

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER
SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY



The Parable of the Laborers

Dear Faithful of St. Michael,

May our Lord Jesus Christ be praised through all of our actions and may His peace dwell within your hearts!

The season of Septuagesima, which precedes Lent, opens with this parable of the Laborers in the vineyard. He begins this story with the familiar words, "**The kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard...**" indicating that the focus of story is on the character of the householder in the story. The householder goes out and searches for laborers to work in his vineyard. He went out at the beginning of the day, then at the 3rd hour, then the 6th, the 9th, and even at the 11th hour, he still called them to work. At the end of the day he calls them together and gives them

all a denarius. This was the agreed upon wage for a day's labor. He was not unjust to the first workers, but he was generous with the workers that came later. Often this passage is cited as an endorsement of sorts for communism. But this would be a grave misunderstanding of the message and context of this parable. Christ wasn't revealing a moral ethic for governing a society but He was revealing a truth about the goodness of God. God is always going around, calling us to work in His vineyard. He has an everlasting reward for us and He desires to give it to us so much that He condescended to us by entering His creation in the form of a man. He endured incredible humiliations and abuse to send us this message. To receive this reward, we simply had to pick up our cross and follow Him. The point of the story is not that God is unjust in giving, but that He is generous, and that He continues to call us, even after we have rejected Him, even after we have avoided His calls in the past, today, at this hour He calls to you to be a saint.

It should reassure us that we don't have to suffer like He did, or we don't have to endure such tortures as St. Isaac Jogues did in having his body mutilated and his fingers bitten off. We don't have to be as wise and intelligent as St. Thomas, fast like St. John Vianney to be eligible to enter the kingdom of Heaven. We don't know how long or how great our perseverance will be in this life, but if we recognize and love the God Who is calling us, Who is with us, then it doesn't really matter, because our joy will be full. Persevere always.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 13-19

SUNDAY: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

8:00 AM LOW MASS
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: FERIA/ST. VALENTINE, M

7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: FERIA/STS. FAUSTINUS AND JOVITA

7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: FERIA

7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: FERIA

7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: FERIA/ST. SIMEON, BM

5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
6:00 PM LOW MASS

SATURDAY: SATURDAY OF OUR LADY

8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
9:00 AM LOW MASS

CONFESSIONS

MON-THURS: 7:25 - 7:40 AM
FRIDAY - SUNDAY:
45 MIN BEFORE MASS
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Announcements and Upcoming Events

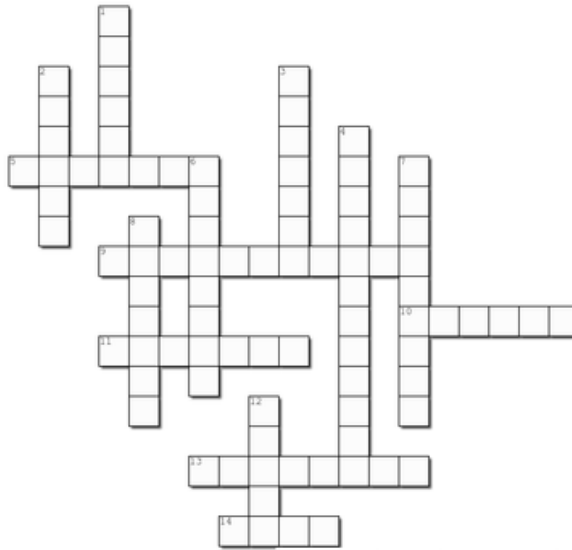
- Fr. Mahowald will be back on Thursday, Fr. Dorsa will be able to assist you in all of your parishioner needs until then.
- Classes for first communion and Confirmation will begin on Sunday February 27, at 9 am in the church basement.
- 40 Hours Devotion will begin on Sunday February 27th with exposition after 10:15 am High Mass and concluding with Benediction at 7:30 am on Tuesday, March 1st. Please consider signing up to spend an hour or two before our Blessed Lord. This devotion is traditionally done before Lent to make reparation for sins of blasphemy especially for those committed during Mardi Gras. We want to have at least 2 people be signed-up for each hour.



Consideration for Septuagesima from Dom Gueranger, O.S.B.

The holy Church calls us together today, in order that we may hear from her lips the sad history of the fall of our First Parents. This awful event implies the Passion and cruel Death of the Son of God made Man, who has mercifully taken upon himself to expiate this and every subsequent sin committed by Adam and us his children. It is of the utmost importance that we should understand the greatness of the remedy; we must, therefore, consider the grievousness of the wound inflicted. For this purpose, we will spend the present week in meditating on the nature and consequences of the sin of our First Parents.

- March 2nd is Ash Wednesday. In addition to the 7:45 am low mass, we will have a 6:00 pm mass. Ashes will be distributed at the beginning of the masses.



Across

5. Meaning of the Greek word 'martyr'
9. The 'Seraphic' Doctor of the Church.
10. Mount of transfiguration.
11. St. Peter's first established See.
13. Winningest Super Bowl Quarterback in NFL history.
14. Sold his birthright for a bowl of porridge.

Down

1. River where Jesus was baptized.
2. Prophet who read the writing on the wall.
3. Was stoned to death outside the Damascus gate of Jerusalem.
4. Latin term marking roughly 70 days to Easter.
6. Highest choir of angels.
7. Martyr saint and patron saint of happy marriages.
8. Founder of the Order of Preachers.
12. First of the Apostles to be martyred.

*"The terrors of death
surged round me, the
cords of the nether
world enmeshed me.
In my distress I
called upon the Lord;
from His holy temple
He heard my voice.*

*I love You, O Lord,
my strength, O Lord,
my rock, my fortress,
my deliverer"*

PSALM 17:2-5, 7

INTROIT FOR SEPTUAGESIMA

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

+Elizabeth Bergeron

rb Zuranski Family

Pro Populo

Monday: 7:45 AM

Genevieve Scatena

rb Dave Scatena

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

Jeff Doggett

rb Lisa Doggett

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

+Lois M. Weinschenk

rb Robert McHale

Thursday: 7:45 AM

+Patrick Kearney

rb Robert McHale

Friday: 6:00 PM

+Evelyn Tereshko

rb Everyone at Vitali's Market

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Teresa Ann La Fata

rb La Fata Family