the contrary, find it very difficult to forgive some little slight; even if we do forgive, we cannot entirely forget it, and we are ready to reproach the other person at the first opportunity. How would we act if our neighbor committed against us each day the numerous infidelities and faults that we commit against God? Oh! how miserable and constrained is our way of pardoning others!

The parable describes the punishment inflicted on the cruel servant by his master: “And his lord being angry, delivered him to the torturers until he paid all the debt”; and the conclusion follows: “So also shall My heavenly Father do to you, if you forgive not your brothers from your hearts.” If we wish God to be generous in pardoning us, we must be generous in forgiving others; we shall be forgiven according to the measure in which we forgive, which means that we ourselves give to God the exact measure of the mercy He is to show to us. (Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*)

## 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection Today for World Mission Sunday. May God reward your charity.

**Fr. Zepeda** is away on vacation until October 22nd and Fr. Carlos Casavantes is here only until the Monday 19th; therefore there will be **no Mass** from Tuesday October 20th through Thursday October 22nd.

**ALL SAINTS PARTY: St. Michael's Annual All Saints Day Party** is on Saturday, October 31st! We will begin in church with the Litany of the Saints at 6 PM. *Please bring a snack or dessert to share!* Please make sure the clues for the costume contest are under a minute long per child. *See the sign up sheet in the vestibule to sign up for candy bags!* If you have any questions, please see Caroline Gillenkirk.

**The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls.** On all the days from November 1 through November 8 inclusive, a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the faithful departed. Please be sure to have your intentions submitted for the **All Souls Novena** by Sunday, November 1st.

**ALL SOULS DAY: Monday, November 2nd** is All Souls Day. There will be three consecutive Masses, begging at 7:00am, 7:30am and 8:am. Communion will only be distributed at 8:00am Mass. There will be no evening mass this year.

**SILENCE PLEASE:** There is too much noise in the vestibule after Mass. Please socialize downstairs or outside after Mass.

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 18th  
8:00 a.m. Mass

<b>ACI</b>	Joshua Sica
<b>AC2</b>	Timothy Sica
<b>TEAM A</b>	
<b>MC</b>	Timothy Emig
<b>TH</b>	John Gillenkirk
<b>AC1</b>	Andrew Pheasant
<b>AC2</b>	Matthew Gillenkirk
<b>C</b>	Sean Michelin
<b>S1</b>	Joseph Seeley
<b>S2</b>	Brendan Seeley

### WEEK ONE

<b>Monday</b>	Patrick Schneider
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Collin Chidester
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Andrew Pheasant
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	John Skuba
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Joseph Skuba

### CHRIST THE KING

Oct. 25th  
8:00 a.m. Mass

<b>ACI</b>	Dominic Gardner
<b>AC2</b>	Jack Gardner
<b>TEAM B</b>	
<b>MC</b>	Francis LaFata
<b>TH</b>	Joseph McWhirter
<b>AC1</b>	John Mitchell
<b>AC2</b>	Stephen LaFata
<b>C</b>	
<b>S1</b>	Brian LaFata
<b>S2</b>	Ian McGuirk