Saint Michael Parish



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2025

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN: (all) "Praise to the Lord" LOBE DEN HERREN

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ð	1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a - 2. Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so glor-ious-ly reign - 3. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore
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1.	tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -
2.	ing; Shel-t'ring you un - der his wings, and so gent - ly sus-
3.	him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -
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9	0.
1.	va - tion! All you who hear, now to his tem-ple draw near;
2.	tain - ing! Have you not seen all that is need-ful has been
3.	fore him. Let the A - men sound from his peo-ple a - gain,
٥	gam,
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9	0.
1.	Praise him in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
2.	Sent by his gra-cious or - dain - ing?
3.	Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Text: Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ebren, Joachim Neander; Tr. Catherine Winkworth. Melody: LOBE DEN HERREN, 14.14.4.7.8; 17th c. German.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (all)	Missal, p. 444
SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING	Missal, p. 1
PENITENITAL ACT (Form A)	Missal, p. 2
KYRIE ELEISON (all) "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 35
GLORIA (all) "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 35
COLLECT	Missal, p. 444

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 18: 20-32	al, p. 445
RESPONSORIAL PSALM (all) Psalm 138 (137): 1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8	al, p. 445
SECOND READING: Colossians 2: 12-14	ıl, p. 445
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (all) Romans 8: 15bc	al, p. 446
GOSPEL: Luke 11: 1-13	ıl, p. 446
HOMILY	
NICENE CREED (all)	Iissal, p. 7
UNIVERSAL PRAYER	
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST	
OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (all)	ıl, p. 446
OFFERTORY HYMN: (all) "O Bless the Lord, My Soul" 1. O bless the Lord, my soul, His grace to thee pro- 2. O bless the Lord, my soul; His mer - cies bear in 3. He clothes thee with his love; Up - holds thee with his 4. Then bless his ho - ly name, Whose grace hath made thee 1. claim. And all that is with - in me join To 2. mind; For - get not all his ben - e - fits: The 3. truth; And like the ea - gle he re - news The 4. whole, Whose lov - ing - kind - ness crowns thy days; O 1. bless his ho - ly name. 2. Lord to thee is kind. 3. vig - or of thy youth. 4. bless the Lord, my soul! Text. Pullm 103, James Montgomery, Melody: ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS), 6.6.8.6 (S.M.), Aaron Williams.	ILLIAMS)
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS	ssal, p. 11
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS	ıl, p. 447

SANCTUS <i>(all)</i> "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 36
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER	
I (The Roman Canon) "To you, therefore, most merciful Father" II "You are indeed holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness" III "You are indeed holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise" IV "We give you praise, Father most holy"	Missal, p. 17 Missal, p. 19
LORD'S PRAYER <i>(all)</i>	Missal, p. 25
AGNUS DEI <i>(all)</i> "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 37
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION	Missal, p. 27
COMMUNION ANTIPHON <i>(all)</i>	. Missal, p. 447
COMMUNION HYMN: (all) "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"	ST. COLUMBA
1. The King of love my Shep-herd is, Whose 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My 3. Per - verse and fool - ish, oft I strayed, But 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With 5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight; Your 6. And so through all the length of days, Your 1. good-ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am 2. ran-somed soul he lead - eth, And where the ver - dant pas - tures 3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul-der gen - tly 4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my com-fort 5. unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; And O what trans-port of de - 6. good-ness fails me nev - er; Good Shep-herd, may I sing your 1. his, And he is mine for ev - er. 2. grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth. 3. laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me. 4. still, Your cross be - fore to guide me. 5. light From your pure chal - ice flow - eth! 6. praise With-in your house for ev - er.	

Text: Psalm 23, Henry W. Baker, alt. Melody: ST. COLUMBA, 8.7.8.7; Trad. Gaelic.

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING	
DISMISSAL	Missal, p. 30
PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL	

Making a Good Confession

The past two Sundays, this column has been focused on how to use our new Source & Summit missalettes to enrich our worship at Mass, including a survey of the four Marian Antiphons and a look at some options for devotional prayers of thanksgiving after Mass.

Our new missalettes also contain some beautiful texts to help us make a good confession. On pages 590 and 591 are found some options for Prayers Before Confession:

God's Mercy (St. Catherine of Siena)
Reflecting Your Brightness (William of St. Thierry)
A Seed of Love (St. Teresa of Jesus)
Who Will Help Me? (St. Hildegard von Bingen)

These brief little readings help us to settle our hearts from the concerns of the world outside, that they might be opened to the mercy which Our Lord desires to share with us.

On pages 592 to 594, you will find an excellent Examination of Conscience. This helps us to make a good confession by calling to mind those sins which we might have forgotten or overlooked.

Finally, on pages 595 and 596, there are multiple forms of the Act of Contrition. The last one on page 596 ("O my God, I am heartily sorry...") is probably the one most of us learned as children, but other forms of the prayer might be appropriate for certain occasions or for penitents of various ages or stages of development.



While traveling with my family in Rome this past week, we had the blessing of visiting the Vatican. Standing in St. Peter's Basilica, walking through the Vatican Museums, and praying before the tomb of St. Peter himself was humbling and awe-inspiring. But what moved me most was not just the grandeur—it was the deep sense of prayer that permeates every stone and chapel. We also visited the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of Rome's oldest and most beautiful Marian churches. There, we paused in front of the chapel where Pope Francis has chosen to be buried—an intimate and deeply human reminder that even the pope places his hope and rest in the arms of the Blessed Mother and the promise of resurrection. Pilgrims from around the world, speaking dozens of languages, were united in a quiet, reverent conversation with God. It reminded me: prayer is the heartbeat of our faith, whether in the majesty of Rome or the simplicity of our own homes.

Today's Gospel opens with the disciples asking Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." In response, Jesus gives them—and us—the Our Father. This isn't just a prayer to be memorized, but a model for how we approach God: with

reverence, trust, and boldness. When I heard the Our Father prayed in St. Peter's Square in a dozen different tongues, I was struck by the universality of that relationship. Across cultures, generations, and continents, we are all children of the same loving Father.

A Message from Our Clergy Deacon Jared Auclair

Jesus goes on to teach about persistence in prayer. He tells the parable of a man who knocks on his neighbor's door late at night asking for bread. Though the neighbor may hesitate, persistence wins him over. If human beings respond like this, how much more will God respond with love to His children who ask, seek, and knock?

This echoes the reading from Genesis, where Abraham boldly negotiates with God, pleading for mercy on behalf of Sodom. Far from being annoyed, God listens patiently. Abraham's prayer is persistent and intercessory—and God's response reveals divine compassion.

In Colossians, St. Paul reminds us that through our baptism, we have already received the greatest answer to prayer: salvation in Christ. God has canceled the debt of sin and raised us to new life in Jesus. That's the foundation of our hope—God doesn't just hear our prayers; He has acted definitively in love.

Being in Rome brought these truths into focus for me and my family. In the Eternal City, faith is not confined to history books—it lives in the prayers of the people, in the art that lifts hearts to heaven, in the Eucharist celebrated daily in churches large and small. It reminded me that prayer isn't about eloquence or formality—it's about relationship. A relationship rooted in trust, shaped by persistence, and animated by love.

So this week, I invite you to pray boldly like Abraham, persistently like the midnight visitor, and confidently as Jesus taught. Wherever we are—whether in Rome or right here in our parish—we are never far from the heart of God, who is always ready to listen, respond, and bless.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. July 26, 9 a.m. No Intention Sat. July 26, 4 p.m. Private Intention

Sun. July 27, 8 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners Sun. July 27, 10 a.m. Jeanne Maria Valborge

Lawrence Fabbri

Wed. July 30, 9 a.m.

Thu. July 31, 9 a.m.

Fri. Aug 1, 9 a.m.

Sat. Aug 2, 9 a.m.

No Intention

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Sat. Aug 2, 4 p.m. Vincent Graceffa Sr. Sun. Aug 3, 8 a.m. Private Intention

Sun. Aug 3, 10 a.m. St. Michael Parishioers

For weekend Masses in memory of loved ones, please know that the families of the deceased are invited to bring the gifts of bread and wine up to the altar during the offertory. Just please arrive 10 minutes early to Mass and speak to Father Bert and the head usher about your request.

* BOOK A MASS INTENTION *

We are now booking Mass intentions for the second half of 2025. Please call the parish office if you would like to reserve a Mass for someone. The stipend for Masses is \$10.

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If you would like to sponsor a month's supply of Altar Candles or Bread & Wine in honor/memory of someone, please call the parish office. Stipends for Altar Candles are \$50 and Bread & Wine are \$75.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: English 4:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil) 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass: Portuguese 9:15 a.m. Chapel 11:30 a.m. Chapel (*Brazilian*)

Daily Mass: English Wed-Sat. | 9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: PortugueseMon | 7:00 p.m. Chapel (*Brazilian*)

CONFESSION & ADORATION

Mondays: 6 to 7:00 p.m. Confession & Adoration (Portuguese/Brazilian)

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AUGUST EVENTS ST. MICHAEL'S

Saturday, August 9 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Protecting God's Children - Portuguese** (Parish Center)

Tuesday, August 12 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Protecting God's Children - English (Parish Center)

Thursday, August 14 7 p.m. Portuguese (Lower Church) Vigil Mass: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15 7 a.m. | 9 a.m. | 7 p.m. English

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 19 St. Monica Novena begins

Saturday, August 23 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Augustina Festival, Portuguese Club

Monday, August 25 **Religious Education registration opens**

Wednesday, August 27
St. Monica Novena concludes
(Prayer for Children and Lapsed Family Members)

THANK YOU FR. FRANK DIAS!

We are grateful to Fr. Frank for providing coverage for Fr. Bert during his well-deserved vacation. Please know that we appreciate your service to us this past week, and we will continue to pray for you and your ministry!

SUMMER MASS

Don't take a break from Mass while you are on vacation! Find a Catholic Mass wherever you may travel at www.Masstimes.org

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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Jul 15 - Jul 21, 2025

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In-Pew	\$4999
Online	\$1311
Grand Total	\$6310



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Upcoming 2nd Collections

Jul 27 – No second collection.

Aug 3 – Parish Maintenance & Development.



On July 26th we recall the Memorial of our Blessed Mother's parents. St. Joachim and St. Anne Pray for us!

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Thank you all for volunteering for the various ministries at St. Michael's. Your efforts keep our corner of God's vineyard fruitful. In our activities we always need to be keeping a safe environment for all. In the wake of the abuse scandal from two decades ago, the Archdiocese of Boston now requires certain tasks and trainings for all parish volunteers: every volunteer must complete and submit CORIs annually, and every parish volunteer must also take a class called "Protecting God's Children" (PGC) at least once. To assist in these efforts, St. Michael's is offering a PGC class at St. Michael's Parish, 21 Manning Street, at the Parish Center (ground floor) on the following dates:

Saturday, August 9th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Portuguese Tuesday, August 12th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. - English

We are asking any parish volunteer who has not already taken this class to sign up. There are other sessions being offered throughout the Archdiocese at <u>www.virtusonline.org</u>. Please note, this requirement is not restricted to those who serve the youth – it is for every volunteer, every staff member, and every member of the clergy team. These training classes must be completed prior to the fall startup of the various ministries here at St. Michael's.

Preregistration is required. Again, to register or view the list of classes being held elsewhere, go to **www.virtusonline.org**, create an account, and register. If you do not have access to a computer and need assistance with the signup, please call or visit Lori or Andrea at the parish center. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. This class is a requirement for continuing in any ministry in the Archdiocese of Boston.

ALTAR SERVING

We are planning to launch our altar service program training in August for both boys and girls, with program start in September. Students between grades 3 - 12 who have completed First Holy Communion are invited to join this ministry! If someone you know is interested, please have their parents contact Dcn Chuck and/or Jackie Johannes via email: deacon_chuck@stmikes.org and/or jjohannes1215@gmail.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to become Catholic?

If you are an adult who has not received the Sacrament of Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation, we invite you to register in our OCIA Program. Call the Parish office for more information.



Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Archbishop Richard Henning invites couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 50th, or other milestone wedding anniversaries to attend the Vedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 26, at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. The couple will renew their marriage commitment and receive a special blessing.







Jubilee FAQs

What is a Jubilee?

- A jubilee year is a time for forgiveness and renewal in our relationship with God.
- In the Bible, the year was marked by the remittance of debt and property as well as the healing of
 relationships between people, nations, and even the relationship between humans and creation
 (cf. Leviticus 25:8-55). The first Christian Jubilee was declared in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII.

What is this Jubilee about?

- This jubilee is called Pilgrims of Hope. We are called to rediscover the hope of Christianity and then be signs of hope to others in our daily life. It goes from December 29, 2024 to December 28, 2025.
- May this "Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the 'door' (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as 'our hope' (1 Tim 1:1)" (Spes Non Confundit, 1).

What is the connection with pilgrimages and doors?

- During Jubilee years, the pope opens doors for people to pass through to gain indulgences.
 Sometimes, he permits holy doors to be located in different parts of the world. This year, the only holy doors are in Rome.
- Passing through a "holy door" has traditionally been a sign of conversion, passing away from
 one's old life and into a life of renewed zeal and faith. People make pilgrimages to pass through
 holy doors and recommit to following Jesus.

What is an indulgence?

An indulgence remits the temporal punishment of sin already forgiven. Sorrow for sin can lead to repentance and forgiveness, but the disruption of God's order and the effect of the sin on others remains. For the sake of justice, there must be a mitigation of the evil effects of the sin; an attempt to "make up" for the evil caused. Temporal punishment is a consequence of the sin which helps to purify our souls and restore, as possible, God's order.

An indulgence, indulges us. It provides for our spiritual purification without pain or difficulty because the merits of Christ's death and those of the saints are applied on our behalf.

How can we gain indulgences by participating in the Jubilee Year if all the doors are in Rome?

To receive an indulgence, we must do the action required, confess our sins and be detached from all sin, receive the Eucharist in Mass, and pray for the pope's intentions (within twenty days).

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