



Life Is a Game of Golf

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf.

A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke's Gospel) or when you find yourself in an "alien land," a place in life you've never been before. ●

[Jesus said to his disciples,]
"For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be."

LUKE 12:34



Reflect

What surprising places has God led me?

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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

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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/ August 9th – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

4 p.m. Holy Vigil Mass : Dorothy Mikolajek †
by Dennis and Jacqueline Malone

Sunday/ August 10th – Nineteenth Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Garry and Cathy Raikes
by The Raikes Family

****KC Big Breakfast after Holy Mass**

Monday/ August 11th – St. Clair

9 a.m. Holy Mass: All Volunteers at St. Michael's
by People of the Parish

**** KC Meeting -The Rosary 5:30 pm meeting 6 pm**

Tuesday /August 12th – St. Jane Frances de Chantal No Holy Mass

Wednesday /August 13th – St. Pontian, Pope /St. Hippolytus

6 p.m. Holy Mass: Mike and Kathy Gagne
by Pat Kimball

Thursday /August 14th – St. Maximilian Kolby

No 9 a.m. Holy Mass

6 p.m. Vigil Holy Mass: Tony Travline
by Amy Moriarity

Friday /August 15th – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ***** Holy Day of Obligation**

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Mikolajek †
by Gary Balcerzak and Beth Sabez

Saturday/ August 16th – St. Stephen of Hungary

6 p.m. Holy Vigil Mass: Dorothy Beardslee †
by Dean Beardslee

Sunday /August 17th –Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Kevin Templet
by Lori Templet

*****No Bingo on Thursday August 14th, 2025**

**Liturgical schedule can now be viewed
online at our website:
stmichaelscvcatholicchurch.org**

Thought for the Week

"Stay Awake And Be Ready For You Do not Know The Master Will Come"

God Bless You

19th Sun- C ☼ ☼

The Master will Return
– Luke. 12:32-48

"Much Will be Required of the Person entrusted with Much, A and Still more ☼ ☼ Will be Demanded, of the Person entrusted with More" A ☼ A

–Lk. 12: 48.

🙏 **Wishing you a Blessed Week** 🙏



Collection Report

August 2nd and 3rd, 2025

Main Collection - \$5793.86

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

No available openings at this time

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God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers this week are
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memory of Dorothy Mikolajek**

The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

There will be a Vigil Holy Mass on Thursday August 14th at 6 p.m. and Holy Mass will be on Friday August 15th at 9 a.m. here at St. Michael's.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation

Father Amal is doing the vigil for those who work or can't attend on Friday August 15th. There will also be a Holy Mass at St. Mary's at Horseshoe Bend on Friday August 15th at 11:15 a.m.

KC BIG BREAKFAST

Join them downstairs after Sunday Holy Mass on August 10th. The KC's help our church in so many ways. Their breakfast is always delicious. Tickets are available at the door.

Congratulations

Walter Clay Yager and Rosa Maria Yager will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage on Thursday August 14th, 2025 at 3 p.m. here at St. Michael's. **Many blessings.**

Food Pantry update

There were **186 items collected** for the needy last weekend. Thank you for blessing those in need.

Religious education classes

For both adults and children (OCIA) will begin on Catechetical Sunday, September 21. Registration will begin on the **weekend of August 16-17** and again on **weekend of August 23-24** (last bulletin had incorrect dates). Please register on either weekend so books can be ordered and arrive in time for the classes.

For more information contact Lori Templet at phone number 225-717-0238 or ltemplet2507@yahoo.com

*In Our Thoughts
and Prayers*

Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Mary Welch, Chuck Wolff, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, Michael Gagne, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Dan Such
Also :

Mary Lee, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Marcella Birckhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald & Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Pat Kimball, Maryann Barber, Martin Moriarty, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, and Darrell Beason and Elizabeth Beason
Nursing Home: Ariela Wege, Ruth Klinge, Vernon Mcttmiller, KayLynn Rodenbeck.
Expectant Mothers: Samantha Eichhorn, and Kristene Bates.

Oliver and Bryer Moore on the birth of your new baby girl, Madeleine Jane Moore she was born on Friday August 1, 2025. **Congratulations !**

She is a beautiful blessing to your family

🕯 August 9th – James Mayhall

🕯 August 11th - Walter Clay Yager

🕯 August 16th – Davina Boatwright

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

*** Think about attending Mass on your birthday or Anniversary to give thanks for your blessings.

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Social and Potluck Meeting
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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
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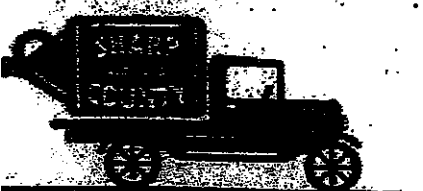
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Dear Padre,

Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

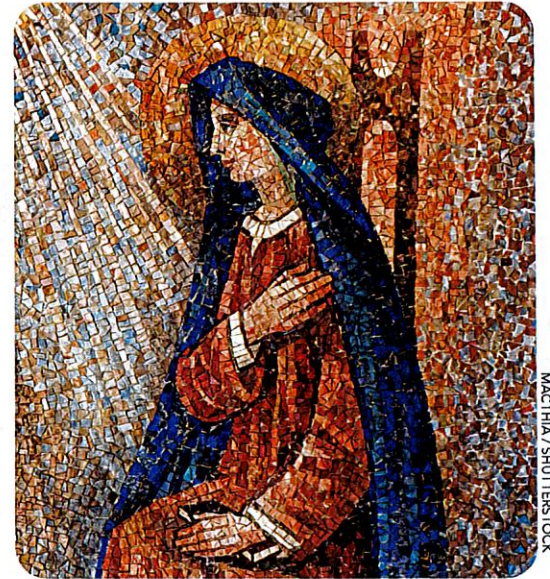
Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary’s Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary’s House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary’s body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*And at the end of our
life, [the Lord] will call us
to account for the goods
he has entrusted to us....
We have received so
much: life, faith, family,
relationships, work, but
also the places where we
live, our city, creation....
[A]re we guardians of all
that has been given to us?*

ANGELUS, ROME,
AUGUST 7, 2022



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Dt 10:12–22
Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday

August 12
Weekday
Dt 31:1–8
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

August 13
Weekday
Dt 34:1–12
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 14
*St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr*
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 15
*The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Saturday

August 16
Weekday
Jos 24:14–29
Mt 19:13–15

Sunday

August 17
*Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10
Heb 12:1–4
Lk 12:49–53