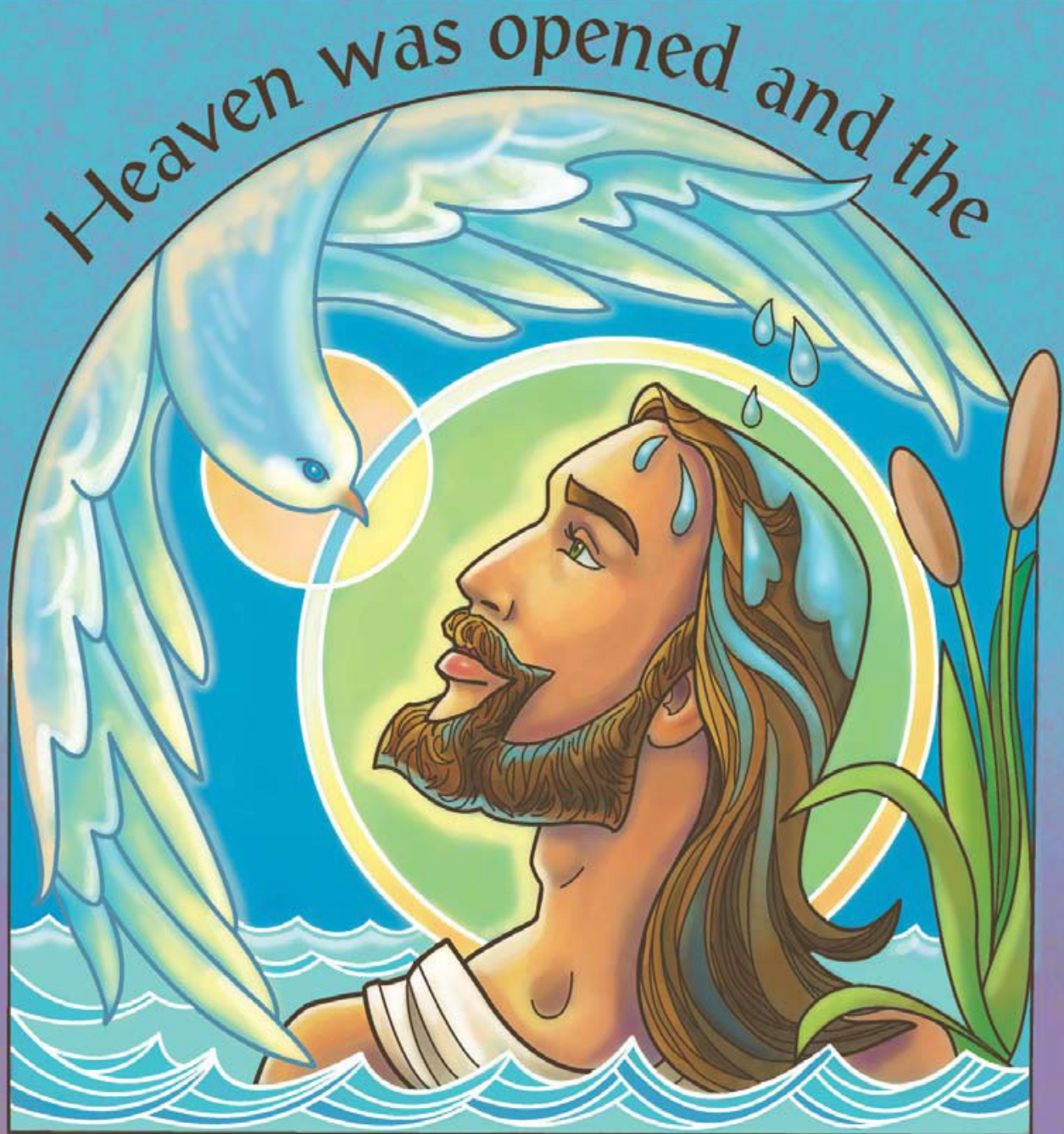
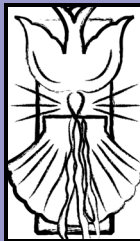


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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 10, 2016
MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT**

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace
(Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good
(Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased
(Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "**today there is a blessing on the water.**" At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28

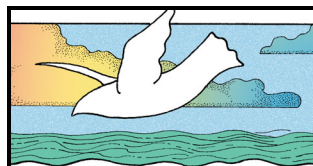
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



**"He saved us through the
bath of rebirth and
renewal by the Holy Spirit."
—Titus 3:5**

ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

CCW meetings are held the second Monday during the months of September through May. Our next meeting will be this Monday, January 11th in the Parish Hall. We will begin with light refreshments at 6:30pm followed by the meeting at 7pm. All ladies of the parish are invited to come join us for our first meeting and fellowship in 2016!

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner.

To report abuse, call:

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
Judy Pinson at (904)262-3200, ext. 129 or
Department of Children & Families at
1-800-96Abuse or
1-800-962-2873.

Brochures are available at the church entrance

SCHEDULING MEETINGS/EVENTS ON THE PARISH CALENDAR

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule your meetings times. Fortunately, there are more parishioners getting involved in various newly formed groups during this Year of Renewal at St. Michael. Even if you've had a monthly date and time, please confirm them by calling the office: 904-261-3472 and for any special events also.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TURNING THE TIDE

"When everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."

—Harriet Beecher Stowe



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST TRAINING SESSION

There will be a training session in church on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 9:00am for those who are interested in being part of this important ministry.

Requirements are that you be at least 16 years of age and confirmed. If you are married, it must be a sacramental marriage.

Please call the parish office if you plan to attend: 904-261-3472.

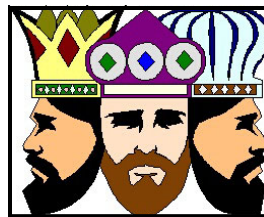
"Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian Life"

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

To Feed the Hungry
To Give Drink to the Thirsty
To Clothe the Naked
To Shelter the Homeless
To Care for the Sick
To Visit the Imprisoned
To Bury the Dead

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

To Convert Sinners
To Instruct the Ignorant
To Advise the Doubtful
To Comfort the Sorrowful
To Bear Wrongs Patiently
To Forgive Injuries
To Pray for the Living and the Dead
"A Time to Heal, to Help, to Forgive"



THANKS TO ALL.....

Who attended our Epiphany Pageant and International Dinner! We especially thank all those who participated in the cast, music, lighting, set up, stage directions, etc.

Special thanks and appreciation to Fr. Jose for his vision and support for our First Annual Pageant.



GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

Registered Families 1604 December 27, 2015

Offertory	\$27,953.45
Children's Collection	49.05
Christmas	\$23,290.08

January 3, 2016

Offertory	\$22,617.97
Children's Collection	21.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$2,805.00

The SECOND COLLECTION the weekend of January 16/17 will be for Respect Life

Your donation to the Respect Life Collection supports local pregnancy resource centers and parish-based respect life activities. Additional envelopes are available at the church entrance.



ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. Michael Catholic Church wants to remind you that we

offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Online Giving lets you go to www.stmichaelscatholic.com at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.



- Sat. Jan. 9 (5pm) Jack Flynn by Don & Judy Fischer
- Sat. Jan. 9 (7pm) Spanish Mass
- Sun. Jan. 10 (8am) Parishioners of St. Michael
- Sun. Jan. 10 (10am) Gaston Desnoyers by Al Desnoyers
- Sun. Jan.10(12noon) Thomas J. Deely by Ed & Barbara Deely
- Mon.Jan.11(8:30am) Nancy Moody by Tom Moody
- Tues. Jan.12 (6pm) Kenneth Pingley by Tony & Denise
- Wed.Jan.13(8:30am)Anne Mailey by Marge Hampton
- Thurs.Jan.14(8:30am)Frank Alagna by Donald & Mary Lou Johnston
- Fri.Jan.15(8:30am) Stacie Oppert by Joe & Joan Raineri
- Sat. Jan. 16 (5pm) Jack Flynn by Bob & Pat Henderson
- Sat. Jan. 16 (7pm) Spanish Mass
- Sun. Jan.17 (8am) Parishioners of St. Michael
- Sun. Jan. 17 (10am) Jim Kehler by Marie Kehler
- Sun. Jan. 17(12noon)Chuck Miller by Ed & Barbara Deely

Please pray for the sick and all requests in our Prayer Request Book.



BAPTISM CLASS

If you have a child/children to be baptized, you must attend a Baptism Class. The class will be held on the last Thursday of the month—January 28, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Parish Office, 505 Broome Street. Please call Donna Shripka: 770-377-0116 or the parish office: 904-261-3472 if you plan to attend.

CONFIRMATION

Please continue to pray for our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, January 9th. May the Holy Spirit enlighten and guide them on their faith journey.

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Rev. Jose Kallukalam, Pastor
Visiting Priest: Rev. Gerard O'Shea
Deacon Art Treadwell

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish Mass)

Sunday Masses- 8:00 am—10:00 am—12:00 noon

Confessions:
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm or by appointment

Daily Masses: 8:30 am Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri.
6:00 pm Tues.

Holy Days Vigil: 6:00 pm
Holy Day 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND

Weekly visits and monthly Communion Services are held at Savannah Grand, Quality Health Care and Jane Adams House. Visits by Priest or Extraordinary Minister can be arranged by calling 261-3472.

MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation for couples who wish to be married in a Catholic ceremony must meet with their parish priest at least eight months prior to the wedding date.

R.C.I.A.

For those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith, call 261-3472.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Classes are available for grades 1—8. Sacrament preparation is available for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the parish office, 261-3472.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Walt Edwards: 491-0180

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Denise Ziegler: 654-3855

ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY

Pre-K—Grade 8 Principal—Jackie Stewart
Call 321-2102 for information
Email: smacad@smacad.org
Website: www.stmichaels-academy.org



St. Michael Catholic Church Mission Statement
We are the body of Christ at St. Michael's Parish, called to: Gather for Worship, Celebrate the Paschal Mysteries, Preach the Gospel, Minister to Others, Be Witnesses to the World.

