# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Twenty-Kirst Sunday after Pentecost

November 2, 2014

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## Mass Intentions

Sun. Nov. 2nd Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, I Class

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory - Anon.

10:15 a.m. Pro Populo

Mon. Nov. 3rd Commemoration of All Souls. I Class

7:45 a.m. All Souls

Tues. Nov. 4th St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop & Conf., III Class

7:45 a.m. All Souls

Wed. Nov. 5th Daily Mass for the Dead, III Class

7:45 p.m. All Souls

Thu. Nov. 6th Daily Mass for the Dead, III Class

7:45 a.m. All Souls

Fri. Nov. 7th Daily Mass for the Dead, III Class

6:00 p.m. All Souls

Sat. Nov. 8th Daily Mass for the Dead, III Class

9:00 a.m. All Souls

Sun. Nov. 9th Ded. of Archbasilica of Our Holy Savior, II Class

8:00 a.m. All Souls 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

## 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 they 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 appeared 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.



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

O Lord, You Who give Yourself to us even to becoming our food, teach me to give myself to souls even unto total forgetfulness of myself.

Another condition necessary for making our activity holy is "generous forgetfulness and abnegation of self" (Pius XII); what is more, without forgetfulness of self, it would be impossible to have rectitude of intention. Many secondary intentions steal into our actions precisely because we are so wrapt up in ourselves, so occupied and preoccupied with our ego, our interests, conveniences, so anxious to be admired and to "We must go forth win applause and esteem. from ourselves and from creatures," says St. John of the Cross, go forth especially from this creature whom we love more than every other, ourselves. If the Saint indicates to us the way of "the nothing" with a view to the contemplative ideal of union with God, we may assert that the apostolic life does not require less; it too exacts total abnegation of self which can only be brought about by constantly reminding ourselves: nothing, nothing, nothing.

To realize his vocation, the missionary must leave his homeland, his parents, his friends; he must give up the language, habits, and customs of his country in order to conform to those of his adopted land; likewise, due proportion being made, every apostle must renounce many things, even when working in home surroundings, his place of employment, or among his neighbors. Tastes, habits, personal demands of culture, education, sensibility must be generously put aside, that the apostle may adapt himself to the mentality and to the demands of others; quiet, rest, relaxation, must yield their place to the service of souls. The apostle should not go about seeking interesting conversations, consoling friendships, pleasant occupations, satisfying results. Occasionally it may happen that he will meet these things on his way, but even then, he may not stop to enjoy them selfishly, but must use them as means for the apostolate; in any case, they may never and must never rule his activity. The apostle is sent to "give" and not to "receive," to sow and not to reap; therefore, he ought to know how to give his time, his work, his energies, and his very self, even in situations which offer nothing consoling, and even to those souls from whom he receives neither satisfaction nor gratitude.

St. Paul teaches that the priest "is ordained for men," and the same can be said of every apostle. The apostle does not exist for himself, for his career, for his own advantage, but for souls, for the advantage of others and for all that concerns their spiritual good. Even if the apostolate confers on him some authority, some dignity, it is not for his honor, for his utility, but only for the service of his fellow men. The only personal advantage that he can and should derive from the exercise of his apostolate is his own sanctification. Such is the only right that the apostle is entitled to, the sole benefit he can seek for himself; all the rest must be generously sacrificed for God and for souls.

A soul truly given to the apostolate no longer belongs to himself: his strength, his talents, his time, his health, his life belong to God and his neighbor, and having given himself, he can no longer take himself back, nor dispose of himself. It can be said that he has lost the right of ownership over all that he is and all that he has. To give himself by forgetting himself, and to forget himself that he may give himself even more: such is his program; and this, not only in moments of enthusiasm, on bright days, when souls respond to his care, when his works flourish, and he himself is strong and vigorous, but also in moments of darkness, on gray days, when all seems to crumble under the impact of difficulties, when his tired body claims a little rest, when the work is heavy and energy declines and, with the onrush of internal and external struggles, it becomes very difficult to remain at his post.

Yes, even in hours of abandonment and trial, the apostle must continue to give himself with equal constancy and generosity. If he does not do so cheerfully, that is, with a true spirit of sacrifice, it will be impossible for his conduct not to betray his ill humor, discontent, aversion, or impatience; and all this is very prejudicial to his work and the influence he could exercise. But where can the strength be found for this complete and continual gift of self? In the Holy Eucharist. In it, Jesus gives Himself to us even to becoming our food. If the apostle, called to extend the mission of the Master, cannot imitate Him by giving himself literally as food to souls, he can nevertheless follow His example by putting himself at their disposal to the point of allowing himself to be "eaten" by them, that is to say, by allowing himself to be consumed in their service.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new

parishioners in the parish.

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.

**NOVEMBER 3rd ALL SOULS DAY:** Tomorrow, beginning at 6:00 a.m., there will be three consecutive Masses, Communion will be distributed only during the first Mass. As usual there will be a 7:45 a.m. Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY is November 7th. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Please don't leave Our Lord alone. God bless you.

**Fr. Stinson** will be away on Fraternity business from Saturday November 8th through the 15th.

COLLECTION: October 26th - \$1,934.00



| TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |                  |           |                  | DEDICATION OF THE ARCH-<br>BASILICA OF OUR SAVIOR |                       |  |
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| WEEK TWO                            |                  |           |                  |   |                       |  |
| November 2nd                        |                  |           |                  | November 9th                                      |                       |  |
| 8:00 a.m. Mass                      |                  |           |                  | 8   | <u>8:00 a.m. Mass</u> |  |
|                                     |                  | Monday    |                  |   |                       |  |
| ACI                                 | Dominic Gardner  | 7:45 a.m. |                  | ACI   | Stephen LaFata        |  |
| AC2                                 | Jack Gardner     |           |                  | AC2   | Francis LaFata        |  |
|                                     |                  | Tuesday   | Joseph McWhirter |   |                       |  |
|                                     | TEAM B           | 7:45 a.m. |                  |   | TEAM D                |  |
| MC                                  | Anthony Mitchell |           |                  | MC  | John Gillenkirk       |  |
| TH                                  | Joshua Sica      | Wednesday | John Mitchell    | TH  | Matthew Gillenkirk    |  |
| AC1                                 | Francis LaFata   | 7:45 a.m. | Anthony Mitchell | AC1   | Joseph Schneider      |  |
| AC2                                 | Stephen LaFata   |           |                  | AC2   | Patrick Schneider     |  |
| C                                   | Timothy Sica     | Thursday  | Joshua Sica      | C   | Colin Chidester       |  |
| S1                                  | John Mitchell    | 7:45 a.m. | Timothy Sica     | <b>S</b> 1  | John Skuba            |  |
| S2                                  | Brian LaFata     |           |                  | <b>S2</b>   | Joseph Skuba          |  |
| S3                                  | Ian McGuirk      |           |                  | <b>S</b> 3  | Joseph Seeley         |  |
| <b>S4</b>                           |                  |           |                  | <b>S4</b>   | Brendan Seeley        |  |
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