



Embracing the Mystery

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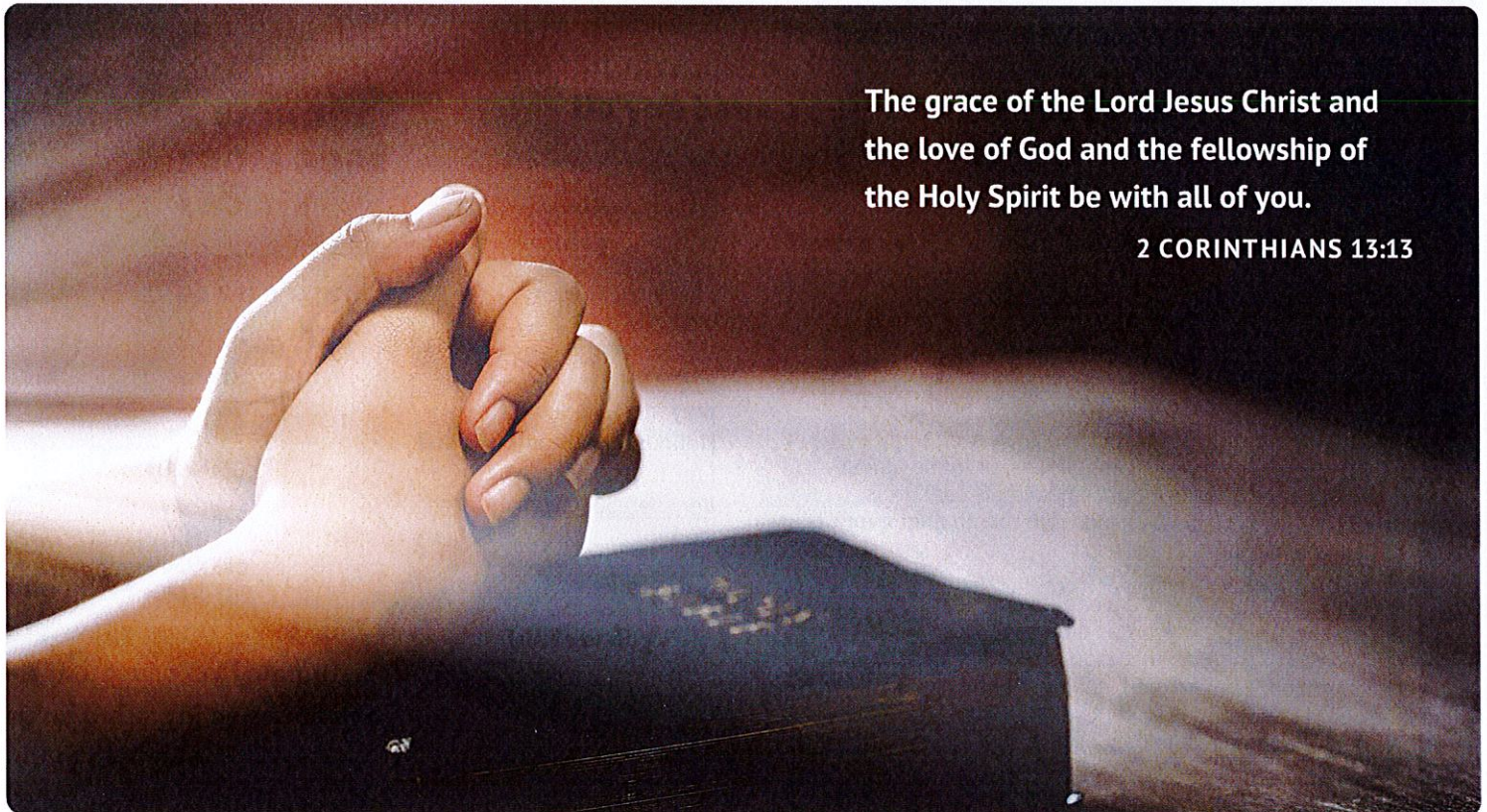
The Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



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COMMUNITY



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and
the love of God and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Reflect

How does the mystery of the Trinity reveal God's nature as a communion of love?

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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday
Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST !

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

PARISH MINISTRIES

(Area code is 870 unless otherwise noted)

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here.

Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register

by completing a registration form, then kindly

return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let

us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and

service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.



Mass Intentions

Saturday / May 30th – Weekday

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Garry and Cathy Raikes

by: Bystry Family

*no 2nd collection

Sunday/ May 31st – The Most Holy Trinity

9 a.m. Holy Mass : All deceased Knights and their spouses †

by: The Knights of Columbus

*no 2nd collection

Monday /June 1st – St. Justin, Martyr

9 a.m. Memorial Mass for David Scheschi

8 :30 a.m. The Rosary

Tuesday/ June 2nd – St. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyr

No Holy Mass :

Wednesday/ June 3rd – St. Charles Lwanga

and Companions, Martyrs

No Holy Mass :

Thursday /June 4th – Weekday

No Holy Mass :

*Bingo starts at 6 pm doors open at 5 pm

Friday/June 5th – St. Boniface, Bishop/Martyr

First Friday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Nick and Alison Kocz

by: Mary Kocz

Saturday / June 6th – St. Norbert, Bishop

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Kelly Ivy

by: Dean Beardslee

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Mary Welch †

by: Ron Martin and family

*2nd collection – St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Food Pantry collection weekend

Sunday/ June 7th – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi

9 a.m. Holy Mass : David Boatwright

by: Davina Boatwright

*2nd collection – St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Food Pantry collection weekend

**BINGO every Thursday- doors open 5 pm games start at 6 pm

**Food Pantry collection is 1st full weekend of each calendar month

Thought for the week

**Ordinary
Time
Year- A**

**ONE GOD,
In
THREE
Distinct
DIVINE
PERSONS**

**The FATHER
THE SON
THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

**"The Trinity
is a Mystery
Beyond
Complete
Human
Understanding."
It is
The Central**

**The Solemnity of
The Most Holy Trinity
May :31:2026**

**Glory be to the Fa
and to the Son,
and to the Holy S**

**As it was
in the beginning,
is now, and
ever shall be,**

🙏 Wishing you a Blessed Week 🙏



May 23rd and May 24th, 2026

Main Collection \$ 3934.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving !

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Wednesday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or

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God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers are generously
provided by: Paulette Montoya in
memory of her husband
Fred Montoya.

Tabernacle Roses are generously
provided by: David and Davina
Boatwright in honor of all their
children and grandchildren.



Our Heartfelt Condolences/Memorial Mass

On the passing of David Scheschi on Sunday May 24th, 2026. Our sympathy to Sally and their children along with their loved ones and friends. The Memorial Mass will be Monday June 1st here at St. Michael's at 9 am The Rosary will be at 8:30 am. May his soul rest in peace.

St. Monica Prayer Group

They meet after 9 am Holy Mass every 1st Thursday of each month to pray for their children and families. Please come join them in praying to St. Monica, Anne will have prayer cards at the meeting. Meetings are in the church library. Contact Anne Kootz with any questions.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

New Beginning is doing their annual fundraiser if you are interested in helping the pregnancy center just pick up a baby bottle in the vestibule and return on Father Day with your donation. Please, do not keep any bottles even if you need to return them empty. They cost money out of their funds that can go towards necessary items.

Food Pantry

Next weekend is the food collection for the needy to help restock the pantry. Canned meats, soups and sauces are always a good choice. Foods that can be prepared easily are good for those that have limited cooking options. Rice, pasta, beans and prepackaged foods. Please look at the expiration dates. It is fine if just a little past the date. Thank you for blessing those in need.

Flower Charts

There are still several opens for 2026 Altar Flowers and Tabernacle Roses. If you have a special occasion coming up this is a beautiful way to recognize that event or to remember a loved one. Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries are ideal what better way to show your love for them. This helps the church with the cost of the beautiful fresh flowers that adorn our Altar here at St. Michael's. The flowers and roses stay on the Altar from Sunday to Sunday. Sign up charts are in the vestibule on the bulletin board or you may contact the church office.

Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Joyce Speir, Barbara Loftquist, Michael and Kathy Gagne, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Dawn Logan, Mary Lee, Jim Whorl, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Pat Kimball, Ray McHugh, Tim Starken, Marcella Birckhead, Michael Reddick, Chuck Wolff, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Maryann Barber, Martin and Amy Moriarty, Toni Travline, Colleen Royal, Maria Gerrah, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Doug and Tammy Wortham.
Nursing Home: Ruth Klinge and KayLynn Rodenbeck.

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- May 30th - Sonja Larson
- June 1st - Raymond McHugh
- June 6th - Kathy Gagne
- June 7th - Malgorzata Lanko



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

- ♥ May 30th – Steve and Renee Ritter 39 years
- ♥ May 31st – Danny and Lana Sorg 57 years
- ♥ June 3rd – David and Davina Boatwright 42 years
- ♥ June 6th – Gary and Linda Pospisil 51 years

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery
Burial Plots

Contact: Bernie Brandenburg

St. Michael's Columbarium
Payment Plans Available
Contact: Jim Wege



St. Michael's Parish Hall
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Social and Potluck Meeting
2nd Monday of the month

Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Officers Meeting

Last Monday of the month
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

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Quarterly Business Meeting
2nd Saturday of the month

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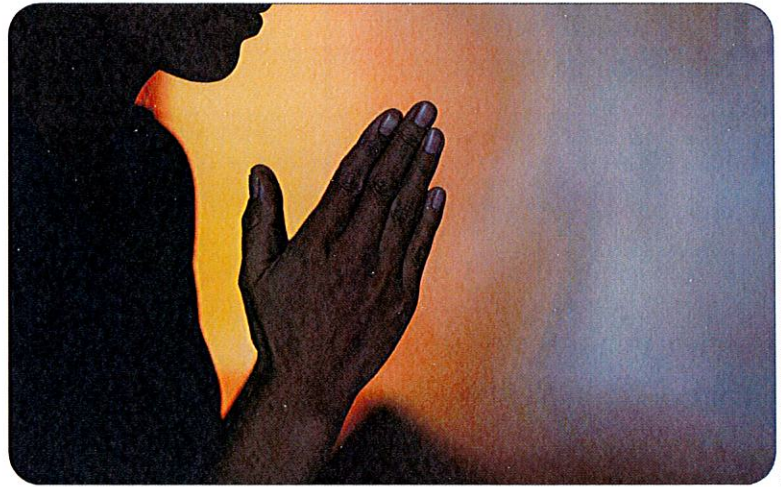
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Dear Padre,

During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”?


When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the Lord’s Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism (“Deliver us, Lord...”). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, “For the kingdom....” This acclamation is meant to be the people’s response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it’s a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn’t mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of “what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice,” stating that a common bodily posture “is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants” (*GIRM* 42). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV
To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

2 Pt 1:2-7

Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday

June 2

Weekday

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18

Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12

Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

June 4

Weekday

2 Tm 2:8-15

Mk 12:28-34

Friday

June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

2 Tm 3:10-17

Mk 12:35-37

Saturday

June 6

Weekday

2 Tm 4:1-8

Mk 12:38-44

Sunday

June 7

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Corpus Christi)

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

1 Cor 10:16-17

Jn 6:51-58