



Next Up!

MIGUEL DULICK

I keep hearing preachers say this is their least favorite gospel, because it makes people so mad! All the workers in a vineyard get a full day's pay—which folks interpret as heaven—even the ones who came at the last hour of the afternoon. “You mean, I work hard my whole life, and some nobody from nowhere just waltzes into heaven ahead of me?” But wait a minute! You think you *deserve* your “pay”? None of us is anywhere or anything, even breathing, without God's grace. It's not a competition; it's our only hope! We should be dancing in the street to celebrate God's generosity. Matthew himself must have chuckled at this parable, since he was also a latecomer, having spent his life grinding his own brothers and sisters into poverty to feed the tax maw of the Roman Empire. Then, Jesus called him! I love the twist in the parable: the owner not only pays the last ones equally, but he pays them *first*!

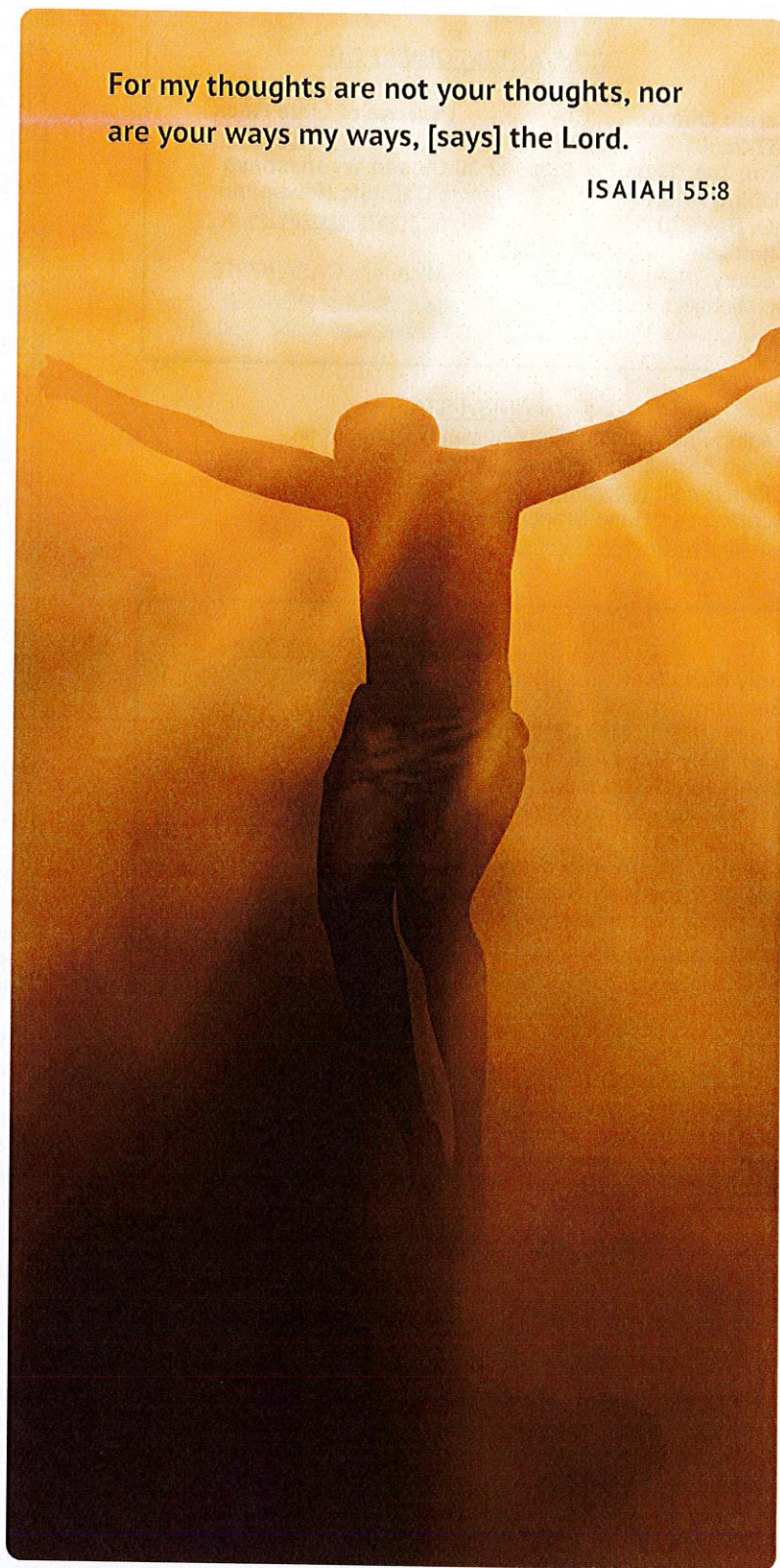


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If you don't like standing in line, you could be like Paul, who wants to just skip to the end: “I long to depart this life and be with Christ” (Philippians 1:23). As he says, “To me life is Christ, and death is gain” (Philippians 1:21). We should all be so eager. Just concentrate on the “fruitful labor” of service to others. Put everyone else ahead of you, and don't be afraid of some hard work. Any vineyard is a challenge, even when that vineyard is the Church. ●

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor
are your ways my ways, [says] the Lord.

ISAIAH 55:8



Reflect

Do I feel more deserving than others or struggle with envy?

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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.

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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 / September 19th – St. Januarius, Bishop

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Danielle Roseman

by: Mary Kocz

***2nd Collection – Catechetical Sunday**

***Knights Yard Sale 8 am until Noon**

Sunday/ September 20th – Twenty-Fifth Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : John Michael Bystry †

by: Rhonda Bystry

***2nd Collection – Catechetical Sunday / Youth Mass**

Monday/ September 21st – St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Karson Kootz

by: Buddy and Anne Kootz

Tuesday/September 22nd – Weekday

No Holy Mass

Wednesday/September 23rd –St. Pius of Pietrelcina

6 p.m. Holy Mass : Gemma Kootz

by : Buddy and Anne Kootz

Thursday /September 24th – Weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Beardslee †

by: Dean Beardslee

***Bingo doors open at 4:30 pm games at 6 pm**

Friday/ September 25th – Weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Dominic Kootz

by: Buddy and Anne Kootz

Saturday / September 26th – St. Cosmas / St. Damian

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Dale Lofquist †

by: Tom and JoAnn Helfert

***2nd Collection –Diocese of Nellore**

Magnificat Ladies Luncheon 11 am to 2 pm

***Anointing of the Sick after Holy Mass**

Sunday/ September 27th – Twenty-Six Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Mechelle Bryant †

by: Terry Phelps

***2nd Collection – Diocese of Nellore**

****Anointing of the Sick after Holy Mass**

****PARISH PICNIC after 9am Holy Mass**



25th Sun- A

"Are You envious because I am generous" Mt.20:15

God's mercy toward another person does not diminish His love for us.

Can I Rejoice at the God's Blessings To others

Mt.20:1-16

"Justice Fulfills What is Due."

Generosity Can Give Beyond What is Due.

Do we demand Justice Out of Envy ? Or Do we Show Mercy With Generosity Humility Gratitude

🙏 **Wishing you a Blessed Week** 🙏



Collection Report

September 12th and 13th , 2026

Main Collection \$ 2644.00

Maintenance Fund \$852.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving !

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

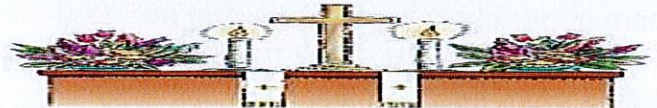


ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

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God Bless the Donors and their Intentions.

Altar Flowers are generously provided by: Terry Phelps in memory of Jeonilla's son, Nick VanHouten.

Tabernacle Roses are generously provided by: Buddy and Anne Kootz in honor of their grandchildren's birthdays, Karson Kootz, Gemma Kootz and Dominic Kootz.

Diocese of Nellore

The 2nd collection the weekend of September 26th and 27th is for the Diocese where Fr. Amal was born and grew up to become a Priest. Please, be generous we are blessed and thankful to have him as our Priest at St. Michael's. The collection will help many in his home Diocese.
~Many Blessings~

Magnificat Luncheon

The next luncheon will be on **Saturday September 26th 2026**. Tickets are \$15 each which includes your meal. The luncheon will be from 11 am to 2 pm. Tickets will be sold this weekend and next weekend at both Masses. No tickets will be sold at the door. Let's show the speaker from California a warm welcome !

St. Michael's Parish Picnic

The annual Parish Picnic will be on Sunday September 27th after 9 am Holy Mass. The Knights will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. Please sign up on the sheets in the vestibule for what you will be bringing for the side dishes for the potluck. ALSO: Please bring a cake for the CAKE WALK everyone of ages enjoys this fun game !!!

!!!!!! Thank You !!!!!!!

Bingo just celebrated their 30th year this month here at our church on September 6th! That results in **Izzy Wiest, Dana Wiest** and **Joyce Speir** have volunteered much work and giving of their time to set up, run the games and also doing all the paperwork necessary to stay within the guidelines ! If you don't come to Bingo you do not see all of the hard work and donated hours these 3 ladies have put into keeping Bingo going all these years. ** The Bingo proceeds have paid for a number of items over those years that are used here at the church or on the church properties. Please show them some appreciation if you see them thank them for all they do for this church. Much appreciation ! God Bless you ~ Fr. Amal, staff, and parishioners.



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Chuck Wolff, Jim Wege, Isabelle Wiest, Michael and Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Dawn Logan, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Ray McHugh, Tim Starken, Marcella Birkhead, Jean Marie Henricks, Michael Reddick, Colleen Royal, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Joseph Huff, Maryann Barber, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Toni Travline, and Doug and Tammy Wortham.

Nursing Home: Ruth Klinge, KayLynn Rodenbeck and Timothy Huff

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday !

September 19th – Adreana Gentile

September 19th – Donna Higdon

September 21st – Patrick O'Donnell

September 23rd – Barbara Lofquist

September 23rd – Linda Pospisil

September 27th – Trudi Williams



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary !

September 19th – Michael and Adreana Gentile

♥ 4 years

September 20th – Kattiya and Desiree Rachankun

♥ 7 years

September 22nd – Rick and Kathy Esquivel

♥ 48 years

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

Now is the time to start thinking about purchasing items for the shoeboxes as school supplies are on sale. Also the summer clothes are on sale too and you might find cheap T-shirts or flip flops to go in boxes. Collection of the boxes are not until November, but it is not too early to start catching the sales !

Collected from The New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism, No. 2, Official Revised Edition

To Learn More About The Purpose of Man's Existence and God and His Perfections

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The Purpose of Man's Existence

1. Why did God make us?

God made us to show forth His goodness and to share with us His everlasting happiness in heaven.

2. What must we do to gain the happiness of heaven?

To gain the happiness of heaven we must know, love, and serve God in this world.

3. From whom do we learn to know, love, and serve God?

We learn to know, love, and serve God from, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who teaches us through the Catholic Church.

4. Where do we find the chief truths taught by Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church?

We find the chief truths taught by Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church in the Apostles' Creed. Many false teachers will tell the child that he is made in order to find happiness in wealth, pleasure, fame, or power. In reality, most people act as if they were made for these things rather than to love God. Listening to these false teachers and imitating their actions will only lead to unhappiness and the loss of heaven. "For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there are who enter that way. How narrow the gate and close the way that leads to life! And few there are who find it". *Matt. 7: 13-14*

God and His Perfections

1. What do we mean when we say that God is the Supreme Being?

When we say that God is the Supreme Being we mean that He is above all creatures, the Self-Existing and Infinitely Perfect Spirit.

2. What is a Spirit?

A Spirit is a being that has understanding and free will but no body, and will never die. God is a spirit. A body has to be in a certain definite place, but a spirit does not. A spirit is more real than a body since a body can be destroyed, but a spirit cannot. God is the most real Being there is.

3. What do we mean when we say that God is self-existing?

When we say that God is self-existing we mean that He does not owe His existence to any other being. This means He can live without any other help.

September 20, 2026

4. What do we mean when we say that God is infinitely perfect?

When we say that God is infinitely perfect, we mean that He has all perfections without limit.

What are some of the perfections of God?

Some of the perfections of God are: God is eternal, all-good, all-knowing, all-present and almighty.

God also has good qualities or perfections. Perhaps we can better understand them by comparing them with the perfections of man.

MAN: Man has intelligence
Man is limited in knowledge
Man is limited in strength
Man is limited in goodness
Man is limited in time

GOD: God has intelligence
God knows all things
God can do all things
God is all-good
God is eternal

5. What do we mean when we say that God is eternal?

When we say that God is eternal, we mean that He always was and always will be, and that He always remains the same.

6. What do we mean when we say that God is all-good?

When we say that God is all-good we mean that He is infinitely lovable in Himself, and that from His fatherly love every good comes to us.

7. What do we mean when we say that God is all-knowing?

When we say that God is all-knowing we mean that He know all things, Past, Present, and Future, even our most secret Thoughts, Words, and Actions.

8. What do we mean when we say that God is all-present?

When we say that God is all-present we mean that He is everywhere.

9. If God is everywhere, why do we not see Him?

Although God is everywhere, we do not see Him because He is a Spirit and cannot be seen with our eyes.

10. Does God see us?

God sees us and watches over us with loving care.

11. What is God's loving care for us called?

His loving care for us is called Diving Providence.

12. What do we mean when we say that God is almighty?

When we say that God is almighty we mean that He can do all things.

13. Is God all-wise, all-holy, all-merciful, and all-just?

Yes, God is all-wise, all-holy, all-merciful, and all-just.

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2nd Monday of the month

Rosary 5:00 p.m. Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Officers Meeting

Last Monday of the month

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

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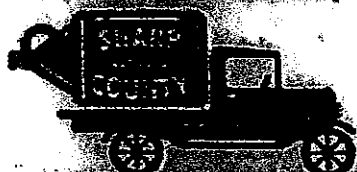
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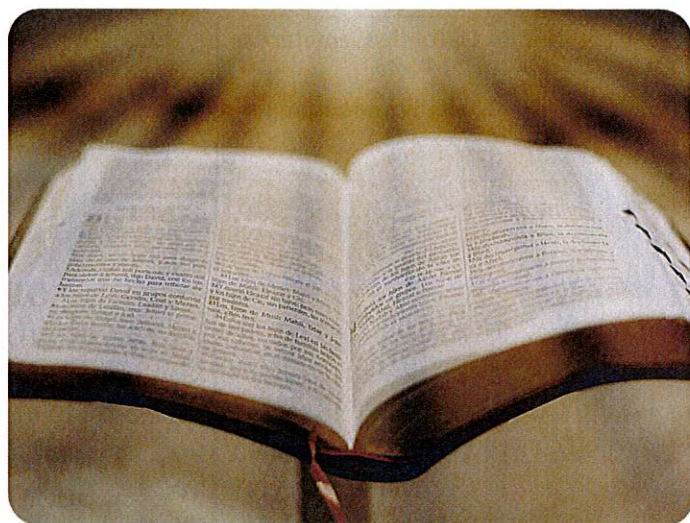
Adam and Eve had two sons and maybe others not mentioned in the Bible. How were others born without having committed incest?

This is a perfectly valid question, and one that I think many people have probably asked themselves at one time or another. Unfortunately, it is the wrong question, because it does not reflect the true meaning of the story.

The story about Adam and Eve is not a literal story or, in other words, a story that would be reported by CNN or FOX News. It is a teaching story, intended to encourage belief in the creative power of God at work in his creation. It is not, nor has it ever been, a literal step-by-step tutorial of the early days of the human race.

The bible includes different literary forms: narrative or history, poetry and songs, parables, letters, genealogies, and more. Knowing what form is being used, the purpose of the passage, who is writing or talking, and the intended audience is the work of Scripture scholars. The story of creation is not intended to be literal; it is inspirational. ●

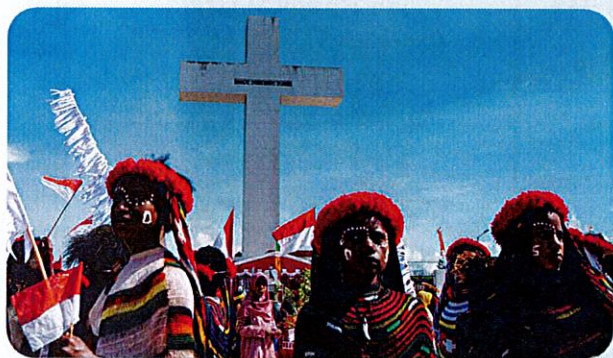
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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

It is a great sign of hope—especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars—to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages, and cultures live together in faith: it is...a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

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Monday

September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Tuesday

September 22
Weekday
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13
Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday

September 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Prv 30:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

Thursday

September 24
Weekday
Eccl 1:2–11
Lk 9:7–9

Friday

September 25
Weekday
Eccl 3:1–11
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday

September 26
Weekday
Eccl 11:9–12:8
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday

September 27
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25–28
Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5
Mt 21:28–32