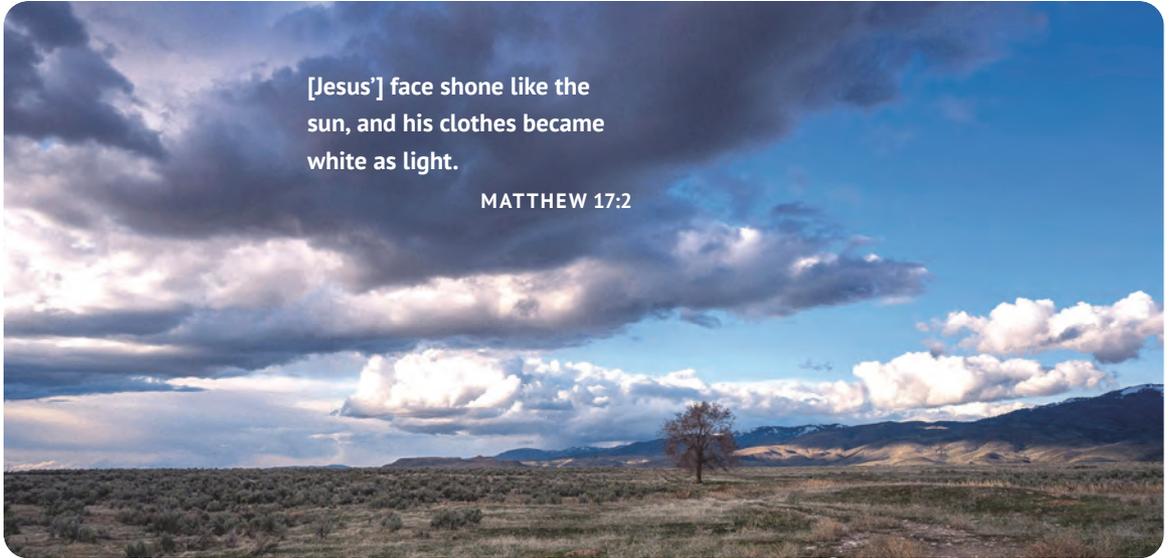




[Jesus'] face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2



Where Heaven and Earth Meet

ANN M. GARRIDO

Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of *his* closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●



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Reflect

What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?

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FRIDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

"COME ADORE THE LORD TRULY PRESENT IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT"

HOLY WEEK

SEMANA SANTA 2026

MARCH
29

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 AM 🕯️
10:30 AM

APRIL
4

HOLY SATURDAY

6:00 PM

APRIL
2

HOLY THURSDAY

6:00 PM

APRIL
5

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 AM 🕯️
10:30 AM

APRIL
3

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 PM



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
SACRED HEART

Retiro Parroquial de Cuaresma

13-14 de Marzo, 2026

Iglesia Católica San Miguel

405 N. Missouri Street • West Memphis, AR 72301

Ven y acércate a Jesús,

Él quiere llenar tus corazones hambrientos en esta Cuaresma.

Directores del Retiro:

Debbie Eckert y P. John Marconi

Viernes, 13 de Marzo

Sábado, 14 de Marzo

6:00 PM - Via Crucis

• Cena ligera y plática corta



8:00 AM - Santa Misa

• Cafe, pan dulce y convivencia

• 9:00 AM - Charlas del retiro

• Almuerzo incluido

• Conclusión del retiro ~ 3:00 PM

Sin costo.

Favor de registrarse por
Flocknote o llamando a la oficina
parroquial.

Te esperamos para un tiempo de oración, reflexión y renovación.

BLESSING OF NEW SACRED VESSELS

The Sacred Vessels have arrived from Spain and will be a beautiful addition to our parish liturgies.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all who contributed to this effort, helping us honor God with reverence and beauty.



Sunday, March 1 | 8:30 AM Mass at Sacred Heart
Sunday, March 8 | 10:30 AM Mass at St. Michael's



This Week AT SMCS

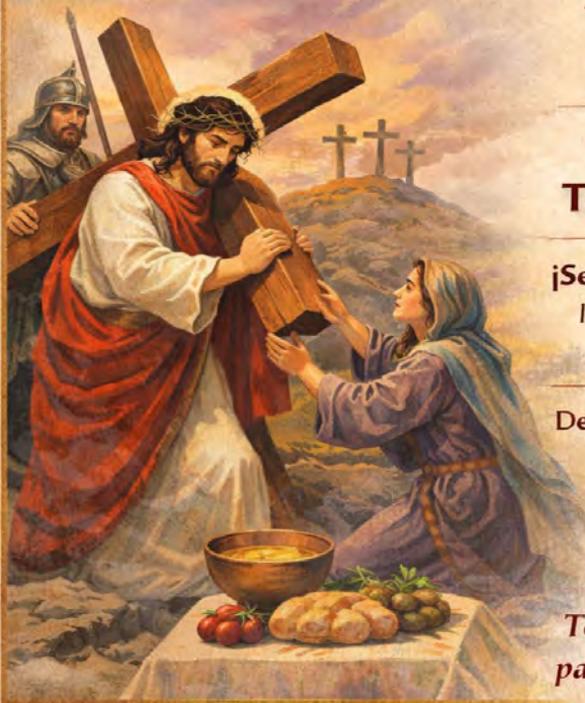


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Vía Crucis

Únase a nosotros en **San Miguel**
Todos los viernes a las 6:00 PM

¡Sea voluntario para leer una de las estaciones!
Inscribase a través de Flocknote o comuníquese
con la oficina parroquial

Después del servicio, acompañenos en el gimnasio
escolar por una **cena sencilla** de Cuaresma

A cargo de los Caballeros de Colón y
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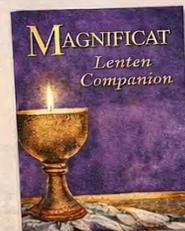
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Make a Difference Close to Home

Please give generously and join us in supporting CASA 2026. Together, we can care for our neighbors and build a stronger Church in Arkansas.

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Stations of the Cross

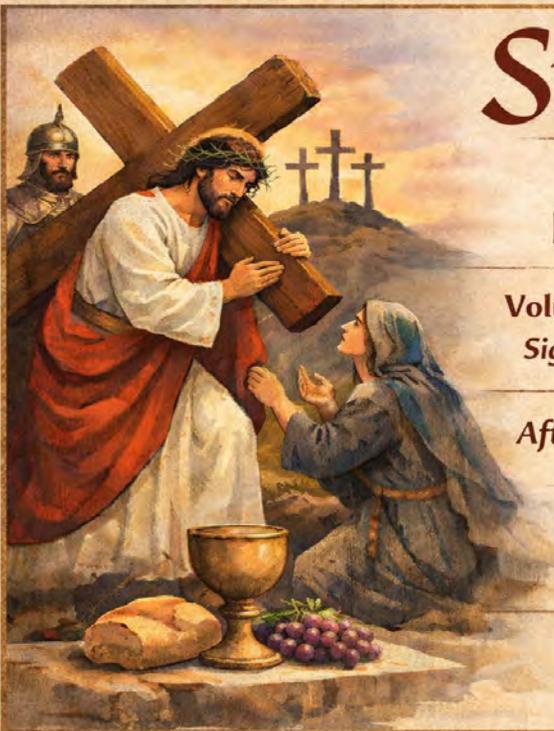
Join us at **St. Michael's**
Every Friday at 6:00 PM

Volunteer as a reader for one of the Stations!
Sign up via Flocknote or contact the church office.

After the service, please join us in the school cafeteria
for a **Lenten Meal**

Compliments of the Knights of Columbus &
Infant of Prague Guild

*All are welcome for prayer,
reflection & fellowship*



Parish Lenten Retreat

March 13–14, 2026

St. Michael's Catholic Church

405 N. Missouri Street • West Memphis, AR 72301

Come and encounter Jesus —

He longs to fill your hungry hearts this Lenten season!

Retreat Directors:

Debbie Eckert & Fr. John Marconi

Friday, March 13

Saturday, March 14

- ◆ 6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Light Supper to Follow
- ◆ Short Talk

- ◆ 8:00 AM – Holy Mass
- ◆ Coffee & Donuts
- ◆ 9:00 AM – Retreat Talks
- ◆ Lunch Provided
- ◆ Retreat Concludes ~ 3:00 PM

No Cost to Attend!

Please Register through **Flocknote**
or Call the **Church Office**

Join us for a time of Prayer, Reflection & Renewal!

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions may be offered for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one, for healing, in honor of a special occasion, or for a special intention for yourself, a family member, or a friend.

To schedule a Mass intention, please complete an envelope located in the vestibule or contact the parish office for available dates.



A customary stipend of \$10 per Mass is appreciated.

Intenciones de Misa

Las intenciones de misa pueden ofrecerse por el descanso del alma de un ser querido difunto, por la sanación, en honor de una ocasión especial o por una intención especial para usted, un familiar o un amigo.

Para solicitar una intención de misa, complete un sobre que se encuentra en el vestíbulo o contacte la oficina parroquial para conocer las fechas disponibles.



Se agradece un estipendio de \$10 por misa.

BINGO NIGHT!

Join us for Bingo every Tuesday night
in the School Cafeteria!



Games Start at:

7:00 PM



Doors Open at:

6:00 PM

We now have **TWO** Jackpots worth **\$1,000** each,
currently at:

★ 46 numbers called & 54 numbers called

Raffle Prize is now up to: \$ 1,550



Bring your friends, family, and lucky charms!

We can't wait to see you there!

SCAN FOR
THE LATEST
BINGO INFO!

INFANT OF PRAGUE GUILD

Meeting

Saturday, March 7

After the 9:00 AM Mass

School Cafeteria

— Homemade —
Spaghetti Sauce
— for Sale! —



\$10 per Quart

All Proceeds Benefit
St. Michael's Catholic School

Thank you for supporting our school!



LITURGICAL

 MINISTRIES



Week of	March 7, 2026	March 8, 2026
Lector	Margie McCain	Tony Bell
Linens	Dorothy Foster	
Communion	Fairly Vega	Libby Burroughs
	Jo Ann Vega	Clay Aureli
	Elizabeth Reese	Sarah Horton
Offertory	Liz & Lesley Posey	Jacob Wray Family
	Ginger Creel	
Greeters	Michelle Pirani	Aureli Family

Parish Organizations

- ❖ **Infant of Prague Guild: meetings are held quarterly in the school cafeteria. Watch here for announcements.**
- ❖ **Knights of Columbus business meeting 1st Sundays at 7:00 P.M.**
- ❖ **Parish Finance Council meeting Thursday, March 19h at 5:00 pm.**
- ❖ **Parish Pastoral Council meeting Thursday, March 19th at 6:15 pm.**
- ❖ **1st Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch March 1st, after Mass**
- ❖ **2nd Sunday St. Michael Brunch March 8th, after Mass - PC**



LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	February	28	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration James Simpson†
Sunday	March	1	8:30 am 10:30 am	Ruben Saldivar Curt Beyers†
Monday	March	2	NO MASS	
Tuesday	March	3	6:00 pm	Jim & Mary Noll†
Wednesday	March	4	8:00 am 5:30pm	Ann Kynch† Ruben Saldivar
Thursday	March	5	8:00 am	Ruben Saldivar
Friday	March	6	8:00 am	Mike & Michael Burroughs†
Saturday	March	7	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	MSGR Bernard Malone† Adoration Ernest Miller Sr†
Sunday	March	8	8:30 am 10:30 am	Bessie McNeil† Cardinal Pengo His Eminence †



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Carla Sanderson, Kathleen Alparo, Baby Arabella, Ward Roberts, Melanie Beyer, Fairley Vega, Olivia Vega, Richard Gunter, Steve Marasco, Illuminata Wilhelmi, Nancy Ellis Hays, Cathy Stockbridge, Theresa Black, Mary Ann Tyrone, Donald Turlich, Vickey Stanford, John Baioni, Carol Burdison, Mary Margaret Riley, Will Hutcherson, Mandi Tacker, Matthew Bain, Edna Alpuente, Joan McCarty, Jane Rice, Neil Sponer, Peggy Mengarelli, Tracey Tyrone Cox, Grace Pulliam, Alaina Goldsby, Nancy Jackson, Janet Long, Danny Foster, Jim Pugh, Jose Cantu, Balthasar Arellano, Joe Alvarez, Jay Guiltner, Scott Goldsmith, Ruben Saldivar, Joanna Kim, Mayson Hall, Walter Smith, Freddy Crabtree, Richard Batkey, Leroy England, Gloria Anderson, Cindy Dabbs, Juan Perez, Jr., Lillie Clark, Eric Densford, Joan White, Tina Imboden, Kay Loney, Johnny McMullin, Victims of War and Violence in our country and throughout the world, especially in the Ukraine. All persons serving in our Military, The Seminarians of the Diocese of Little Rock, and the Religious Men and Women of Arkansas.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

February 22,2026 St. Michael \$4,626.00
Sacred Heart \$1,005.00

Dear Padre,

I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 2	MARCH 3	MARCH 4	MARCH 5	MARCH 6	MARCH 7	MARCH 8
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
Dn 9:4b–10 Lk 6:36–38	Is 1:10, 16–20 Mt 23:1–12	Jer 18:18–20 Mt 20:17–28	Jer 17:5–10 Lk 16:19–31	Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a Mt 21:33–43, 45–46	Mi 7:14–15, 18–20 Lk 15:1–3, 11–32	Ex 17:3–7 Rom 5:1–2, 5–8 Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42
Do you have a question for the Padre?						
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre .						



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, "We want peace in the world!"

Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today's world.

GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE, ROME, JULY 29, 2025